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Novi won't clean others' pollution

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

A local stormwater drainage plan spearheaded by a group of citizens here in 1983 places Novi in a strong position as negotiations continue on a lawsuit filed 21 years ago by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency against 48 municipalities for polluting the Rouge River. City Manager Ed Kriewall said Tuesday.

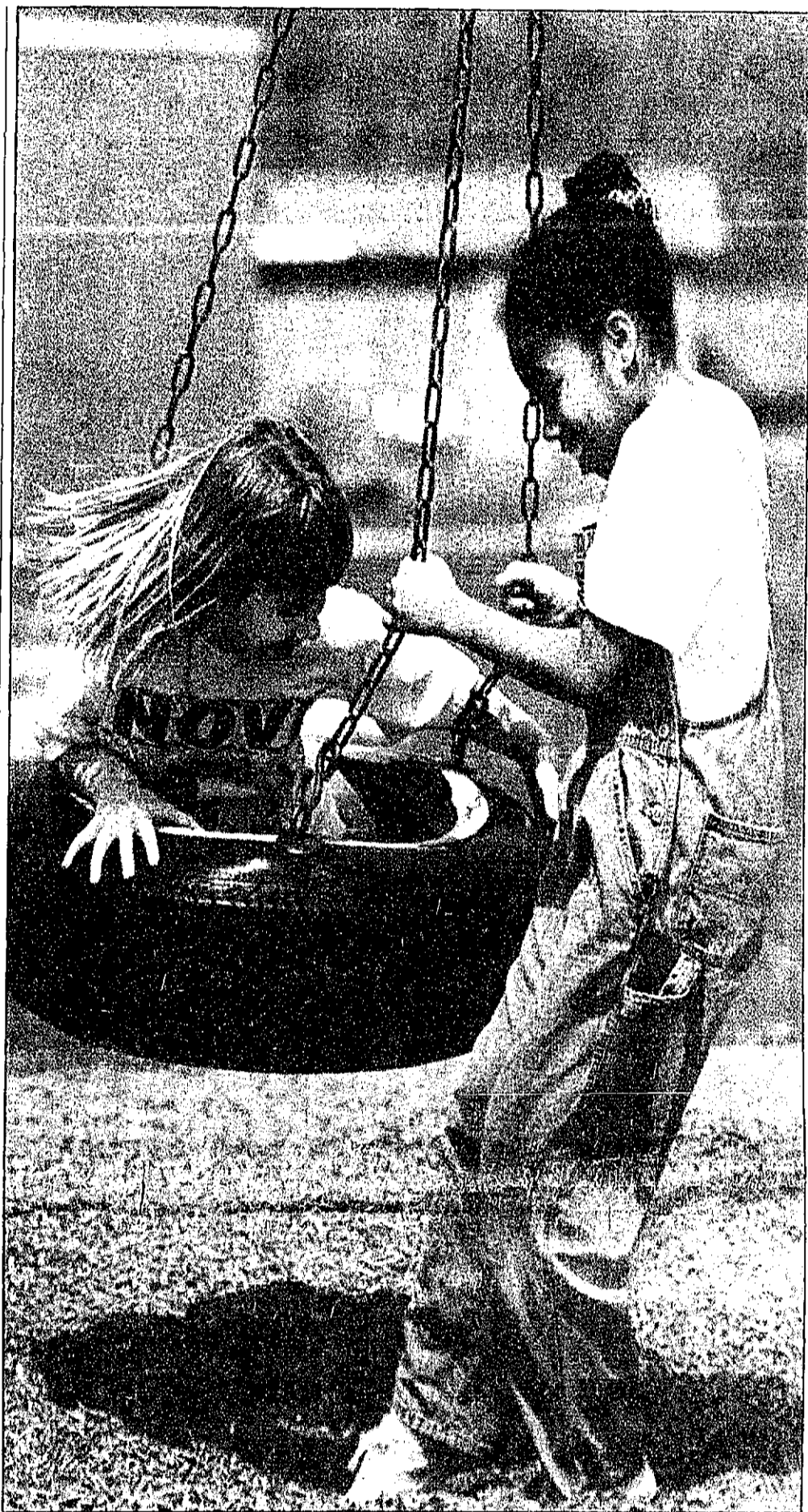
Last week, the Novi City Council unanimously agreed to seek coverage with the other communities under a general permit to release

stormwater into the Rouge River. The EPA is seeking compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and charges that toxics dumped into the Rouge end up in the Detroit River and Great Lakes.

Unlike some of the other cities, Novi keeps sewage and stormwater drains separate and does not release untreated sewage into the river.

"You've got a fairly progressive stormwater ordinance. Yours is in pretty good shape. You should have credit for that," said James Ridgeway, an environmental con-

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Swinging into spring

Khristen Flennoy, 8, right, spins her friend Chelsea Lewis, also 8, in a tire swing Monday afternoon at Parkview Elementary School.

Many youngsters were outside enjoying spring break and the great weather Monday, flying kites, and playing soccer and softball.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Three dead, 3 injured in Easter car accident

By WENDY WHITE
 Staff Writer

Three members of a Northville family died, and three Northville High School students were injured Easter Sunday when the van they were riding in overturned on a rural stretch of highway off I-77 in South Carolina.

According to the South Carolina State Police, all of the passengers were fully ejected from a full-size Dodge van, which swerved to avoid a car that had lost control after a fire blowout.

They were taken to Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

John and Darlene Moorhead died hours after arrival and their 15-year-old daughter Michelle died the next morning, all of massive head injuries and trauma, according to the Fairfield County coroner's office.

The couple's only other child, Jennifer Moorhead, 18, survived unharmed, according to school officials. Moorhead, a Northville High School senior whose family moved to the district in late 1996, is currently with relatives, school officials said.

Passenger Kelly Lanigan, 17, of Novi suffered a broken pelvis and collarbone.

Angelina Valvona, 14, suffered minor cuts and bruises, according to school officials.

Both are in fair condition at Richland Memorial Hospital and are expected to return home this week.

None of the six passengers in the vehicle was wearing a seat belt, police said, although belts are required under the state's law.

The group was on its way to Hilton Head, S.C., for a spring break vacation and was towing two wave runners on a trailer behind the van.

The Moorhead daughters each had invited a friend for the trip, and the girls were stretched out on bench seats in the back of the 15-passenger van when the accident occurred at 9:19 a.m., police said.

Police said John Moorhead was driving southbound on the four-lane highway outside Winnsboro when he came upon a vehicle struggling to pull into the right

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Irene Rodriguez, with daughter-in-law Pauline Rodriguez, celebrated her 106th birthday recently.

Novi's oldest resident celebrates 106th birthday

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Like everybody else, Irene Rodriguez has her good days and her bad days.

But she can move around with the help of a walker, hold a conversation in Spanish, read the newspaper and crochet. No mean accomplishments for a 106-year-old.

"She uses the newspaper to orient herself. She gets the date off of

it and the weather," her daughter-in-law, Pauline Rodriguez explained.

Born March 29, 1892, in Toral de los Vados in northern Spain, Rodriguez, now living in Whitehall Healthcare Center, is likely the oldest person in Novi. At Charter House, the most ancient resident is 105; while at Grand Court of Novi, the senior of the seniors is a mere 98.

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Novi officer recounts shooting

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Novi Police Officer Vere Wirwille barely had time to get out of his car before the shooting began.

The 23-year veteran of the force had pulled onto the freeway Nov. 14, 1996, to help Oakland County Sheriff's deputies during the Ford Wixom Plant shootings.

Gerald Atkins, accused of homi-

WIXOM PLANT SHOOTING THE ATKINS TRIAL

cide and facing 24 other counts for the 1996 incident, is charged

with assault with intent to commit murder against Wirwille.

The Novi officer said he stopped on the freeway in front of the plant and got out of his patrol car to go help Oakland County Sheriff's deputies on the berm.

"I came around to go to the front of the vehicle just as it started," Wirwille told the jury in Oakland County Circuit Court last week.

He heard 20 to 30 shots, he said.

"I took cover behind the front of the vehicle," Wirwille said. Then, a bullet hit the top of the hood, on the other side of the car. Wirwille was uninjured.

Two of his fellow law enforcement officers, however, were hit. Oakland County Sheriff's

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Locals ready to run in Boston Marathon

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

For many non runners, thoughts of running even short distances on a daily basis seem undesirable. But thoughts of running a marathon bring another word to the table, ludicrous.

But for some area running enthusiasts, there's no better feeling than getting out for that morning jog and feeling good about yourself the rest of the day. Such is the case for Novi's Hub Copp and Northville's Bill Rossow. The two men met through the sport more than 10 years ago and have not stopped running since.

"We're very supportive of each other and it really does help you pass the time on long runs," Copp said of their relationship.

The two will rely on each other Monday at the 102-running of the Boston Marathon. This will be Copp's eighth-straight Boston Marathon and 10th overall. Although Rossow has ran in 14 marathons, this is just his second at

Boston.

Copp, 48, qualified for the marathon last October at the Tow-to-Toe marathon in Richfield, Ohio. His time of 3:22 was three minutes better than the 3:25 he needed to qualify.

"I think runners are the only people that look forward to getting older," he joked. "Because in two years I get an additional five minutes onto my qualifying time."

Rossow, 54, qualified for this year's race with a 3:27 finish in last year's Boston Marathon.

Both men, along with a Northville buddy, Larry Huff, train in Hines Park in downtown Northville, every Saturday. The three have been running 20 miles every week for a couple of months in preparation for this marathon.

Huff, unfortunately, pulled a groin muscle four weeks ago and had to pull out of the race.

"It's too bad because he's been training so hard and I just hate to see that hap-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Hub Copp, Larry Huff and Bill Rossow have all been planning to run the Boston Marathon. Due to injury, however, Huff will not be competing.

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A special section ...

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, April 16

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambert at 380-6500.

Rouge Volunteers

An informational meeting and request for volunteers to participate in the 1998 Rouge Cleanup will be held from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. This year, the Rouge Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 6. Anyone interested in volunteering should attend this meeting or contact City Forester Chris Pargoff at (248) 347-0585.

Business Network International

The Northville chapter of the Business Network International, meets from 7:30-9 a.m. at Kert's Key Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

City Council

Novi City Council will hold a budget session at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Monday, April 20

City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Eansley at (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Lettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Back to class

Classes resume following Spring Break in the Novi Community School District.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement/Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahuff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, April 21

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Bereavement Support Group

The monthly bereavement support group meeting facilitated by Dr. Michael Meyer will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. The topic of discussion will be "Easter Joy in the Midst of Grief."

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, April 22

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Thursday, April 23

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambert at 380-6500.

Board of Education

The Novi schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School.

Bands perform

The Novi High and Michigan State University bands perform in the Furst Auditorium of Novi High School at 7 p.m.

Spring Fling

The Orchard Hills Spring Fling will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., beginning at 6 p.m.

Activity Night

Activity Night will be held at the Novi Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26

Art at the Park

Parkview Elementary will host its annual Art at the Park at the school.

Monday, April 27

Arts Council

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City Council

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Tuesday, April 28

Talk to your kids

How to Talk to Your Kids about Alcohol and Drugs, a student assistance program, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. at the Clifford Smart Middle School, 8500 Commerce Road in Commerce Township.

The program will be presented by Cheryl Abel, student assistance coordinator for Walled Lake's middle schools. Participants will learn strategies and resistance skills for talking with their children about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Call (248) 960-8566 to register or for more information.

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For kids' sake

Police department peddling bike helmets at low, low prices

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

Every year, thousands of kids suffer head traumas and other injuries as a result of bike riding, rollerblading and other recreational activities.

Most of these injuries can be prevented, or the seriousness of these injuries greatly reduced by wearing pads, helmets and other protective gear. While all recreation injuries are a concern, trauma to the head and brain is the most feared.

The Novi police, along with the Children's-Safety (CNS) National Helmet Program are working with parents and schools to get the message out that no child should be without a helmet while rollerblading, riding a bike, or skate boarding.

"What we're trying to do is put every kid in a bicycle helmet," said Officer Michael Wilson of the Novi Police force. "We're going to target grades K through sixth, sending a letter along with an order form home with each kid."

Officer Wilson said that parents should be expecting to see these letters and order forms on Monday, April 20.

"Our goal is to have all the kids and their families that order these helmets in them by Memorial Day,"

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Officer Michael Wilson,
Novi Police Department

Wilson said.

CNS is offering the helmets at a huge discount for this program. The helmets which normally cost anywhere between \$30 and \$40 will be sold through the Novi police department for \$6.95 for bike helmets and \$8.95 for multi-sports helmets.

Wilson pointed out that the helmets are all Snell certified. Snell has been certifying helmets since 1957 and now it is one of only a few companies that certifies helmets.

Snell also has the most rigid safety requirements.

Next year, the government will be certifying helmets, Wilson said, but Snell will be even tougher on setting safety standards than the gov-

ernment.

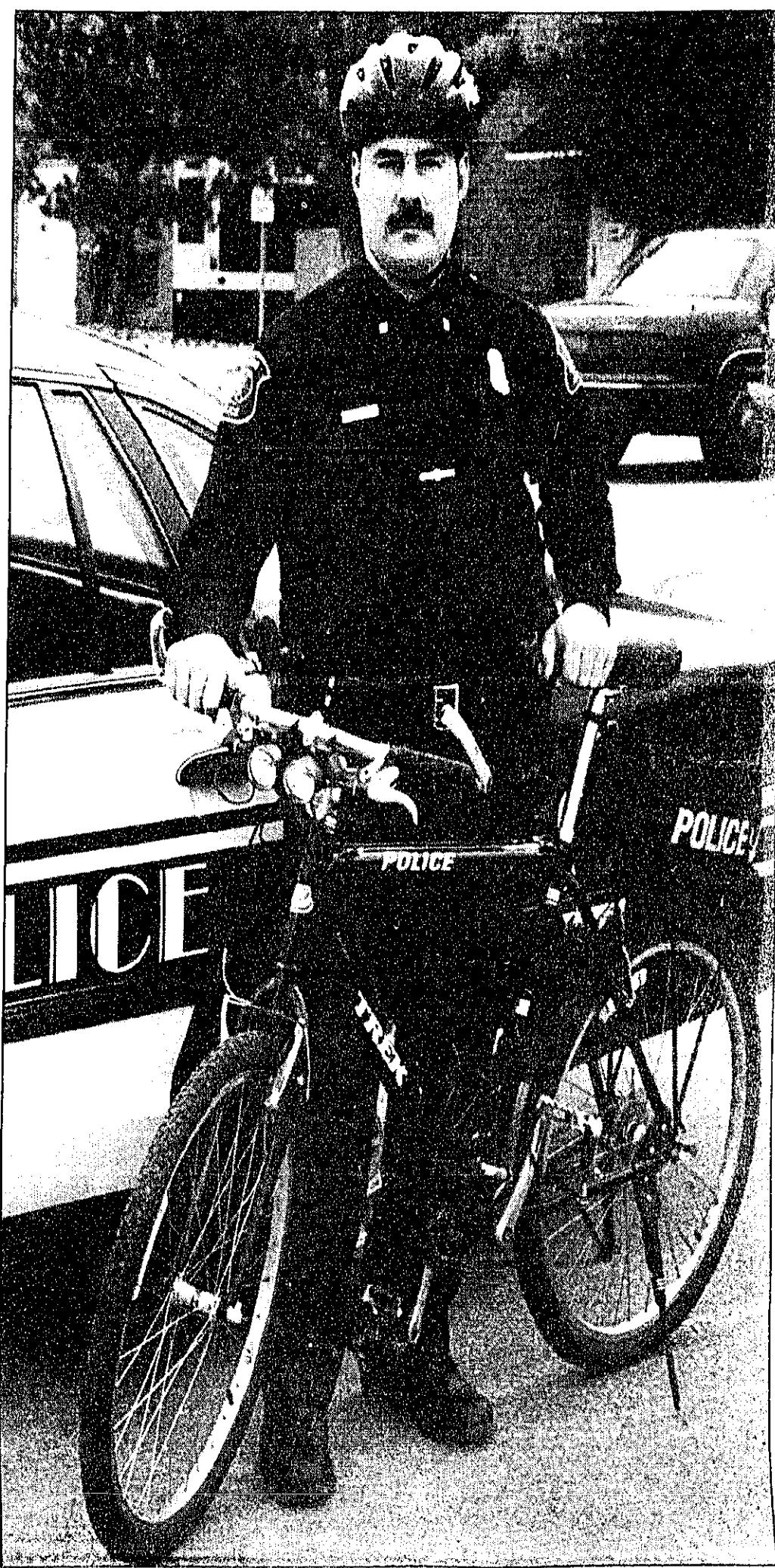
Wilson said that while there is no mandatory requirement for children to wear safety helmets in Michigan, several states have already made it a law. Although he has no power to enforce that kids wear helmets, Wilson hopes to lead by example.

"When I'm out on bike patrol I'm wearing my helmet," he said. "I can't make anyone wear a helmet, but I can talk to them, try to educate them on the importance of wearing one."

Because Novi encompasses such a large area, with many kids spilling into other school districts, Wilson said he eventually wants to spread the program to the neighboring communities of Northville, Walled Lake and South Lyon.

The different types and styles of helmets will be displayed at all five Novi elementary schools in the coming week as well as at the Novi police department.

While this program is aimed specifically at kids and their families, everyone is invited to take advantage of the discount by stopping in at the Novi police station and asking for an order form. The deadline to order is May 1.



Officer Mike Wilson demonstrates safety helmet, which protect bicyclists from head injuries.

Get ready, Euchre players, for second Lioness tourney

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

The Novi Lioness Club will be holding its second Euchre Tournament of the year on Saturday, April 18. Registration begins at 7 p.m. with the games beginning at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi roads.

The Lioness Club has been holding the Euchre Tournaments three times a year for the past three years, said Maggie Meekle, chairperson for the tournament. This particular tournament is for team play, although Meekle said that if you don't have a partner it's not a problem.

who come by themselves, or without a partner," Meekle said. "You more around from game to game, well as dogs that are in training."

The tournament is for team play, although Meekle said that if you don't have a partner it's not a problem.

There's always some players

points."

During break times the Lionesses will be holding a 50/50 raffle as well as giving away door prizes. Pizza and beverages will also be available.

Meekle said that anywhere between 50 and 100 players are expected to participate. The last tournament held on Jan. 24 saw 72 people playing.

The cost for attending the tournament is \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door if space allows. The tournament is open to all ages able to play Euchre. The next Euchre Tournament will be held Sept. 19. For more information, contact Maggie Meekle at (248) 344-4633.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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PREPARING YOUR HOUSE FOR THE CLOSING

Your house may have to jump through a few hoops between the time you and the buyer reach an agreement and the time the money and deed change hands. The structural inspector usually finds a few things that need to be repaired or replaced, and the termite inspection may reveal the presence of unwanted pests.

It is ideal to have your home in as perfect condition as possible in time for the walk-through inspection prior to closing. If you have agreed to complete repairs on your home, it is a good idea to get an early start on the work so that everything is complete when the buyer returns prior to closing. Call several companies to get competitive bids for the work that needs to be done or ask your Realtor for recommendations.

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Irate customer disrupts station

Police responded to a disorderly conduct call April 6 at the Speedway gas station on Twelve Mile and Wixom roads. A Grand Blanc man, who employees believed to be drunk, became irate and verbally abusive when he couldn't get the pump he was trying to use to dispense gas. A female employee went to assist the man with the gas problem, but was yelled at by the man while she tried to help.

The man then followed her back into the gas station and yelled some more, scaring many of the customers in the station. The man was gone before the police arrived. Employees and witnesses reported that the man was last seen pulling through the Taco Bell parking lot, but they were unable to locate the man.

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attendant noticed a package of what appeared to be marijuana on the front passenger seat of the car. It seems that the attendant noticed the car's owner had left the headlights on and when she approached the car hoping to identify the owner, she spotted the pot.

As the responding officer was inspecting the car, the vehicle's owner appeared, but said he didn't know about the marijuana or how it got on his front seat. The owner then gave the officer permission to let Colonel, a police dog, search the car. Colonel discovered the marijuana pipe in the car's glovebox.

EASTER ALTERCATION

A Twelve Oaks Mall security person reported he was assaulted April 10 by a woman who was standing in line to see the Easter Bunny with her daughter. The security person reported to Novi police that he had requested the woman to not let her daughter play

on the benches for the child's own safety when the woman started swearing and jabbing him in the chest with her index finger.

The security person asked the woman to leave the mall. As he was escorting her out, he said, she took a swing at him and he was able to block it.

STOLEN JEWELRY

A Novi woman reported that a 14K gold rope chain and a diamond pendant was stolen from her dresser drawer sometime between April 15 and 20. The chain and pendant are valued at \$1696. The woman said she had no idea who could've stolen the chain and pendant and says her home was not broken into, or that there was anything else missing. There are no suspects.

MAILBOX THEFT

A mailbox was stolen from the front of a home April 9. The theft occurred sometime during the

hours of darkness said the home owner. Novi police officers responding said there were no sign of tire tracks or witnesses to the crime.

CAR BREAK-INS

On April 9, the sliding rear window of a pickup truck on Cortes was busted out. A cellular phone cable was snatched and a cover was ripped.

On April 9, a man reported that his cell phone was stolen from his car which was parked in the 12 Oaks Mall parking lot. The car was unlocked.

On April 10, a Plymouth Neon on Jefferson Street was entered through an unlocked door. A pull out stereo and several Greek music cassettes were stolen. There are no suspects.

On April 10, a soft top Jeep on Cherry Hill had its top unsnapped causing damage to the top. Music equipment and a pull-out stereo were reported missing.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Stopped short

Left-turning motorists seeking to avoid the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road intersection when leaving Novi Town Center are out of luck. The Novi City Council recently approved a sign banning left turns onto Grand River from the street just west of NBD in the Town Center.

The decision was made because the left turns were believed to pose a safety hazard in a "blind zone."

Another new stop sign recently approved is one at the Novi Public Library main exit onto Ten Mile Road, just east of Glenda Drive. A resident requested the sign, also on the grounds of safety.

Mall marketer

Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Catherine O'Malley recently announced that a new marketing director is on board. Peggy Hayes comes to Twelve Oaks from Crittenton Hospital, where she was director of public relations, in charge of publications, advertising and media relations.

Design tips

Intro, the new concept store at Gorman's Home Furnishings, along with Border's Books and Music of Novi are hosting a design seminar intended to show people how to create their own style and pull all the design elements in their home together.

Titled Color Schemes and Accessorizing in Interior Design for People Starting Out, the seminar was developed to show people how to incorporate color and accessories into their homes.

Certified Interior Designer, Madonna Maxey, will lead the seminar. Featured on Barden Cablevision's Potpourri, Maxey trained at The Sheffield School of Interior Design in New York City and is skilled in all aspects of interior design, including furniture arrangement, window and wall treatments, accessorizing, color coordination, and flooring.

The seminar will take place Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. at Border's Books and Music in the Novi Town Center on Eleven Mile Road.

Serious wheels

The spring meeting of the Working Wheelers Cycling Club features exercise physiologist demonstration of strengthening and conditioning for cycling, executive director of League of Michigan Bicyclists, and local biker's finish in the Iditarod 100 miles Alaskan bike race. Michigan Bicycle Tour Guides, maps, membership, refreshments and more. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at the TRACC facility located at 39750 W. Grand River in Novi. RSVP by April 20, (248) 624-6890.

Challengers take on OCC incumbents

Two challengers will take on three incumbents in the June 8 Oakland Community College election.

Met Vaara, retired assistant superintendent of Clarkston school district, and Rochelle Heinyer, an OCC student from Rochester Hills, filed nominating petitions by the April 6 deadline.

The board hires and evaluates the chancellor, the chief executive officer, sets the budget and tuition rates, and establishes college policies.

OCC elections are held at the same time and places as school board elections. OCC elections, however, are held in even-numbered years rather than every year.

Seven trustees serve staggered terms without pay. Terms of those elected this year will run from July 1, 1998, to June 30, 2004. The board meets monthly at 7 p.m., usually on the third Monday, at the Bee Center in Bloomfield Hills.

The committee reported out the bill on an 11-0 vote, with three abstaining. It will be on the House of Representatives calendar this week and could be voted on at any time.

Refer to House Bill 4769 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

POT BUST

On April 8, a Novi High School student was arrested and later released on a \$50 bond after .5 grams of marijuana and a marijuana pipe were discovered in his car.

A police officer responded to the high school parking lot after a lot

To combat car theft, law would tack fee of \$1 onto vehicle insurance rates

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

More vehicle owners would pay \$1 a year apiece to combat auto thieves under a bill awaiting a vote in the State House of Representatives.

Owners of fleet vehicles, commercial vehicles and motorcycles would pay \$1 for every vehicle as part of their liability insurance to the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA).

The estimated \$2.3 million in new revenue would be added to the present \$5.4 million per year for grants to regional teams of prosecutors and police.

The funds are used for training and to pay investigators who fight thieves and "chop shops."

"In 1986 there were professional car thieves. They were running the show. Now we have auto theft investigators, and we are running the show," Margaret Ann Scott, head of the Oakland County prosecutor's auto theft section, told the House Insurance Committee Feb. 11.

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nationally have risen 14 percent, said Scott, adding, "We've lucked the trend."

Oakland sheriff's Detective Doug Edgar said multi-county teamwork is needed to chase auto theft rings.

"There's a high degree of cooperation" among agencies, he assured the committee.

The 1986 exempted fleet vehicles, motorcycles and commercial vehicles.

The new bill, sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, would include them in the revenue base.

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Parents, teachers fight for bilingual education

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Teachers and parents from Southfield, Pontiac and Detroit have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidali DeCesare told the House Education Committee.

"There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasmia Kassab, a Southfield mother, credited bilingual classes for teaching her English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan University faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual kids as "a precious resource - they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks."

"We don't want that money [\$42 million from the state in the last year of the program]. We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the state mandate."

Bilingual education means teaching pupils in their native language for three years or until their English proficiency is great enough to allow mainstreaming.

Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as possible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget.

The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to restore bilingual instruction.

"There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons. There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this," she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more children of "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program.

If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a county-wide program.

Noda said "nebulous estimates" placed the number of eligible students at 56,000 to 75,000 statewide. At \$289 per pupil, the

minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.

Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico,

"I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset.

"Many waiters (in foreign countries) can speak three or more languages," she said. "All our children need to speak a second language."

She said children who learn

English can help native-born children when they study foreign languages. "All our children need to speak a second language," Vargas said.

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

No one spoke against the bill - a sign that many education lobbyists saw no need to fight a bill that probably isn't going anywhere.

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Obituaries

PATRICIA A. HENDERSON
Patricia Ann Henderson, 64, of Novi died April 5 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was born Aug. 26, 1933.

Mrs. Henderson is survived by her husband, John E.; daughters, Deborah (David) Doolie, Kathleen (Philip) Holstead, and Julie (James) Nunley; sons, John H. Scott (Stacy), and Christopher; sisters, Eleanor Moegeberg and Elizabeth Perry; brother, James P. Hayden; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 8, at Church of the Holy Family in Novi.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 18860 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075-2689 and Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375 would be appreciated.

CATHERINE A. KEELEY
Catherine A. Keeley died March 22, in Florida, at the age of 97. She was born July 31, 1900.

Surviving Mrs. Keeley are daughters, Della (Wendell) Schwab, Kay (Larry) McDougall, and Peggy (John) Mock; 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James.

Services were held at St. Regis Church, Birmingham, Mich., with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

DOLORES A. MCGRAW
Dolores A. (Dee) McGraw died March 27, at the Angela Hospice, Livonia, at the age of 78. She was born Dec. 18, 1919.

Miss McGraw was an administrative assistant for many years for both National Food Stores and Flint Ink Group.

She is survived by three sisters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Loreta; three brothers, Robert, Joseph and Jerome; sister-in-law, Mary McGraw; nieces, Kathy Lee Lison and Colleen (Jeff) Rebblich; nephew, Kevin (Barbara) McGraw.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 would be appreciated.

MARGARET T. MILLER
Margaret Tresa Miller, 60, of Novi died March 23, in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born Oct. 3, 1937.

She is survived by daughter, Kathryn; sisters, Helen, Irene, and Rose; brother, John; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her husband, Henry S.

Services were held on Friday, March 27, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Our Lady of Hope, Brownstown Township.

Memorials to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Frankel Center, 18831 W. Twelve Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-9806 would be appreciated.

MARIE G. PEW
Marie Gladys Pew, 73, died April 4, at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born July 26, 1924.

She is survived by daughters, Lynda (Donald) Rende and Judi (Jack) Shepherd; son, John (Patricia); two brothers, George and Fred Lawrence; sister, Elaine Jewell; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, April 8, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills.

Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

NANCY C. SANT
Nancy Carmen Sant of Wixom died April 3 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was 65. Mrs. Sant was born March 31, 1933.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Emmanuel; sons, David and Sean, both of Wixom; three brothers and three sisters.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, April 8, at St. James Church of Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

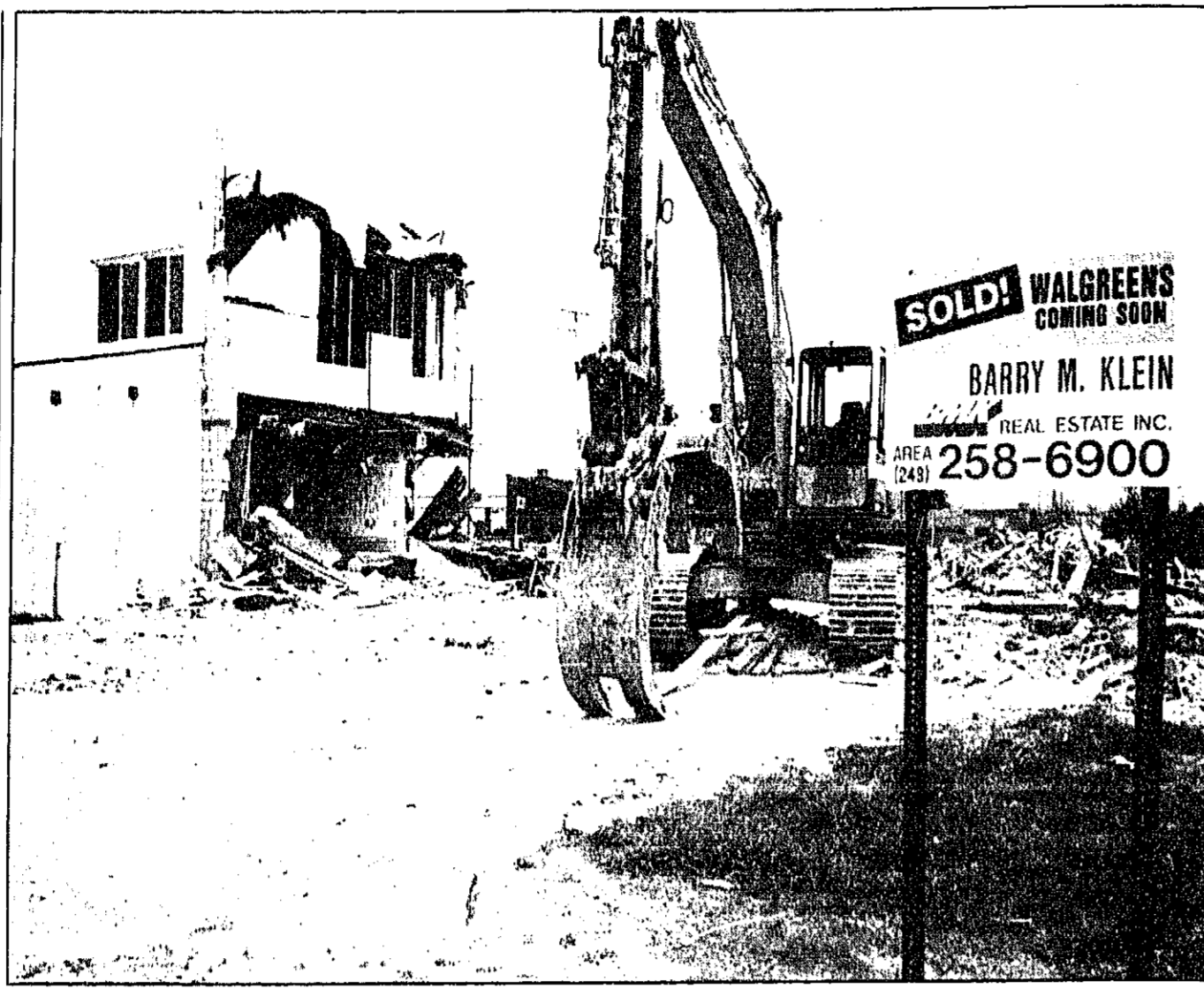


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Make way

The retail-commercial buildings that used to stand on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Novi roads are in the process of being torn down to make way for a new Walgreens pharmacy store. The site was once the old Erwin family farm and

orchard, and later became Erwin Farms grocery store, opened in 1962. More recently, the Beverage Warehouse and Orphan Annie's Doughnuts stood there. Walgreens plans a 14,000-square-foot retail building at the prime location.

Detroit, SMART do battle over buses

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Detroit legislators are trying a power play against SMART, the suburban bus service, to halt its perceived competition against Detroit Department of Transportation buses.

SMART general manager Richard Kaufman, however, says the issue is whether SMART is getting Detroiters and suburbanites to suburban jobs. "If Al Martin (DDOT manager) thinks there's duplication, he can stop a few of his buses. I don't have any extra out there," Kaufman said.

SMART has stopped its service to Novi, that was used by Twelve Oaks Mall employees and others. Detroit's point man is state Rep. Keith Stallworth, a freshman Democrat. Stallworth got himself appointed chair of a special House appropriations subcommittee on public transit.

Stallworth talks of pulling the plug on SMART's funding if Kaufman doesn't halt competition with DDOT. He appears to have the backing of House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit.

"I want consolidated service. If we have to use the appropriations process to get these two young men to talk ...," Stallworth said in a recent interview.

Kaufman, a former Wayne County circuit judge, doesn't discuss coordination with DDOT schedules. He sees SMART's mission as getting 200,000 passengers a week — half of them Detroit residents — to jobs in western Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

SMART stands for Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

In 1967 downtown Detroit had more than 130,000 jobs. By 1995 downtown employment had shrunk to fewer than 65,000 jobs.

"Our purpose is quality transportation for the entire Detroit metropolitan region," Kaufman said. "The only place we both have buses in is Detroit. But SMART buses come a lot less frequently than DDOT. My buses are running out to the far reaches of the suburbs."

"I don't think there's any duplication, but if there is, I can't stop the SMART buses which come every half-hour or every hour for those people who need to get from Detroit to the suburbs, or from the suburbs to Detroit."

DDOT's Martin does indeed think there's duplication. He says DDOT and SMART run buses one or two minutes apart on eight routes — including Woodward, Grand River and Greenfield. "There is increased competition in the city," said Martin, a former SMART and state public transit administrator.

The rest comes from a fraction of a mill of property tax voted in 1995 in Macomb, most of Oakland and suburban Wayne counties.

Novi residents do not pay the millage.

That millage, Kaufman said, is up for renewal Aug. 4. From a ridership point of view, Kaufman said SMART is a success story that deserves voter support.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department ending April 12. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 30
Standby, Eight Mile and Novi, 9:13 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 44000 Grand River, 9:15 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Center Drive, 11:38 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Investigation, 50487 Oregon, 3:01 p.m., Engine 4.
Fuel spill, Twelve Mile and Novi, 5:04 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 25519 Lincoln, 5:08 p.m., Squad 1.
Brush fire, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 5:12 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 43410 Grand River, 6:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident-car fire, Novi and Twelve Mile, 6:29 p.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.
Medical, 41940 Canterbury, 7:15 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
Rubbish fire, South Lake and Owenton, 12:48 p.m., Engine 2.
Rubbish fire, South Lake and Mauldin, 1 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 31114 Seneca, 2:29 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:43 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
Investigation, 24030 Glen Ridge, 2:04 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22833 Hespil, 9:44 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 27793 Novi Road, 9:50 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Standby, 42875 Grand River, 10:14 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 11:42 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, 136 and Novi Ramp, 2:35 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Medical, 21736 Stegal Drive, 8:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Trailer fire, 25000 Novi Road, 9:19 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 2213 Austin, 11:53 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 1:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29827 Charlemagne, 6:59 p.m., Squad 2.
Wood chip fire, Twelve Mile and Twelve Oaks Drive, 6:41 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 21091 Haggerty, 7:47 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Medical, 29868 Montmorency, 7:40 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39743 Village Wood, 7:55 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22515 Hespil, 1:12 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21050 Haggerty, 2:26 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29859 Pierre, 2:40 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 3:09 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, Twelve Mile and Twelve Oaks, 5:16 p.m., Engine 1.
Fuel spill, 31226 Kingsley, 5:53 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 8:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Monticello and Charlemagne, 10:40 p.m., Engine 2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
Medical, 45034 Roundview, 12:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 3:47 a.m., Squad 1.
House fire, 24620 Taft Road, 11:17 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 22143 Cumberland, 11:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 43700 Expo Center, 12:54 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, West Oaks and Novi Road, 2 p.m., Response 510.
Investigation, 24620 Taft Road, 2:52 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24555 Novi Road, 8:54 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50666 Oregon, 9:38 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
Investigation, 43700 Expo Center, 12:54 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, West Oaks and Novi Road, 2 p.m., Response 510.
Investigation, 24620 Taft Road, 2:52 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24555 Novi Road, 8:54 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50666 Oregon, 9:38 p.m., Squad 4.

MONDAY, APRIL 6
Investigation, 25875 Novi Road, 9:32 a.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 2:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Grand River and Beck Road, 4:12 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 44358 West Oaks, 2:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Orchard Hill, 2:32 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24076 Chipmunk Trail, 3:13 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41433 Fawn Trail, 7:07 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 40161 Buckingham Court, 10:47 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Service, 22335 Peachtree, 1:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 22335 Peachtree, 3:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Rubbish fire, 23452 Winthrop Court, 6:56 a.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 1:14 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
House fire, Taft and Grand River, 1:21 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 43588 West Oaks, 2:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Orchard Hill, 2:32 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24076 Chipmunk Trail, 3:13 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41433 Fawn Trail, 7:07 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 40161 Buckingham Court, 10:47 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
Medical, 20930 Glen Haven Court, 3:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 28500 Meadowbrook, 6:37 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24230 Kartm, 9:55 a.m., Squad 1.
Service, Twelve Mile-Twelve Oaks Drive, 12:32 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22331 Worcester, 12:50 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27 981 Montmorency, 4:59 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Building fire, 1314 East Lake, 9:08 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:26 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Fire alarm, 22264 Novi Road, 1:39 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Investigation, 26300 Delval, 12:18 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 41818 Liberté, 2:07 p.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 22475 Venture Drive, 3:13 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Injury accident, 22047 Novi Road, 3:17 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Twelve Oaks-Hudson's, 5:22 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 22475 Venture Drive, 5:27 p.m., Engine 3.
House fire, 23072 Brook Forest, 6:48 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 44350 Chedworth, 7:57 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
Medical, 24509 Old Orchard, 8:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, Ten Mile and Woodham, 9:43 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 20800 Haggerty, 11:09 a.m., Squad 3.
Gas leak, 23175 W. LeBost, 7:50 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 10:55 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:27 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42131 Gladwin, 3 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41268 Llewellyn, 6:41 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21420 Novi Road, 7:14 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Medical, 101 Hickford, 12:20 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 41550 Grand River, 5:54 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Wire down, 29794 Rousseau, 7:54 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 46325 Ten Mile Road, 10:01 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 22818 Talford, 2:54 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39607 Nesrus, 10:35 p.m., Squad 1.

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ESL student sale generated bucks for needy children

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

The English as a Second Language program, offered through Novi Adult Education, recently sponsored a "White Elephant Sale." The sale, which is something like a garage sale, raised \$571 to be donated to the St. Vincent/Sara Fisher Center.

The purpose behind the sale was to raise money for a non-profit charity that works within the Novi community. The Sara Fisher Center works with nearly one thousand children in the Novi community by providing services, school supplies, books and incentive programs.

"The students, all foreign nationals, developed the idea as a way to give something back to the community that is helping them to learn not only English, but also American culture and the skills

needed to participate in that culture. The sale which was open to only those who either work in the adult education building or are students was considered a success by Susan Marshall, one of the teachers with the program. It was her students that planned, organized and carried out the sale. All of the items that were for sale were donated by the staff and students of the Adult Educational program.

"My students are level 4," said Marshall. "That's the highest level in the program, but they are still learning the English language. And for them to have come up with the idea for the White Elephant sale, and the planning that was involved, they did a great job."

Because of the success of the sale, Marshall said they are considering having another one next year and opening it to the public.

Secretary of State's office will visit Novi next week

The mobile branch office of the Michigan Secretary of State will visit Novi, Mich., April 20-22.

"Since its unveiling last August, the Mobile Branch Office has been on the road providing full branch office services to residents across the state," Secretary of State Candace Miller said.

While in Novi, the mobile branch office will locate at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 20 and 21, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22.

The mobile office provides all of the services found in a Secretary of State branch office. Driver licenses and license plates can be renewed

up to six months early without penalty at the office. No forms are necessary, however, residents must bring identification and proof of Michigan no-fault insurance.

The mobile office is handicapped-accessible and provides a quiet question or errand, such as dropping off a form.

Since its unveiling, the mobile office has served customers at senior events, fairs, exhibitions, and in towns, cities and villages across the state. It has traveled almost 10,000 miles of Michigan road. Only five months into the 1998 fiscal year, the office has processed nearly 4,000 transactions.

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Track trimming by CSX leaves Northville glum

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

It may have been a giant weed trimmer or an extremely wide reaper car, but whatever the method, the miles of broken branches along the area's CSX railroad line had representatives from Northville city and township upset.

Crews from CSX or one of the railroad's affiliates apparently took a trip down the track and knocked down thousands of small trees, shrubs and pieces of undergrowth along the Northville and Northville Township portion of right-of-way. The trimming likely occurred in the first few days of 1998, but Northville city public works director Jim Gallygally said the city wasn't notified before the trimming occurred.

CSX has the responsibility to maintain both the track and right-of-way, Gallygally said.

The destruction of the foliage wasn't so much an issue with the council as was the reluctance by CSX to dispose of the brush left behind. Council members bemoaned the condition left behind in the wake of the cutting.

"It looks like the train may have actually run through where (CSX) cut down the trees," said council member Kevin Hartsborne at a recent council meeting.

Gallygally said city officials raised the issue with a Tom Drake, a CSX executive, while state representative Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, happened to be present. Gallygally said Drake indicated he "would look into the matter," but no action has been taken to date.

The cutting of the trees has raised the eyebrows of many residents, who agree that the trimming has detracted from the appearance of the right-of-way, Gallygally said.

"It hasn't always been that great to begin with, but it does look pretty rough right now," Gallygally said.

Some Northville residents have even gone so far as to call and ask if they could volunteer their time to clean up the path.

When contacted, CSX media representative Rob Gould said he would check into the matter with CSX officials, but did not return phone calls to The Novi News.

In Novi, City Forester Chris Patgoff said CSX trimmed trees along the railroad tracks last summer to clear telegraph and other lines.

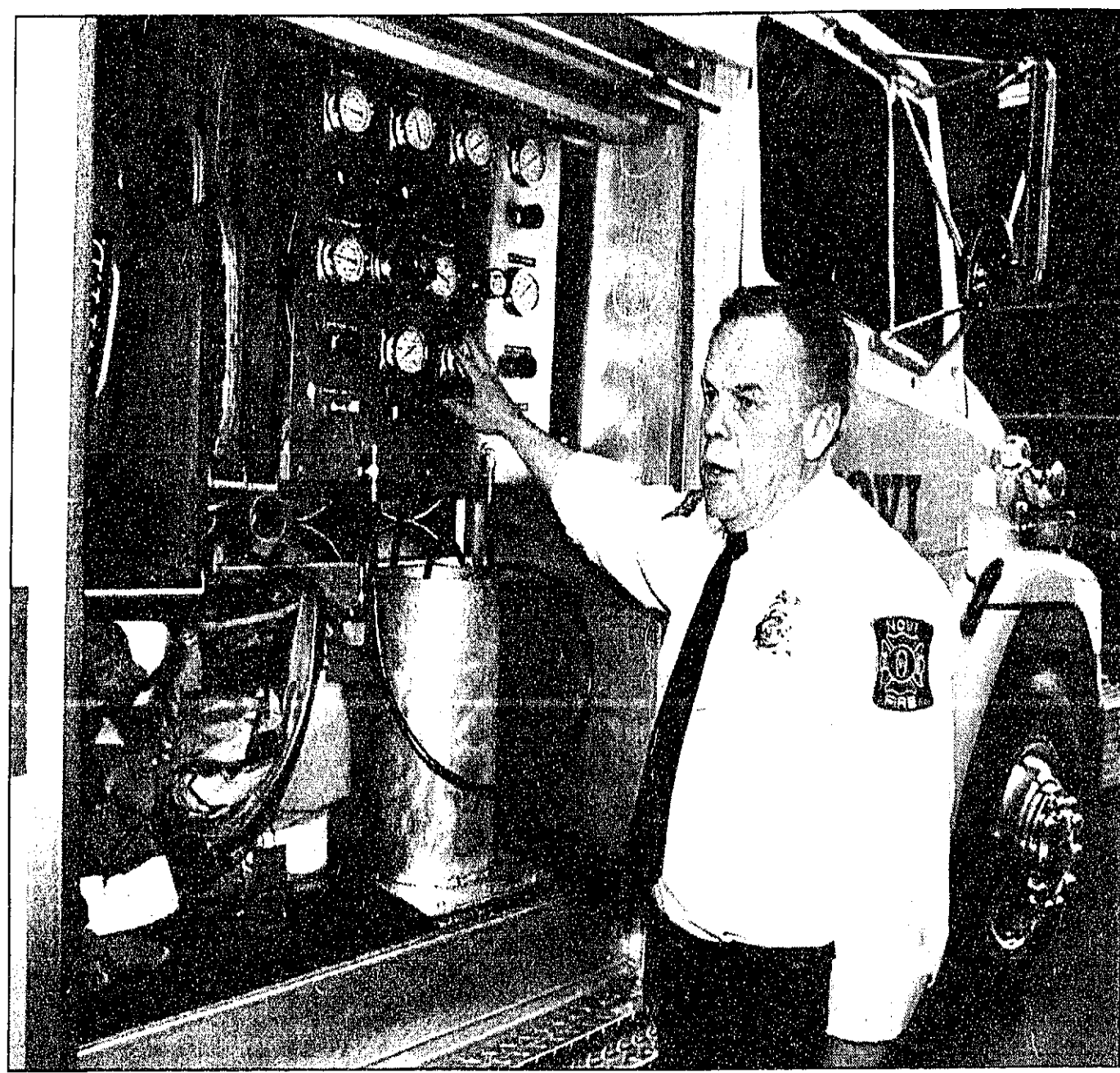
"They did a decent job. They did it arboriculturally correct," Patgoff said.

"It's always a shock when they go through a neighborhood. They have to protect the integrity of their overhead lines in that area so that they don't have disruptions in the communications service."

Much of the trimming in Novi was done where the railroad tracks run through industrial districts and past the historic Novi Road cemetery.

"A lot of work was done along the cemetery. We have silent customers there," Patgoff added.

Jan Jeffries contributed to this story.



Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan points out some of the features of the fire department's newest acquisition: a command center truck.

Command post New truck is a mobile fire department

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

If you were going to spend \$160,000 on a vehicle you'd want it custom-made.

That's what the Novi Fire Department did, when it ordered its latest truck — an emergency command post on wheels — from American Fire Rescue of Gosport, Indiana.

"We tried to think of everything we needed to put on it," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

"I think it's more functional than our old vehicle. We used our experience, we talked to the people who used it."

The new truck is a support unit for the entire fire department and can, in the event of a critical emergency, such as a tornado, major fire or a highway disaster, serve as a mobile Novi Fire Department office.

Novi sold the unit this one replaced, originally purchased in 1983 for \$60,000, to the Northville Township Fire Department for \$14,800.

"I called their fire chief and said 'Come and get it. It's taking up room in our garage,'" Lenaghan added.

In the latest model, four firefighters can ride in the rear compartment, which is heated and air-conditioned. Laptop computers can be plugged in there, enabling fast access to critical information on hazardous chemical emergencies. Breakaway windows provide emergency access.

The vehicle's a place where firefighters on the scene who are feeling the effects of a fire or the outdoor climate can retreat to be quickly rehabilitated.

"We can bring people back here and take their blood pressure and also get them warm or cool in here," Lenaghan said.

"There's a jack for a coffee pot, but that won't be used.

"We used to carry a coffee pot. They say coffee is not good for you, so now we carry bottled water," the chief explained.

European-style sliding doors on the sides provide more efficient access to assorted equipment, including medical supplies and the jaws of life.

A power takeoff generator works off of the vehicle's own drive shaft, providing energy for an air recharging system for the firefighters' self-contained breathing apparatuses. Built-in gauges measure the air flow.

The vehicle had 500 watt flood lights, one features 1,500 watt lights, to be used for night operations and rescues on the freeway.

"Everything we only have one of, we have in this truck," the fire chief said.

"It's the busiest truck we have in the city."

State grants train laid-off employees

Gov. John Engler announced statewide dislocated worker grants totaling \$20.7 million to the state's 26 regional Michigan Works agencies.

Oakland County is in line for \$517,515.

The grants will be used to further efforts to train and place displaced workers into jobs when those workers have been terminated or laid off, or have received notice of termination or layoff, and are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation.

"We are committed to helping workers get back to work as quickly as possible and to increasing the availability of quality services and training options," said Engler.

Funding for the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act is made available by the federal Job Training Partnership Act administered through the Michigan Jobs Commission.

OCC accreditation reviewed this month

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Like the students who take classes there, Oakland Community College will get its own report card this spring.

A team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will visit the campuses this month and decide whether to accredit OCC for up to 10 years.

"It's a stamp of approval and whether or not we meet the expectations of the consumer."

Richard Thompson
OCC Chancellor

"EXHAUSTING WORK"

Step two is for North Central's Commission on Institutions of Higher Education to review OCC's writings and visit.

"Their team looks at our mission statement and purposes and judges us against those criteria," said Thompson.

Linda Pososki, who teaches business administration and chaired the steering committee, added, "There isn't a perfect organization. There always is a way to do things better."

OCC's first three campuses were accredited individually in 1966. The full college was accredited a few years later.

The last North Central evaluation came in 1987-88.

"They said we were a creditable institution, and they gave us lots of concerns and suggestions," Thompson said.

North Central paid OCC a "focus" visit in 1991, concentrating on institutional planning. The focus team found us to be in good order."

Thompson, who has served on visiting teams to other colleges, describes grueling 12-14 hour work days. "We meet with every conceivable institution and faculty member. It's not something you do more than once a year because it's exhausting," he said.

The 12-member North Central team will be chaired by Dr. Arthur W. DeCaboote, president of Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College.

It will look at audits, minutes of advisory committees, catalogs, contracts, minutes of board meetings, staffing plans, the library and computer information.

Pososki said North Central has changed its thrust in recent years. "The required all institutions by 1993 to submit a plan for measuring student outcomes," she said.

That means measuring what students learn rather than how many hours they sit in a classroom.

"Our student outcomes report was considered exemplary," said Warner.

OCC REVIEWED

"An evaluation is a very public process," said OCC's Linda Pososki.

Here is how the public can have access to the North Central Association accreditation team. Here is how the public can have access to the North Central Association accreditation team:

- You may send written comments on OCC to: Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle - Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.
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Northville man tells of his encounter with Gerald Atkins

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Northville resident Randy Kratt came face to face with Gerald Atkins Nov. 14, 1996.

Kratt testified before the jury Tuesday, April 7 in Oakland County Circuit Court, that he was in the rear of the plant working on the line with his hands box playing when crowds of employees came running past him. After turning down the music, he realized they were yelling about a gunman running through the plant.

He joined the crowd which ran out the western side of the plant and was helping others get over the wall when he saw a man in camouflage exit the building.

"That's when it hit me this was for real," he said. "I figured at that time he was a bad guy ... He's walking so calm and cool it was starting to confuse me, about his intent. I decided I needed to keep an eye on this guy and that's when I started my pursuit. I thought I'd rather keep my eye on him. I didn't want to turn my back."

Kratt said he followed Atkins across the property to a dumpster near the freeway. He said he thought Atkins was interacting with police officers along the freeway and since no one shot at him, he decided the man must be "a friendly."

"I'm thinking he must be a good guy," Kratt said looking intently at prosecutor Cheryl Matthews. "I could not understand why nobody was taking him out."

"That's when Atkins walked up on Kratt, as other witnesses would confirm.



Cratt pool photo by Richard Sheinwald of the Associated Press
"I'll back you up," Randy Kratt said when he thought Gerald Atkins was part of the SRT team

THE ATKINS TRIAL

"I said, 'What the f--- is going on?'" Kratt related. "He said, 'There's cops everywhere ... You better run before they shoot the place up.'"

"F--- that. I'll stay with you. I'll back you up," said Kratt to the

man he believed to be a member of law enforcement. Yet, Kratt began to notice the cut on the man's hands, the sweat on his brow and second guessed himself. Atkins walked around the dumpster and Kratt said he started to think he was in trouble. Maybe he could get the weapon from him. Take matters into his own hands. "Then Atkins returned and spoke. It was they're after," he said. It felt like forever that the two men stared at each other.

"I was hoping he would not shoot me in the head. I was open for a

body shot because I knew I could live through that," he said. And when Atkins turned around, Kratt took off running.

Looking over his shoulder he saw Atkins raise his gun and start shooting toward the freeway. Kratt ran into the Carlie Building, west of the plant and watched Atkins from inside. He said he got into a car in the building and started the engine.

"If he's going to come in the door here I'm going to run him over with the car," he told the jury. But Atkins never came.

'I had no intention of ever walking away'

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Gerald Atkins knew somebody was going to "get their a--- kicked." He just hadn't decided who, until he stumbled upon campaign literature at the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant in November of 1996.

"I knew there were problems in this country. I just didn't know exactly where it was coming from ...," he said in a two-hour interview with Oakland County Sheriff Sergeant William Harvey.

The interview came four days after Atkins, now 32, was arrested for allegedly shooting his way through the plant, killing a Brighton man and injuring three others.

Atkins has been on anti-psychotic and anti-depressant medication since the incident, according to his attorney Herb Larson. However, he added, Atkins stopped taking the medication in August.

Larson is arguing to the jury that Atkins should be found "not guilty" by reason of insanity.

A videotape of the interview was shown to the jury and a courtroom filled with family and friends of the murder victim, Ford planning manager Darrell Lizzard, during the second week of Atkins' trial in Oakland County Circuit Court Tuesday.

The tape shows a calm Atkins, chain smoking cigarettes and taking sips of coffee between answers. He occasionally chuckles, or stretches his arms above him.

He began by saying, "I don't think there was anything that anyone could have done to stop me from doing what I was doing ... The actions that Ford, the criminal activities that Ford were involved in, tells me as a free man, are wrong."

Atkins found political campaign literature in a conference room of the plant when he went to look for the woman he loved the Tuesday night before the shootings.

Although Debra Myers has testified that she was not in a relationship with Atkins, he said he wanted to marry her.

When she avoided him, he thought it was because she feared something and he was trying to protect her, he said in the tape.

"I went there ... to find out exactly what the situation was that had her so distraught," he explained.

When he couldn't find Debra, he wandered the plant and found the pamphlets. He believed it included threats from management that if

employees did not vote for President Bill Clinton, they would not have a job.

It made him very irate, as did the security cameras and gates.

"It's like a prison in there," he said.

He couldn't stop thinking about it all day at work and he began to form a plan to "assault" the plant on Thursday. He wasn't drinking or taking drugs, he told the sergeant.

He packed a bag with military clothes and survival equipment and gathered his weapon and ammunition.

The mission was to "take out some of those communist bastards managing the place" and to rescue Debra.

He said he expected to die at the hands of police or someone else.

"I had no intention of ever walking away from the scene," he said.

He could distinguish the management from rank-and-file workers by their shirts and ties and the walkie-talkies they carried. He wasn't looking for one person, just anyone in management.

Manager Darrell Lizzard "just happened to be one of the unfortunate ones that caught my bullets," he told the sergeant.

Atkins cornered Lizzard under a desk in the plant and fired.

"It was a kill round," he explained.

The other shots fired at police officers in and outside the plants, however were warning shots to keep them away.

"I was real hesitant about firing at them, or anywhere in their direction period," he said, because the scope on his Eagle Arms 15 semi-automatic assault rifle was on backwards, throwing off his aim.

On the tape, Atkins said he shot "injury shots" at two deputies who were watching him from a berm. He said he aimed at one's leg and another's arm.

"I was trying to get them to back off of me because they were making me real nervous," he said.

Atkins said on the tape he was fully aware of his actions and knows right from wrong. Strange voices were not telling him what to do. He said he was "fully in control with my actions."

He said things "were just too far out of hand. I had to happen."

He did apologize to Lizzard's family in the tape.

"I want to apologize for any pain and suffering I may have caused them. I wish there could have been another way," he said.

Step-by-step accounts of shooting

A chronology of events, according to witness testimony, of the Wixom Ford Plant shooting in November of 1996. Gerald Atkins stands accused of murder, for allegedly gunning down Ford supervisor Darrell Lizzard, and on 24 other counts before an Oakland County Circuit Court jury. The trial continues this week.

THE ATKINS TRIAL

and crawls down the hall to hide.

A few days before the incident, James Inquinto, Atkins' employer, picked him up to drive him to work at Midwest Glass, a glass manufacturing company in Walked Lake.

Atkins had in his possession political fliers he had picked up while inside the Ford Wixom Plant and was upset about them. Atkins apparently believed the fliers indicated that Ford was covering its employees to vote for President Bill Clinton. Atkins also apparently believed Ford management was trying to keep him from contacting the woman he claimed he loved, Debra Myers. Atkins made threats during the drive to work, but Inquinto did not take them seriously.

On Nov. 13, Roosevelt Flagg, who works at the Ford Wixom, says Gerald Atkins walked up to him inside the plant in the early morning. Atkins asked if Flagg knew Debra Myers. Flagg said he told Atkins "no" and Atkins walked into the union committee room. Atkins came out several minutes later with some papers. "He told me he had what he wanted," Flagg said.

The day of the shooting, Inquinto arrived at Atkins' Wixom apartment at 6 a.m. to pick him up for work. Atkins did not answer the door. Inquinto opened the door to his apartment, which Atkins regularly left unlocked, and Atkins was not home. Nothing was amiss, however.

Anthony Matier is coming back from lunch, walking into the Ford Wixom Plant at 11:20 a.m. He sees Gerald Atkins, dressed in camouflage and carrying a rifle, get out a truck and walk past him toward the plant. "This is the real thing," Atkins tells him. "You guys better get the f--- out of here." Atkins then begins to fire repeatedly at the security windows.

Elvin Akers is sitting alone at a computer terminal in the security office. He hears popping sounds and sees sparks. He thinks the terminal is blowing up. He leaves the office and realizes it had been shot up. He is bleeding from the ear, where he's been grazed by a bullet, metal or a window. He hits the floor

about the incident. She uses her special code which Darrell always answered. "When he didn't answer, I knew" he was dead, she said.

Chris Susock, a plant supervisor, sees Atkins come down the hall toward him. Susock begins to run and looks around to see Atkins crouch down and aim in his direction. A gunshot "zings" past his ear. He hides in a stairwell and successfully makes a break for it when Atkins turns his head.

Employee Thomas Monat sees Supervisor Darrell Lizzard come out of the gate doors. Atkins is chasing him. Lizzard runs around a security Explorer parked near the doors. Atkins fires over, under and around the vehicle. Lizzard calls for help on his two-way radio. Monat hears Atkins say, "It's payback time." Lizzard runs back toward the gate doors and falls. It appears he is hit. He gets up and makes it through the doors.

Security officer Lawrence Schreffler is on his way to the front of the building in a golf-type car when he sees Lizzard running toward him, yelling for him to get out of the way because someone has a gun. "He had a look on his face that was fearful. My first instinct was to stop and help," he said. As Schreffler looks up, Atkins appears in the hall. Schreffler hears a shot fired and a whistling sound go past his ear. He dives toward the assembly line for cover and Lizzard runs into the Learning Center.

James Maher, Bobbi Wolf and Ezra Carter are hiding in the Learning Center's locked storage closet after hearing shots come down the hall. They hear someone open and shut the door. Then a second person comes in. Maher hears a male voice say, "Please, please don't do this. God, please don't do this." Carter hears a voice say, "Whining." Four shots are fired and alter a few seconds, a two-way radio can be overheard.

Somewhere says the gunman is in the main aisle again. After several minutes the group opens the closet door. Carter runs for help. Maher sees Lizzard under a desk near the center's door. Another man arrives and they try to put a tourniquet on his leg. Shortly thereafter, medics arrive.

Arthur Elliott bumps into Atkins in the hallway outside the Learning Center, unaware of the commotion.

"What do you want?" Elliott asks him. He (Atkins) looked at me and said, 'Whining bitches,' as cool as cucumber." Atkins then walked down the hall.

Nancy Lizzard pages her husband at the Ford Plant after hearing

the two Wixom officers are hiding near another small building and soon are shot at, but are uninjured.

Atkins comes across an employee, Northville resident Randy Kratt, who also took refuge near the dumpster. Kratt at first thinks he is one of the police and the two men have a conversation about a lone gunman. Atkins then tells Kratt he's the gunman and Kratt runs.

Construction worker Leslie Trelfa is on the roof and sees the two men talking. As Kratt runs, Trelfa tells police about Atkins' location. Atkins begins to fire. Two deputies, Gerald Petruska and Matt Miller, stationed on the berm near the freeway are struck by bullets. Their wounds are not fatal, but Miller is rushed to the hospital. As the car carrying him leaves the scene, a bullet hits the car and shatters the window.

Meanwhile, police on the berm are wary of shooting at Atkins because many employees are still in the area.

Atkins disappears and takes refuge in a pipe drainage system for nearly three hours. He pops up every now and then to shout at helicopters. The county Special Response Team arrives and plans to gas Atkins out of the pipes. Yet, just before the okay is given, Atkins comes out of the pipes without his weapon and is arrested.

Inquinto receives a phone call from Atkins, who is in jail. Atkins asks him to use his paycheck to repay a number of people to whom he owes money.

Local runners prep to participate in Boston Marathon

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pen," Rossow said. Running has been an integral part of all three men's lives. Copp, a former collegiate athlete, began running shortly after graduating from Michigan State in 1979. At the time he began running shorter sprints, until he ran into a doctor one day.

"He asked me why I was running sprints, and that I should be running for distance," Copp reminisced. "So since then I've been running a couple days a week."

Rossow runs daily and currently has a little streak going. He has run a minimum of three miles a day, up to 24 miles per day, everyday for the past 1,000 days. He doesn't know why he has kept this streak up, but the streak is now so impressive he doesn't know when it will end.

"My goal was always to run four times a week," Rossow said. "I don't know, I thought maybe I'd run for a year and then I'd quit. Then I told myself I'd keep going. It wasn't hurting me."

Rossow, Copp and Huff regularly run about 40-50 miles per week and 50-60 miles in preparation for the marathon.

"There are three things I love about running," Copp said. "I like the camaraderie of the runners, the feeling of accomplishment, and you get to eat whatever you want. There's also such a thing as a runner's high. When I get

done with my workouts, I just feel better."

"Some days you get up and run into a sunrise. Sometimes you'll run into a light snowfall. It's just a great time," Rossow said. "It all comes from within. That's all I can say."

Both agree that running in the Boston Marathon is like nothing they've ever experienced before. Because the race falls on Patriots Day, everyone in New England has the day off.

"When you go to Boston, they treat you like a king," Copp said. "It's being in the crowd, in the hype and the excitement of the moment."

Rossow said the Boston Marathon is the marathoners' marathon.

"It's something else. You have people up in trees, on buildings and five deep all along the course," Rossow said. "Sometimes you even have people climbing telephone poles. It's just an incredible feeling."

Both plan on leaving today or tomorrow and will fly back to Michigan on Tuesday.

Other Northville/Novi residents who will be competing among the 13,000 participants at Boston are Dale Yagella, Janice Valade, Scott Westover, Victor Barkoski, Jerome Mittman, Steven Brodn, Paul McCormack and Klaus Loeffler.

Jury hears from cops under fire

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Deputies Gerald Petruska and Matt Miller were struck by gunfire about the same time Wixville's vehicle was struck.

"I saw one of the deputies coming off of the berm, he had blood on his arm," Wixville said.

Petruska was hit in the thigh, Miller was struck in the arm near his shoulder. They were both on the berm north of the freeway trying to track Atkins when the gunfire began.

"I felt something strike my shoulder," Miller also told the jury. "My entire torso pulled around and I remember rolling up, to my left, and looking at my shirt sleeve and noticed my shirt was covered with blood. I had lost sensa-

tion in my arm. I thought it was blown off."

Miller and Petruska testified last Wednesday afternoon.

Petruska, although injured, helped Miller down the hill to Deputy Matt Norman's patrol car.

"I recall thinking to myself for a moment that I was safe," Miller explained. "However, within a moment, the passenger side window shattered and I realized we were still in the line of fire ... We were in a very treacherous situation," said Miller.

Deputy Norman sped off and had to drive over the median. As the car dropped into the ditch, Miller said he prayed not to get stuck. He

thought it would disable the vehicle.

"Miraculously it didn't," he said.

Miller was taken to Providence Hospital in Novi. He spent three days, undergoing surgery for an arterial bleed and still suffers from nerve damage.

Petruska went back up the berm.

"That's where I was supposed to go," he said.

Petruska explained that police didn't return fire during the incident because there were employees in the background.

"And it was so quick I didn't have a chance to shoot," he added.

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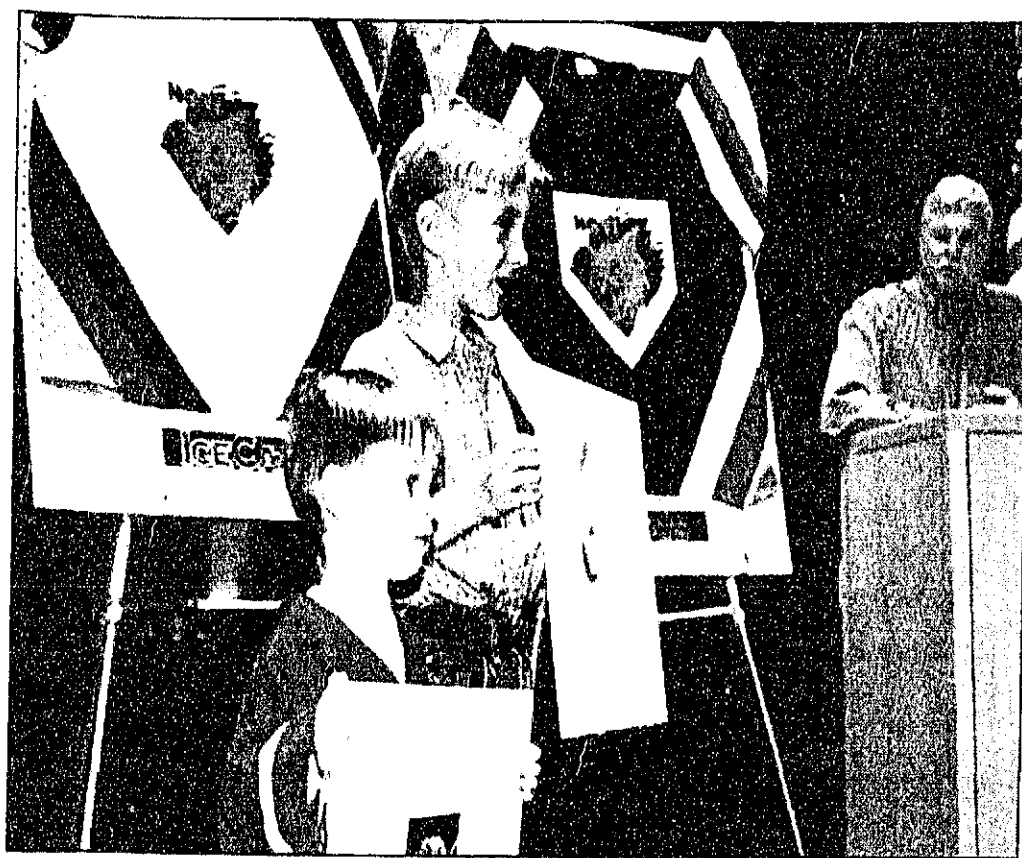
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Novi High drummers beat state

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

For the fourth time in as many years, Novi High School's Indoor Percussion Ensemble placed first in the State Championship Indoor Percussion competition last week at Bedford High School.

Now it's time for the percussionists to take it on the road, traveling to Dayton, Ohio on April 17, where they hope to bring a national title back to Novi.

In March the Ensemble attended a Regional Championship in Ohio where they faced off against nearly 30 other percussion bands and finished second.

Joe Kuerz, the band's teacher, said that the nationals will be more challenging with 107 bands competing.

"Our goal is to try and finish in the top 12," said Kuerz.

The first time the percussion band went to the nationals they placed 14th.

The percussion band, which was formed four years ago, stages a six-



The Novi High School Percussion Ensemble placed first.

minute drill complete with props, sets and costumes. The theme this year is a sort of storm home culture of country/rockabilly/hillbilly music. Along with an original piece, the Charlie Daniels Band's "Devil Went Down to Georgia" will be one of the two musical pieces performed at the nationals.

The percussion band consists of 36 members.

"Almost half of the members are freshmen," said Kuerz. "I think that says something about how hard they practice. They've done a lot and I think it shows."

Novi Ice Cats

Jeff Russell, of the Community Clubs of Novi (at podium) introduces Jeffrey Behmer, 9, who designed the logo for the new Novi Ice Arena teams and Danny Meyers, 3, who won the competition to name those teams. Both boys took home tickets to the Detroit Red Wings. The Novi Ice Cats draws on the name of the Novi High team, the Wildcats.

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As We See It

Customs officials protect us from Beanie Babies

All American citizens can rest easy now, knowing that the U.S. Customs department has stemmed the flow of Canadian Beanie Babies to U.S. soil.

Thank god for the heroes of our border patrol. Tonight, there are fewer stuff animals on the streets of our fair cities and the world balance of cuddlables has been properly restored.

Oh yea, illegal drugs continue to be smuggled in unabated and unregistered immigrants cross the border with virtual impunity, but by god we've solved the Beanie Baby crisis.

Late last month, as you may have heard, a gang of local Girl Scouts headed off to Toronto under the guise of going to see the "Phantom of the Opera" at the Pantages Theater. Before returning, these youngsters loaded up on Beanie Babies, buying no fewer than 12 — that's right, a whole dozen — of the toys at a Toronto mall.

Then they made a run for the border. Ever alert, our customs officials acted swiftly to apprehend the Beanie Babies. Per its orders from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, customs officials searched the van and confiscated 11 of the 12 Beanie Babies.

Once home, chaperone Kim Haynes of Novi said another van similarly loaded up with Beanie contraband managed to slip through the long grasp of customs officials and evaded capture.

Disturbing though that news may be, we can all be glad that through the diligent efforts of our customs officers, these 11 Beanie Babies are unlikely to ever cuddle a kid on U.S.-soil.

Sarcasm aside, we do understand how these things can happen. Lawmakers off in Washington D.C. sit around making a bunch of laws, usually for pretty good reasons. For instance, the laws that enabled this incident to occur were written to keep off-shore firms from flooding the market with cheap imitations of American goods. The point was to protect American companies and American jobs.

No congressman, we don't believe, ever intended to have border guards take toys out of the hands of children.

But when these laws get enforced in the real world, unanticipated things can result.



Government

What's scary is that the feds don't seem to be embarrassed by this incident. There has been no effort by government officials to make things right. When contacted to explain their actions, they defended their actions as proper even as they were passing along the blame to someone else.

And what's really scary is that they didn't even seem to understand how embarrassed they should be.

Port of Detroit assistant supervisor John Kruczek explained, apparently unabashed, that customs agents were just following orders from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, based on a request from Ty, Inc., the manufacturer of Beanie Babies.

Now, custom laws usually allow you to bring in as many copyrighted products as you want, as long as they are the genuine articles. Customs laws usually allow an individual to bring in products from Canada duty free as long as the value is less than \$400.

But in this case, Beanie Babies are manufacturer in both the U.S. and Canada under the Ty, Inc. label, so the company has asked for tougher limits. And it is not just a matter of paying a duty. Additional Beanie Babies have to be returned to the store or turned over to authorities.

Yes, according to the feds, Ty Inc. has asked for this ridiculous restriction, and they are just going to enforce it, period, reasonable or not.

If Ty, Inc. wants it, the feds say, they'll just ignore Constitutional protections of personal property rights.

After all, that's a pretty pesky document anyway.

Besides, in this time of crisis, we may have to forego rights if our land is to be kept safe from the hordes of plush toys steaming across our frontiers... (Oops, there goes that sarcasm again.)

Tip to preserve news clippings



Michael Malott

How good are your files? Mine are pretty bad sometimes. So when reporter Carol Dipple set out to do a story about creating and keeping scrapbooks, there was a tidbit of information I had wanted her to include.

But I couldn't find it. I dug through what passes for my filing system at work, through the stacks of paper that have yet to be filed, and through the piles on my desk. No dice. Carol went out and talked to

home over the past weekend and I finally came up with the bit of information I had been looking for. It has to do with preserving newspaper clippings and I picked it up from Publishers' Auxiliary, reprinted from Mary Ellen's Best of Helpful Hints, Sept. 1980, in the Archbold (OH) Buckeye.

As you may know, newspaper itself contains the acids that cause it to deteriorate rapidly, so untreated news clippings will turn yellow and brittle in just a few years.

To neutralize the acid in newsprint and preserve clippings, dissolve a Milk of Magnesia tablet in a quart of club soda overnight. Then, pour the solution into a pan large enough to accommodate the flattened newspaper or clipping. Soak it for one hour and pat it dry. Do not move the clipping until has completely dried.

The treatment supposedly will preserve clippings for up to 200 years.

They put it some place where you can find it.

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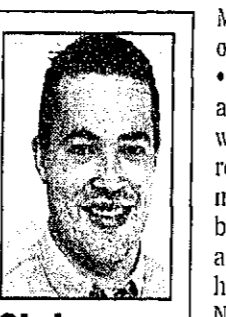
In Focus

By John Heider



Oakland Hills third-grader Kahori Yamada intently peruses the many titles available during last week's PTO-sponsored book fair.

Random observations of life



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...

• Newspaper decorum won't allow me to print the exact words I have for the clown who rear-ended my car and gave me one blistering headache — both physically and emotionally. But if they ever catch this hit-and-run jerk who put my Neon in the garage for a week, I'd ask that as part of his (or her) sentence, he (or she — that gender equity thing) be required to volunteer for 500

hours in a closed-head injury ward. One hour for every dollar of damage done sounds fair.

• Have you picked up a copy of Van Halen III? Save your money. As one who considers himself to have a respectable ear for rock music, I'm honestly struggling to find a signature Van Halen tune on this latest album — one that music fans will listen to and enjoy years down the road. David Lee Roth was right for a time and Sammy Hagar was, too. Unfortunately, Gary Cherone isn't right for any time, including this one. I'll see if they can redeem themselves May 19 at The Palace. (By the way...rumors that I'm the new lead singer for the band are patently untrue. Amanda Hugenlocker got it all wrong.)

• Another excerpt from the Bachelor's Guide to Living: You know it's time to go grocery shopping when the ants that had invaded your kitchen starve to death.

• I'm adding one more chapter to my ever-growing book titled "No One Really Cares About Anything Unless Money Is Involved." It's inspired by the people

who lined up a full two days ahead of time outside Northville Township's Noodle Kidoodle to get their hands on a Princess Diana Beanie Baby last month. Isn't it a shame kids can't get their hands on a toy inspired by the life of a woman who advocated peace because angry, tipsy adults fight like rabid dogs in the hopes they can turn around and sell the thing for a profit 100 times what they paid. Give me a break.

• Am I missing something here? On a sunny and warm afternoon last week, I watched a woman drive her car up and down the lanes of a parking lot near a gym so she couldn't wait to hit the stair-climbing machine. So — get the closest parking spot so you can minimize your real-world walk to a machine that allows you to walk to nowhere. Hmmm.

• I suspect the groundbreaking ceremony for a new credit union office I attended this week is the first in a long line of such put-on-very-ceremonial-hard-hats-and-smile-for-the-camera events I'll be invited to. Constructionwise, Northville Township is on the verge of kicking things into high gear.

• Let's see...file an \$11 million lawsuit against the Northville School District (remember — it's not about money), then pull back and say you're willing to settle for a thousand and change plus an admission of guilt. In the Halls of Justice, that's called an "out-of-court settlement." To you and me, it's called "extortion."

• This year's installment notwithstanding, have you noticed the weather has a tendency to take a downward turn around noon on Good Friday? Kind of makes you wonder.

• Chris Davis is a staff writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Crying out for legislative remedy



Phil Power

State law requires anybody teaching at any public school (charter or not) to hold a state teaching certificate. If a school can't find a teacher certified to teach a given subject, it can hire teachers with emergency or one-year permits.

Responding to a complaint, the state Department of Education started investigating teacher certification credentials at charter schools (also called "public school academies"). Targeted were the 45 schools chartered by Central Michigan University, by far the most active university overseeing the 107 charter schools in Michigan.

State Superintendent of Education Arthur Ellis was going to present the Department's report to the State Board of Education at its meeting on April 1. But the Detroit Free Press got hold of the report and broke the scoop on page one — "CMU schools are short of certified help" ran the headline.

The story claimed that the investigation concluded that 132 out of 695 teachers were not fully certified. Some had been denied a permit, some were waiting for certification, and a lot were teaching with emergency one-year certificates.

Critics of charter schools jumped in, asking why CMU had allowed schools to open for business without first verifying certification of all teachers. "If they didn't, they should have," said state Rep. James Agee, a former public school administrator.

Six days passed before the State Board of Education put out its own handout under the headline, "State Board of Education Members Applaud Central Michigan University Charter School Oversight." The press release asserted that of the 132 teachers investigated, only five held ques-

tionable certificates.

"Among the reasons that higher numbers were reported in the Detroit Free Press and elsewhere was that some teachers' social security numbers were not known by Department of Education staff, which prevented the department from locating them in the certification database."

The release quoted only three State Board members, all Republicans. Clark Durant, former board president, said, "The Democrats on the board have been on a witch-hunt. They want to make political hay out of the fact that five charter school teachers had not filled-out certification paperwork on time while ignoring that on any given day one out of every seven teachers in Detroit is a substitute who lacks at least one certification."

In my view, the whole thing turned out to be a tempest in a teapot. But the underlying issues involved are serious and deserve a careful look.

They have to do with the energy, professionalism and integrity by which Michigan public universities carry out their oversight responsibilities for the public school academies they charter.

Lots of universities do it. In addition to CMU, the most active, other institutions certifying charter schools include Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

It shouldn't surprise diligent readers of this column that lots of money is involved. Chartering universities get paid 3 percent of the "state foundation grant" for each student at a charter school. At present, there are some 107 charter schools enrolling around 20,000 students, each of whom gets a \$5,500 foundation grant from the state.

That makes a total of \$110 million going to charter schools in Michigan. And it means that overseeing universities are getting a little more than \$3 million for their work.

The obvious question is: Just what are

these universities doing for the \$3 million they're getting? Herb Moyer, a former school superintendent now on the Board of Education, isn't sure. "It's now just a matter of laundering 3 percent out of every dollar. Charter schools are a \$110 million experiment. I think we owe the taxpayers a very significant report of what's going on."

Such reports are hard to come by.

When in 1997 the state auditor general conducted an audit of CMU's procedures and finances, the university refused to turn over 34 documents, claiming attorney-client privilege. A member of the House Education Committee said, "I'm totally baffled how a state institution (CMU) with public dollars can hire lawyers to deny the auditor general documents on how the money is spent. It casts a shadow over the university and the public school academy chartering process."

The same audit showed CMU also failed to catch other abuses in charter schools: Some schools were not doing criminal records checks on teacher applicants they hired. Some failed to offer special education services as required by law. Some had board members with conflicts of interest. Some did not conduct proper lotteries for student admissions. And some failed to post meeting notices as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Charter schools are an experiment that might turn out well and might turn out badly. Having an oversight system vested in state universities, whose boards are politically appointed by a governor who has made charter schools an important part of his platform, puts at risk the integrity of this important experiment.

This is an abuse that cries out for legislative remedy.

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MADD pushes for victims' rights

To the Editor:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is proud to announce this year's annual Crime Victim Rights Week to be observed April 19-25. The 1998 theme is "Victims' Rights: Right for America." MADD welcomes the opportunity to join with thousands of other victim advocates, criminal justice, and allied professional organizations — and agencies, to focus public attention to the areas of victim rights.

We are fortunate in Michigan to have these rights guaranteed to our citizens with the 1988 passage of the Crime Victims' Right Act Amendment to our Michigan Constitution. Other significant progress has been made in the promotion of the Designated Driver program, calls to 9-1-1 to report drunken driving violations to law enforcement, zero alcohol tolerance for under age youth, and the most recent passage by the U.S. Senate of the .08 percent legal limit for intoxication behind the wheel of a car. Research has indicated this legislation will save between 500-

600 lives nationwide each year.

Did you know that drunken driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime? Did you know that in 1996, 17,126 people were killed in the United States as a result of alcohol-related traffic crashes — an average of one every 32 minutes? These deaths constituted approximately 41 percent of the 41,093 total number of traffic fatalities which occurred in 1996. Did you know it is estimated that 1,058,990 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes in 1995? On an average, one person is injured as a result of alcohol-impaired driving every 30 seconds. Did you know that two in every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives? All the above information has been reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Transportation.

MADD, Michigan invites you to join us in our mission to stop drunk driving and support the victims of this violent crime. If you are in need of victim assistance, please call us at 1-800-323-6233 any weekday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

MADD is here to help make it right for victims — and right for America.

Marian Pearson
Victim Advocate
MADD, Michigan

against the Michigan Legislature's package of bills to give the law-abiding citizens of Michigan a fair and equitable system for obtaining a concealed weapons permit for self-defense.

Editorials would have us believe that there will be shootouts at the checkout lines, "blue-light" specials and traffic accidents.

Not so. And those in the dominant media know this but bury the studies to advance their anti-gun agenda.

Florida has been a "right-to-carry" state since 1987. Since that time, its homicide rate has dropped 34.4 percent. The rate for Florida's ten largest cities as a group has dropped 29.7 percent, the largest decreases occurring primarily in cities that had the worst homicide rates before right-to-carry became law.

All of the horror stories being written about permit holders becoming cold blooded killers does not happen.

Gregory W. O'Neill

Do you know how to signal 'SOS'



Tim Richard

Some warm weather observations on Michigan's outdoors.

As I pulled my fishing boat up to the Kent Lake dock, a young woman asked for help.

"My boyfriend is out there, and his motor broke down. He shouldn't be rowing because he's recovering from a hernia operation. Can you help him?" she asked.

Sure, no problem. I had seen him as I chugged in, but he gave no indication of distress. After I towed him to shore, I asked, "Do you know how to signal SOS?" He didn't.

Same thing happened one evening on Van Etan Lake near Oscoda. My buddy and I were arguing for walleye near dusk. We could see another boat several hundred yards away but couldn't hear the three occupants.

When the wind died down about 40 minutes later, we could hear them hollering to us. It seems their boat's transom had collapsed, and they couldn't use their motor. Sure, we'd be glad to give them a tow to their dock.

Again I asked, "Do you know how to signal SOS?" They either broken down boat, but they could have had help much sooner if they had known how to signal for it.

SOS in Morse Code is three dots, three dashes, three dots. It's an international distress signal.

If it's getting dark, use a flashlight to signal three dots, three dashes, three dots.

(By the way, do you carry a flashlight in your boat? Good. Now have you checked the batteries this spring? Aha!)

If it's daylight, use a bandana or cap or jacket tied to an oar or landing net. Hold it over your head. Wave it three times to the right, three times to the left, three times to the right, and you have a perfect SOS.

Three things I never expected to see in southeastern Michigan:

1. An overabundance of deer.
2. An overabundance of Canada geese.
3. An overabundance of mute swans.

All are related. They are protected from hunting in urbanized areas. There are few natural predators. And without two-legged and four-legged predators, all three species can overpopulate.

While the Upper Peninsula has a shortage of deer, southern lower Michigan has benefited from warmer winters so that more of the fawns survive. In some places, deer are becoming farm-raised.

In many places, deer can be pests around farms.

When I was a kid, Canada geese were a rarity. To be found mainly at Kensington Metropark. Years earlier, geese were shy and wouldn't nest

around humans. A strain developed that got used to humans, and now they infest our lakes, defecating on homeowners' manicured lawns.

They are a beautiful game bird. Michigan's harvest of 150,000 to 170,000 honkers makes this state No. 1 in the country.

Currently, the Department of Natural Resources is removing "nuisance" geese to other parts of the state and nation. DNR is experimenting with another method — using volunteers from the Humane Society of the United States to replace real goose eggs with artificial ones. It can be done only with DNR supervision, however, because disturbing a goose nest is a federal offense.

Obviously, hunting is the only permanent solution to overpopulation of deer and geese. How DNR will manage this in places like Metroparks, where hikers, skaters and bikers use the trails nearly four seasons, I don't know.

Swans are still lovely to look at at Kensington, but they're considered an aggressive nuisance at Metro Beach on Lake St. Clair. Four birds first appeared at Metro in 1980, and now the flock is up to 100. There are reports of swans knocking men off jet skis. Having watched jet-skiers, I tend to sympathize with the swans.

DNR is considering capturing, relocating and possibly destroying some of the swans. It's a solution I never expected to see in these parts.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Novi students head to Chemistry Olympiad

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

Two Novi High School students were chosen March 19 to participate in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Examination to take place at the University of Michigan-Dearborn on April 23.

Senior Sophie Liao and Junior Mark Szawst competed against fellow high school students from the Detroit area to qualify for a chance

to represent Michigan at the National Examination. A third Novi High School student, senior Mark Wagner, was named as a runner-up from the Detroit Section.

Only ten students from the any given section in the U.S. are invited to attend the nationals, which consists of the top 1,000 students in the country. Of those students participating in the nationals, 20 will be chosen to attend a study camp

at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado where the number of students will be cut to four.

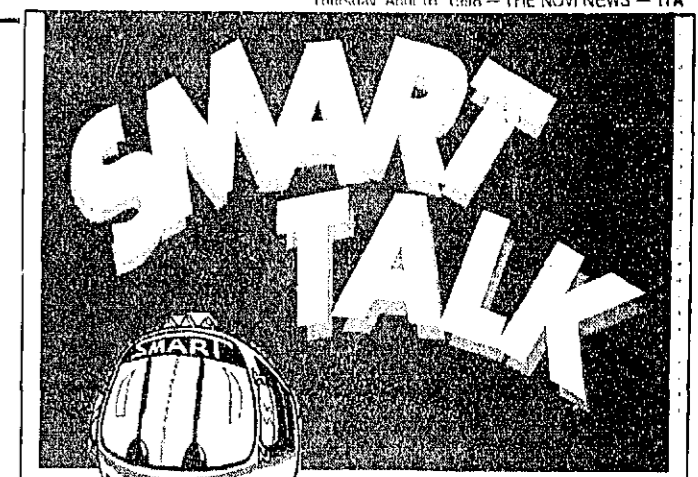
The remaining four will then go on to represent the U.S. in the International Chemistry Olympiad to be held in July in Melbourne, Australia.

For the past 15 years, the Detroit section has sent a student to the study camp, said Ron Helmkamp, chemistry teacher at Novi High

School.

"This is a very difficult competition," said Helmkamp. "These kids are the best of the best from the Detroit metro area."

Only one student from the Detroit section has ever made the final four. In 1993 and 1994, Peggy Liao, sister of Sophie Liao, one of this year's national nominees, made the cut and attended the study camp.



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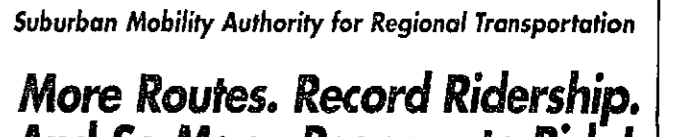
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What's in a watch?

They say friends are forever. For former Northville Schools custodian Lois Powless, that theory saying now holds even deeper meaning.

The generosity shown by her co-workers purchase of a gold watch in recognition of her two decades of work with the district isn't the sort of thing you're apt to see in 1998. So often, we talk about the dog-eat-dog world and in the process forget about those who've been there along the way.

The school district and Ms. Powless have some disagreement as to whether or not she qualified for the watch based on district requirements. We believe that in certain circumstances, the spir-

it of a rule needs to supersede the letter of the rule.

Ms. Powless' intent was clear — she wanted to stay with the district she had worked for, were it not for falling ill. We have little doubt that had Ms. Powless not fallen prey to Legionnaires disease, she would have continued working to and well beyond the 20 year benchmark.

This isn't a story that relates to rules and policies as much as it is a ray of sunshine in a world that can often appear bleak. Ms. Powless has her watch and her friends made it possible. We're happy for all of them.

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Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to The Novi News/Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. There is no charge.

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Novi's oldest senior celebrates 106th her birthday

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Rodriguez spent her birthday weekend with her family at her only son Joseph's home in Brighton. She enjoyed a strawberry birthday cake with a big pink candle symbolizing 100 years and six smaller white candles, each standing for one year.

She was able to live on her own up to age 100 and remained very lucid until 105, family members say. A former resident of Plymouth, Rodriguez has been in Whitehall for one year. Before that, she lived with her son.

"She used to speak quite a bit of English, but in the last two to three years, she reverted back to Spanish," Joseph Rodriguez said.

"I've heard of this happening before with real old people."

Rodriguez's family actually missed her 100th birthday. They thought she was a few years younger when they sent to Spain five years ago for a copy of her baptismal record. To their surprise, she'd already turned 101.

Rodriguez is past the point where she can answer many questions about her life and most of her generation are long gone.

In 1910, she was only 18 when she and a sister left Spain for Cuba. But her ultimate goal was the United States, a country her own nation had briefly been at war with in 1898, when Rodriguez was only six years old.

"She came on her own. They did things like that," Joseph Rodriguez said.

On arriving here, she lived first in Connecticut, where she met her husband, Ramon Rodriguez, also from Spain. The couple married in 1925. Born in 1891, he missed his 100th birthday by only two years.

The family attributes the couple's longevity to their lifestyle. Rodriguez was already 32 when Birdseye invented frozen food in 1924, but that - and canned foods - were consumer conveniences she avoided. She and her husband only ate fresh food.

"They never had a car. They walked all the time. They'd go to the store each day," Pauline Rodriguez said.

"They ate potatoes for two meals a day, everybody, boiled potatoes. She still likes potatoes."

On special occasions, Rodriguez would make the Spanish dish paella - rice and saffron, and chicken and shrimp and pork chops.

"They'd put all the leftovers from the refrigerator into it," her daughter-in-law recalled.

Up to a year ago, Rodriguez still wrote letters to family members in Spain. She's been back six times since she left the country.

Rodriguez is a grandmother of two and great-grandmother of two.

Pauline Rodriguez said her mother-in-law has always been quite the lady.

"She's always been very proud and very proper. She doesn't like to eat in front of anybody. She wants you to eat with her," she added.

Rodriguez keeps a workbasket by her chair, occasionally picking up her green crochet needle and her yarn, in shades of pink.

"She's crocheted baby blankets for everybody. Some of our nieces and nephews are just teens, but she made them blankets they can put away, so when they have children, they'll have one from her," Pauline Rodriguez said.

She was elegantly dressed last week in print dress and tiny silver earrings. Rodriguez has definite favorites among the nursing home staff and residents, but has trouble communicating with them.

Her son and daughter-in-law visit her daily.

"It makes it real difficult for her when nobody else speaks Spanish here," Pauline Rodriguez said.

A VERY LONG LIFE

- 1892 Irene Sierra born
- 1894 First gasoline-powered car in U.S. built
- 1895 Marconi invents radio telegraphy
- 1898 U.S. battleship Maine blown up, leading to brief Spanish American War
- 1901 President William McKinley assassinated, succeeded by Teddy Roosevelt
- 1903 Wright Brothers fly first airplane
- 1910 Irene Sierra leaves Spain for Cuba
- 1914 World War I breaks out, over 10 million will die
- 1915 First telephone conversation
- 1918 Influenza kills 20 million worldwide
- Over one million US troops land in Europe, World War I ends in November
- 1920 U.S. women get the vote
- 1923 First "talking" motion picture
- Television invented
- 1925 Irene Sierra marries Ramon Rodriguez
- 1927 Charles Lindbergh flies non-stop Atlantic crossing from New York to Paris in "The Spirit of St. Louis"
- 1929 U.S. stock market crashes, leading to economic depression
- 1934 Irene Rodriguez's first and only child, Joseph, is born, she is 42
- 1936 Civil War erupts in Spain, one million will die
- 1939 World War II breaks out in Europe, 45 million will die
- 1941 Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, U.S. enters World War II
- 1945 First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Allies win WWII
- 1960 Digital Corp. builds first mini-computer
- 1961 Alan Shepard rockets into space in first U.S. manned sub-orbital flight
- 1962 Irene Rodriguez becomes a grandmother, she is already 70
- 1963 President John Kennedy assassinated, Lyndon Johnson becomes president
- 1969 Neil Armstrong is first man to walk on the moon
- 1973 Watergate scandal forces President Richard Nixon to resign
- Peace pacts signed and last U.S. troops leave Vietnam
- 1976 Irene Rodriguez celebrates her 50th wedding anniversary
- The U.S. celebrates its bicentennial
- 1981 The space shuttle Columbia, first returnable space craft, is launched
- 1989 Ramon Rodriguez dies at age 98, leaving Irene a widow
- Communist regimes begin to collapse in Eastern Europe
- 1990 Irene Rodriguez becomes a great-grandmother
- 1998 Irene Rodriguez celebrates 106th birthday on March 29

City begins budget hearings

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Time to talk money, public money.

Last week, the Novi City Council launched into the first of six April sessions to set the budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99, which begins July 1.

A \$62.894 million budget is anticipated for the upcoming year.

City Manager Ed Kriewall is asking that the millage level for all funds except the general fund be kept at last year's rate. Among upcoming talking points in the meetings will be a proposed 0.0784 millage increase for the general fund.

As the budget was prepared by the city staff, the millage rate under consideration is \$10.8360 per each \$1,000 of State Equalized Valuation of property (50 percent of

market value.) For the owner of a \$200,000 home, the city tax rate would be \$1,083.

Last year's millage was set at 10.9282. This year's will be lower, as the city pays off debts created by bond issues, Kriewall explained.

A May 5 adoption date is set for the new budget.

Kriewall is asking that the council approve hiring six new positions: a Department of Public Works foreman and laborer; two police officers; a director of development services; and a maintenance worker and account clerk for the Water and Sewer Department.

This year, Novi's tax base has grown by 9.8 percent, bringing in an additional \$1.9 million to the general fund.

Of the \$151,805,350 increase to the tax base, \$110,066,380 is due

to new construction and \$51,738,970 is caused by increases in market value to existing property.

The city council is now taking scissoring to the city administration's budget package. But don't tune into cable TV to watch the negotiations. Council Member Laura Lorenzo made a bid last week to have them the sessions televised, but didn't win the support of the other members.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen said that the city hadn't previously budgeted for the expense of televising the meetings.

The budget meetings will be held in the Activities Room of the Novi Civic Center and are open to the public.

Kortlandt to run unopposed

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

Incumbent George Kortlandt will seek his second term as trustee for the Novi Board of Education unopposed.

Kortlandt was the only person to file as of the deadline date, according to Superintendent Emmett Lippe. The filing date for those

wishing to run for trustee was April 6.

Each year during the annual regular election, two positions of the seven available positions, each position having a term of four years, are open to run. Because of the odd number of seats available, every fifth year only one seat is open for election.

The annual regular school board election is to be held Monday, June 8. The last day on which residents of Novi may register to vote is Monday, May 11, before 5 p.m.

Novi residents can register to vote at a Secretary of State branch office or county, city or township clerk's offices.

Shaken baby case adjourned

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Courtroom action against a 22-year-old Northville Township man accused of severely beating a 4-month old boy was adjourned Monday morning minutes before the man's pretrial hearing was scheduled.

Township detective Paul Sumner said authorities were prepared for the court appearance, but a last-minute decision by the suspect's defense counsel altered the plans.

"We were fully planning to go through with it," Sumner said.

"Everybody who's been involved in this case was there."

Sumner said defense attorneys decided to call in expert medical witnesses who could speak with authority on injuries caused by shaking.

The adjournment marked the second court delay since the man was arrested in early March in connection with an emergency medical run involving the baby. Technicians who arrived on the scene discovered the infant suffered from extensive head and internal injuries.

The suspect is the baby's biological father. He and the baby's mother are not married.

A woman who was in the home told paramedics the boy had momentarily stopped breathing while medical personnel were en route.

Sumner indicated the suspect had continued to be cooperative throughout the investigation. He also said the baby's physical condition was improving substantially.

First-degree child abuse is a felony which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Brickwork classes set to begin

Homeowners interested in learning to lay their own brick patios, walks and driveways can attend classes at Brickscape Gardens, on the border between Northville and Novi, every first and third Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. beginning April 4.

Registration fee for the one-hour

class is \$5 per person, refundable with any brick purchase. More than 300 people attended last year's classes.

"Last year there was a tremendous increase in homeowners doing their own brick patios, walks, driveways and decorative walls," said DiRado. "We expect

that to continue this year."

The classes, taught by Brickscape owner Joe DiRado, are usually small, running 10 to 30 people. He has upwards of 20 years experience in the field.

Brickscape Gardens is located on Brickscape Drive. For further information call (248) 348-2500.

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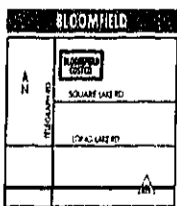
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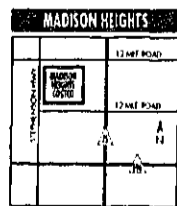
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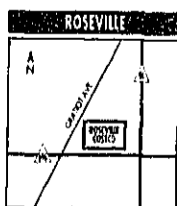
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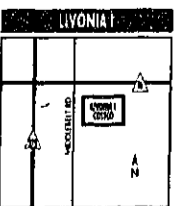
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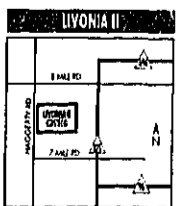
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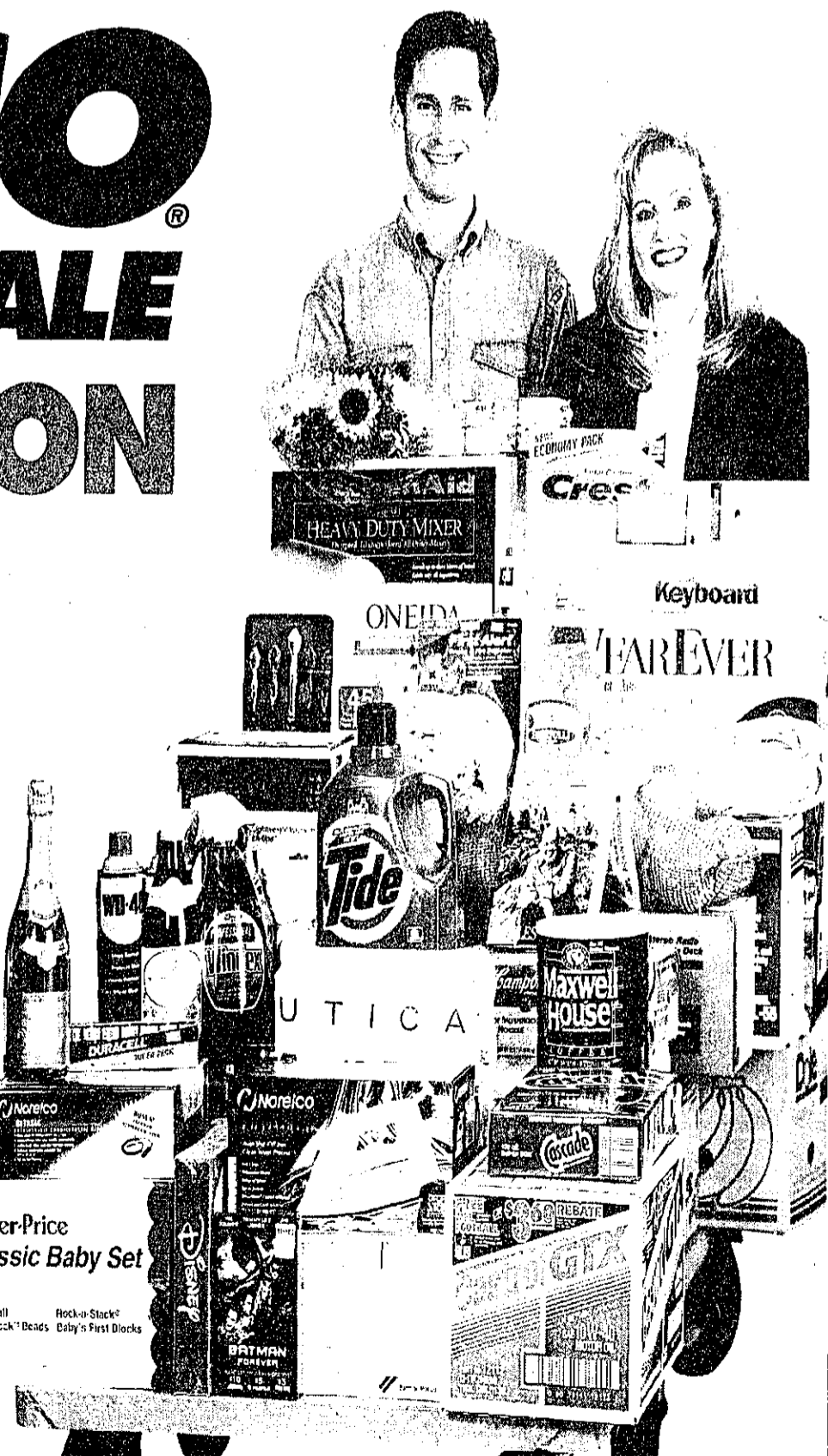
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The end of an era

The Northville Town Hall Lectures Series draws to a close after 37 years

Story by
Carol Dipple

When there is no one to pass the baton to, an era usually ends.

So it is with the Northville Town Hall Lectures Series, which will feature the last speakers on Monday, April 20.

The series will end its 37-year run under the sponsorship of Our Lady's League of Northville's Our Lady of Victory Church with the God Squad at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Laurel Park in Livonia followed by a luncheon.

From a committee of 40 during the first year in 1961-62, Town Hall has been operating lately with only about 10 committee members.

"It was getting harder and harder because all of us were doubling up on jobs," said Sue Korte, publicity chair.

The lecture series premiered at the former P&A Theatre and drew a crowd of 450 in October 1961. Following John Mason Brown's lecture, 250 women joined the speaker at a luncheon, which was held at Lofy's in Plymouth.

Over the years, 151 lectures have been presented and have included a variety of speakers and entertainers.

At one time, the presenters of the celebrity speakers were prominent members of the community.

"People not only saw the person we paid, but also the well-knowns in the community," said Fran Mattison, who was Town Hall's first secretary.

The committee has been fortunate to book speakers like Phil Donahue, who drew an audience of 800 and was sold out in three weeks. The committee secured Donahue's services for \$6,500 in 1979. Only one year later, his fee was \$23,000.

"People on the committee seemed to



At a lecture at the P&A Theatre on Nov. 19, 1964 were (from left) the late Ruth Knapp, Baroness Maria von Trapp, Bea Carlson, and Fran Mattison.

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have a gut feeling (of who was going to get better)," said Barbara Armada, president.

Following its run at the P&A Theatre (now the Marquis), lectures moved to Northville High School, then Madonna University, Plymouth Hilton, Sheraton Oaks-Novis and finally to the Holiday Inn-Laurel Park, Livonia.

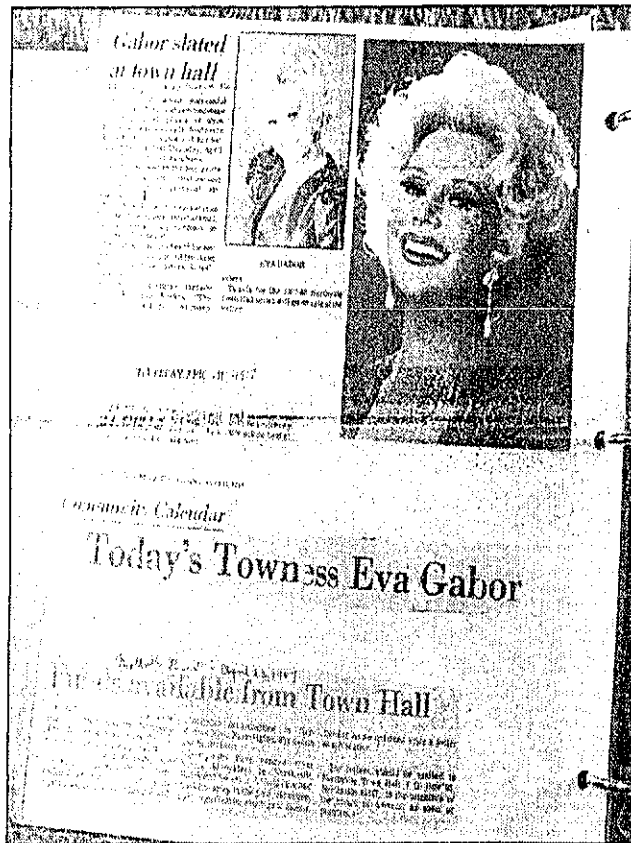
To prepare for their first lecture, committee members painted the lobby of the theater. Before each lecture, the bathrooms needed to be cleaned and Estelle Hanley changed the marquis while Phyllis Skittery arranged the flowers.

"When you walked into that lobby Phyllis had all the artificial flowers arranged, it was just beautiful," said Mattison. "We really worked. We even built the podium because there wasn't a lectern in the theater at the time."

For Baroness Maria von Trapp's lecture, the Town Hall committee purchased stage curtains for the theater.

During the time the lectures were held at Northville High School, tickets to certain lectures were made available to the students.

For many years, eighth grade students from Our Lady of Victory School in Northville could take the day off to babysit for lecture patrons.



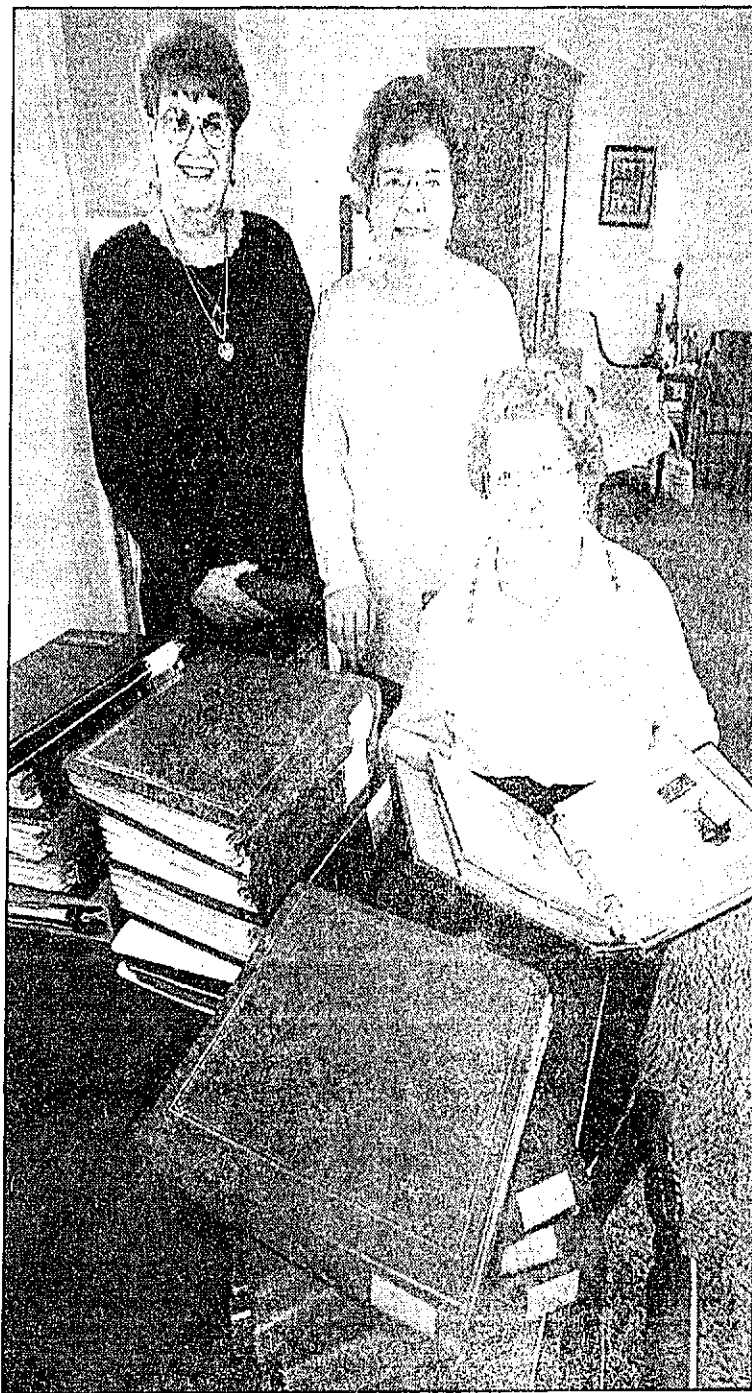
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Above: John Stessel signs autographs after his talk on Oct. 6, 1988.

Right: Board of Awards committee members (from left) Fran Mattison, Anne Brueck, Norma Vernon and Reggie Hodson met with New Horizon's Marilyn Zobel (seated) to watch slides of her organization.

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Left: Committee members (from left) Sue Korte, Barbara Armada and Fran Mattison plan to turn 37 years of Town Hall's history compiled by Mattison over to the Northville Library. Above: A page from one of 14 albums Fran Mattison kept includes an autographed photograph of Eva Gabor.

Photos by HAL GOULD

Chamber plans speakers for coming meetings

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A first-ever district/chamber mixer will be held on Wednesday, April 22, from 4-6 p.m. The purpose of the event is to help businesses coordinate with Partners in Education in helping Novi students. The afternoon will include refreshments, entertainment and raffle drawings. The program will be held at the Instructional Technology Center Forum, 25345 Taft Road. Please RSVP and call 349-3743.

The chamber will also sponsor "Lunch and Learn: Hire Right, Fire Right," which will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Guest speaker will be labor and employment attorney Gary C. Ankers. Ankers exclusively defends employers in employment-related matters. The cost for members will be \$12 and for non-members, \$15. A box lunch will be included. Registration deadline is at noon, Tuesday, May 5; call the chamber office at 349-3743 for reservations or further information.

A report will also be given at the luncheon as respects "A Night to Remember," a charity auction dinner dance attended by 425-plus people. A check will be presented to the Paralyzed Veterans of America on May 19, when the chamber will host Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer at a luncheon given at the Double Tree-Now Hotel.

Novi Highlights

great success. Serving a delicious breakfast of quiche, sausage, blueberry muffins, fruit cup and juice were the Novi Cloggers dressed in waitress costumes of pink and white. The tables were beautifully decorated in the pink and white theme.

Providing entertainment was the Novi Senior Center Chorus. Gerry Stipp is director of the chorus and Jim Bostwick was the accompanist. Bostwick is substituting for George Geise at the present time. Singer Ann Weisel started out the program with a rendition of "Come to the Cabaret," followed by the chorus singing "Has Anybody Seen My Gal." Following the chorus was a Rockette-style dance routine by Helen Weiss, Jan McBride, Marian Cowan and Florence Baptist. Next came Al Goldstein who sang "For Me and My Gal." Among the several oldies sung by the chorus were: "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love."

Pat Gatzke of Novi Charter House will speak on April 21 about volunteer opportunities available for those who would like to make a difference in a resident's life. If you wish to participate in this program, call Pat Gatzke at 477-2000.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

The church will sponsor an Interfaith Rotating Shelter on April 18-25 for participation by church family members and the community. Plans to provide three meals a day plus snacks were started several months ago by coordinator Sandie Lapham and her committee. Homeless from Detroit will be visiting during this seven-day period. The committee will furnish breakfast from 6-8:30 a.m., provide bagged lunches, and dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers will provide food, prepare it, serve and eat with the homeless, as well as cleaning up the kitchen and dining areas.

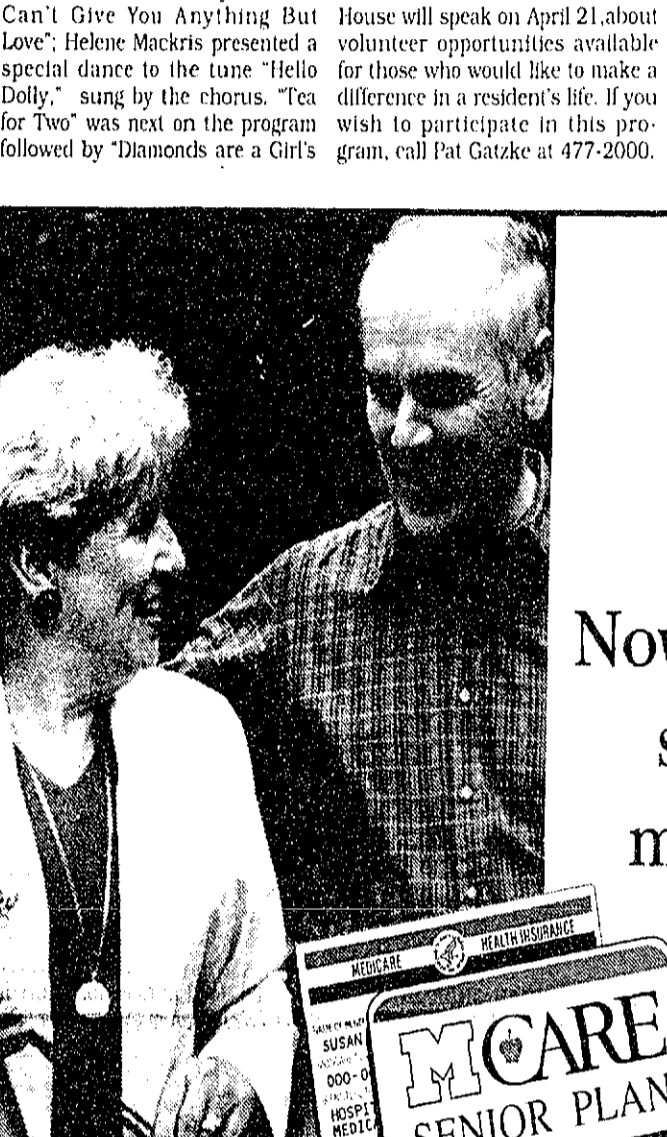
There is also a need for volunteers in the areas of night monitors, clean-up, laundry, hospitality, etc. Hygiene packs will be made up and given to each guest as well as non-perishable food supplies for the week. Twin-size sheets are also needed and will be given to each guest to keep. Please call Carol Ann Donnelly, director of the Christian Service Department, at 349-8553 for more detailed information.

Appearing at the church program, "Accent on Women," was Pearlina Bodzin of the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies. She presented a prelude

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Gorman's now offers two stores under one roof

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

When Gorman's Home Furnishings went looking for a way broad-ens its customer base, it came up with a unique solution. Gorman's would "knock off" itself.

The new INTRO at Gorman's, a 5,000-square-foot, store-within-a-store, opens Thursday, April 16, and is located on the second floor of Gorman's Home Furnishings at 27800 Novi Road and Twelve Mile Road in Novi.

And new customers to Gorman's, or customers that haven't shopped the furniture retailer for a while, may be in for a form of reverse shock. Gorman's, which has traditionally been known for more expensive furniture and styles, wanted to attract a new customer base, one that may have decided in the past that the 58-year-old home furnishings retailer was not quite right for them. It may include a younger group of customers, but the retailer did not want to limit its marketing to young people.

INTRO's slogan is "starting out or starting over, maybe moving up."

"It's for an educated customer who for one reason or another (doesn't) have it quite yet, and yet is a very important word," said Tom Lias, president and COO of Gorman's Home Furnishings. "It may be somebody who's got a big house and needs a lot of furniture to furnish it and real expensive things aren't quite what they're after yet."

Three years in the making, INTRO was developed because market research indicated a major shift in consumer lifestyles.

"In looking at what we should do, the one thing we didn't want to do is more of the same. We didn't want the same kinds of customers coming necessarily, for the same price levels, the same overall kinds of furniture," Lias said. "Supposedly we are already doing that pretty well and have penetrated that customer base."

"The truth is we knocked ourselves off," Lias said. "We went



An interior designer for Gorman's, Amy Brodsky tidies up a grouping by Bauhaus in the store's new INTRO department which opens April 16 in Novi.

both established Gorman's looks both traditional, transitional and slightly contemporary and just copied ourselves, but we did it at price ranges that are in many cases one-third of comparable goods."

As an example, a room setting which includes a black velvet sofa from Sacum for \$2,000 on sale; a Thayer Coggin leopard print chair for \$2,000; Swain cocktail table for just over \$2,000; and a custom area rug in the \$3,000 range offered in Gorman's translates to a similarly-styled room setting of a sofa, \$899; chair, \$699; cocktail table, \$299; and rug, \$600, in the INTRO department.

"That is literally taking our look, a Gorman's style, and knocking it off," he said. "And in this case it is well under half of what the other look is."

The decisions on what to keep were not predicated on sales but on looks and quality, according to Lias.

"We went out and searched the marketplace for this," he said. "It actually takes longer with more searching and working harder to find the style in this price range than it does in the other."

It's very easy for Gorman's buyers to purchase Swain or Marge Carson pieces by just going to the other thing altogether for us to shop all over the marketplace, all over the country, to find things that look like that but at price ranges that are different, and still be quality pieces that we are real proud of."

Although INTRO pieces will be very fashion forward, high value and well-priced, they will be available in limited fabric selections compared to what Gorman's usually offers.

There won't be a lot of options, no other sizes, no sales, and no catalogs in the INTRO department.

Church Notes

The Women's Service Club of MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will hold a Rummage Sale on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The church is located at 21855 Meadowbrook Road in Novi between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

The annual Spring Rummage Sale is planned at FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, for Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. with a "Mollar

bag" sale on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. until noon. Merchandise that will be available for sale include computers, beds, dressers, clothing for all ages, books, toys and many other treasures. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-5666.

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Engagements



Tammi Brandon/Matthew Lewandowski

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Brandon of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammi L., to Matthew Lewandowski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewandowski of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1993, with a bachelor's degree in social science. This year, she received her master's in education from Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass., and is employed as a reading specialist at a private educational firm.

The groom-elect graduated in 1990 from Stevenson High School, Livonia. He received his bachelor's degree in marine science and biology from the University of Miami, Florida. In 1994, this year, he earned his master's degree in biology from the University of Michigan. He is currently an instructor of biology at the University of Michigan.

A May wedding is planned.



Gretchen Larson/Stephen Kline

Gretchen Anne Larson and Stephen Thomas Kline are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gordon Larson of Warren and Nancy Larson of Livonia. Gretchen is a graduate of Clarenceville High School and Central Michigan University, and is currently employed at Health Alliance Plan.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Kline of Fairview Park, Ohio. A graduate of Bishop Burgess High School and Eastern Michigan University, Stephen currently works for the state of Michigan.

A June wedding is planned.

Pet of the Week



Sasha is looking for a home.

The two-year-old female was captured in Detroit with nine, one-day-old puppies. She was very thin but managed to nurse all her puppies until they were adopted. Sasha will be at PetSmart on Saturday, April 18.

Sasha has been spayed and she seems really intelligent, according to a Critter Connection volunteer.

Critter Connection has a variety of other adult dogs and puppies which it shows every Saturday at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi, at Pet Purr Pets & Supplies, 37592 West Twelve Mile near Halstead in Farmington Hills, and at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty Road in Commerce Township, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

For additional information, or the location on where a specific breed will be shown, call (248) 855-4136 or (313) 563-1823.

Town Hall committee calls it quits

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The Northville Town Hall was patterned after the Grosse Pointe Celebrates Series. The first meeting was held in 1950 at the late Ann Rahaley's home, the founder of the Northville Town Hall Lecture Series.

The purpose of Town Hall was to raise money for charity and as a cultural activity for the community.

The speakers during the series' premiere in 1961-62 included John Mason Brown, Madame Grette Spanier, Anthony Wedgewood Bern, Ian Rod MacFarlane and Bennett Corf.

The speaker list during the following 36 years included Art Buchwald, Vincent Price, Ann Landers, Bishop Fulton Sheen, Art Linkletter, "Fat" Bob Taylor, David Frost, Dr. Sonya Friedman, Will Rogers Jr., George Plimpton, Phil Donahue, Mario Thomas, Phyllis Diller, John Stossel, David Eisenhower, Nanette Fabray, and Deeny McLain.

"You just never really think it's ever going to end," said Korte. "I wish I'd gotten autographs from every single one that I've dealt with. I was so busy doing everything you have to do to get it going."

A season lecture ticket without luncheon was \$10 in 1961-62. Individual luncheons, which were held in a separate location for many years, were \$1.75 the first year. During the 1997-98 season, lecture and luncheon tickets for the series was \$90.

Mattison has held an office with Town Hall pretty much every year since she joined the committee when she was 39 and working part-time for Northville Township. Along with being its secretary, Mattison has also been the treasurer and is currently the chairman of the Board of Awards.

Although asked many times to be the president, she has always declined due to an inability to speak before large groups.

"They begged and begged," Mattison explained, "but there's workers and queens, I've chosen to be a worker."

Mattison, on her own, has compiled newspaper clippings, autographed photographs of celebrities, and other mementos in 14 red photo albums which she laid out recently on her mahogany dining room table.

"I've been historian for ever," Mattison said.

Going through the albums brings back many memories for Mattison, as well as Korte and Armada.

"One of the nicest things about Town Hall is the people you met who worked on the committees throughout the years," Mattison said. "It's meant that much to me."

When Mattison and the late Ruth Knapp went to pick up Baroness Maria von Trapp, who was scheduled to speak Nov. 19, 1964, the Baroness was clutching a carpetbag.

"I hope you drive the speedway," Mattison remembers her asking immediately.

"She insisted on sitting in the back seat and didn't visit at all," Mattison said.

"Midway during the drive the Baroness made a comment about how many birds were killed to make Mattison's hat," Mattison said of the peasant leather hat she was wearing to the lecture.

"At a loss for words for a moment she replied, 'We all eat chicken and these are probably dyed chicken feathers.'"

The Baroness told Mattison that speaking was a cross she had to bear and that the money she made sent to her daughter who was a missionary.

Before every speaking engagement, the Baroness said she liked to be alone so they took her to Mattison's home where she was allowed the use of Mattison's bedroom. Out of the carpetbag she took an altar and sat down to meditate.

"I still have the hat," Mattison said.

When Anthony Wedgewood Bern arrived at the Plymouth train depot for his Jan. 17, 1962 lecture, the first thing he wanted to do was take a shower, remembers Mattison.

So the late Jean Chechman took the political columnist, radio and TV broadcaster, and member of the House of Commons in Great Britain to her home, where he could shower.

"Olivia Dehavenland was really charming, just like you remember her from 'Gone with the Wind,'" Mattison said.

Mattison was at the meeting of Our Lady of Victory Church's Altar Society (now Our Lady's League) when the idea for a lecture series was proposed.

Past Presidents

1961-62 Ann Rahaley (founder)

1962-63 Jo Angile

1963-64 Estelle Hanley

1964-66 Phyllis Slattery

1966-68 Anne Brueck

1968-69 Ann Lang

1969-71 Debra Hylitt

1971-73 Edie Doherty

1973-74 Anne Miron

1974-75 Polly Kelly

1975-77 Rosemarie Palarchio

1977-79 Florence Booms

1979-81 Carolyn DiComo

1981-83 Regina Hodson

1983-85 Sandra Chouinard

1985-86 Rosemarie Palarchio

1986-88 Claire Long

1988-90 Nancy Quirk

1990-92 Mary Louis Cutler

1992-94 Carmen Kuckenbecker

1994-96 Nancy Isach

1996-98 Barbara Armada

"If you get the right people in the community interested in this it will be a success," Mattison remembers telling the group at the meeting.

The first organizational meeting was held at Ann Rahaley's Rogers Street home in 1959.

"She called all the wheelers and dealers," Mattison said. "That's how we started."

"We never met at the churches, we always met at each others' homes," said Korte of the ecumenical committee in the beginning. "Each person would host a meeting and when you hosted the meeting you were responsible for the coffee and refreshments."

"Those were the days when we could eat," Armada said.

The Board of Awards presented one half of the monies it raised each year to charities and one half went to Our Lady of Victory Church. Its sponsor, Charities from neighboring communities receiving monetary awards included Plymouth, South Lyon, Farmington, and Livonia, as well as Novi and Northville.

Town Hall donated substantial amounts initially to First Step, New Horizons, and Northwest Child Guidance Group when those organizations were getting started, according to Mattison.

"It did a lot of good for the community over the years and was a great organization," said Northville attorney Herman Mochlman, a member of the Board of Awards since its inception.

"It is indicative of the fact that we have two-family wage earners and women don't have the free time to enjoy what it has brought to the community," Mochlman said. "It has done a lot culturally to the city as well as to the church and the charities they have supported over the years."

Mochlman, who was only able to attend some of the lectures because of his full-time job, was always there at the end to select the charities to receive monetary awards.

"It is a trend of the times," he said. "You can look around and many of what have been features of Northville for a long, long time, and you wonder how long they're going to last."

Our Lady of Victory Church's Pastor Ernest Porcari said he is sad to see it close.

"The Russian pianist they had a few years ago was fantastic," he said. "It is sad to see it close. It was like a community activity and was something that was interesting. I really don't like to see it die."

Any organization interested in continuing this fund raising activity can call Barbara Armada at (248) 349-7255.

"When they say women are working now and can't do it, I don't go for that. I feel if you have the interest you would still want to do it," Mattison said. "I became a part of Town Hall because it was of my church affiliation. I worked part-time for the township at the time. I was able to do both."



Msgr. Thomas Hartman and Rabbi Mark Gellman, 'The God Squad,' will present the final lecture at Northville Town Hall on Monday, April 20.

'The God Squad' to address Town Hall

The final speakers in the 1997-98 Northville Town Hall Lecture Series season will be The God Squad's Rabbi Mark Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman on Monday, April 20.

The duo's mission is to reshape the way mass cultural Americanism views, absorbs, and ultimately accept religion in the late 20th century.

Where Does God Live? and Does God Have a Name? are the titles of the children's books they have co-authored, the latter of which was made into an HBO-TV special.

For ticket information, call Carmen Ruckenberg at (810) 349-7277.

Co-hosts of a cable television show for 11 years which is syndicated to 30 million homes called The God Squad, Gellman and Hartman, who are both 51, are known for their presentation of religion with dignity, humor and joy.

Rabbi Gellman, a chief rabbi at a synagogue in Dix Mills, Long

Island, and Monsignor Hartman, a Catholic priest in Elmont, N.Y., appear weekly on ABC's Good Morning America and on the Don Imus talk-radio program.

Reunions

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia.

For more information, call (248) 348-4282.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1993, 5-year reunion, Saturday, June 6, Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville. Call Stacey at (410) 415-4863 or snleed@juco.com.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7, Novi Hilton. Call (810) 465-2277.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 14, Novi Hilton. Call (810) 465-2277.

MT. CLEMENS ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL: Multi-class reunion, Classes of 1964 through 1970, Aug. 21, Zuccaro Banquet House in Chesterfield. Call (810) 465-2277.

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Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 16, Single Place will present "The Lighter Side of Success: Humor in the Workplace" with speaker Walt Stastinski, M.Ed., M.P.H. at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 23, the group will meet at the Starting Gate for dinner at 6 p.m. Following at 7:30 p.m. at the church, the speakers' presentation will be "Living Alone & Doing It Well" with Anne Lus, M.A. An Open Forum on "Looking at Happiness" with Darleen Sweeney will also be presented at 7:50 p.m.

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Resident cast in OU play

Northville resident John Michael Norman has been cast as Joe in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches."

Award-winning actor Robert Grossman will portray McCarthy-era attorney Roy Cohn in the New Studio Company's production of Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama. He has been the recipient of "best actor" awards from the "Detroit Free Press" and "The Detroit News."

"Angels in America" follows the lives of two young couples, a pair of gay lovers and a politically ambitious Mormon lawyer and his wife, whose lives intersect in the corridors of power ruled by the notorious Roy Cohn. Through their lives and fantasies, this electrifying epic examines AIDS, homosexuality, religion, relationships in politics in the United States as the millennium approaches.

"Angels in America" won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for drama and four Tony Awards, including "best play." Additional honors include Live Drama Desk Awards including "outstanding new play," and the New York Critics Circle Award for "best play."



The 'Angels in America' cast includes (third row from left) Northville resident John Michael Norman, Lewis Bowen and Ray Schultz; (second row) John Biedenbach, Robert Grossman and Karen Sheridan; and (first row) Jacquie Floyd and Karey L. Hart.

"Angels in America," which contains adult language and nudity, is sponsored by the generous support of the Oakland University Strategic Plan Fund and the

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The play will run in the 150-seat Varner Studio Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, April

29 through May 17.

Tickets are \$22. For additional information, call Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre at (248) 377-3300.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

VOICES IN TIME: Based in Northville, there are still openings in this mini-chorus. For more information, call Ed Meade at (248) 449-6540.

SPRING CONCERT: The Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Kopnick, will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 3, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m.

The Novi Band will present a variety program from overture to show tunes, and from Dixieland to Sousa.

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include author and herbalist Colleen K. Dodi, owner of Herbal Endeavors in Rochester Hills will discuss various teas on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Dodi is the author of "Natural Baby Care and Essential Oils Book."

On Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. composer and recording artist Jeffrey Michael returns to perform in the cafe. Eva Shaw, author of "For the Love of Children," will be at the Northville Township store on Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville. For details, call (248) 348-0696.

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events include Dan Millman, author of "The Way of the Zen Warrior" who will read from his newest book "Everyday Enlightenment" on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m., the Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt on Thursday, April 23; Mrs. Frizzle catches the wave with an interactive performance of sound on Saturday, April 25; Dinotek brings dinosaurs to life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26; and Stellar "Stellaluna" Story time when The Organization for Bat Conservation visits with a live version of the bat Stellaluna on Tuesday, April 28.

The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For more information, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select Novi City Council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets and dancers are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For details, call 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions.

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THEATER

NOVI THEATRES: "The Velvetten Rabbit" will be performed by "the little people players" on April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 26 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children under age 12.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

MARQUIS THEATRE: To celebrate the upcoming spring season, the Marquis Theatre will present a musical adaptation of "Charlotte's Web" live on stage through April 26.

"Charlotte's Web" is the tale of a little girl named Fern, her pet pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, April 18, 19, 25 and 26. During spring season, performances will be held on April 16 and 17. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$6.50. Special group rates and times are available.

For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater now through April at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is "Trial by Error!"

Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are always other jobs available as, say, the defendant.

All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner.

For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show Beanie Baby Capers on April 18 and 25.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

MUSIC

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Trio with enee Dan McCall will host an open blues jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

HENNESSEY'S PUB: Tammy D Band will perform on April 17 and 18, and May 15 and 16 at 8:30 p.m. Hennessey's is located at 49110 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 348-4404.

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NOVI CHORALAIRES: "A Date With Disney" with selections from Disney classics will be performed on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fuest Auditorium in Novi High School.

ATRIUM CENTER GALLERY: Atrium Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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NEARBY

ARTISTS CLUB: The Farmington Artists Club hosts the Spring Exhibit and Sale of framed and unframed works April 26 through May 3 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Gate 4, in Farmington Hills west of Middlebelt Road.

Show hours are Sunday, April 26, 3-5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, April 27-May 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

For details, call (248) 646-3707.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, push and pull toys, trains and rocking horses.

The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5.

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Hitman gets no respect in 'Big Hit'

Hitmen are usually depicted as solitary, secretive characters whose only source of satisfaction comes through their prowess on the job. Their lives are orderly, precise and devoid of domestic complications.

That's not the case in *The Big Hit*. These killers clock in, and they clock out. They want bonuses. They talk about vacations and retirement. And once firmly planted on a stool at the local bar after a hard day of knocking off bad-dies, these ice-cold hitmen turn into regular guys.

The mild-mannered Mel Smiley (Mark Wahlberg) is the leader of this group of working stiffs. He just wants everyone to like him, which means, naturally, that everyone takes advantage of him instead. Especially the women in his life.

Chantal (Lela Rochon), Mel's erstwhile mistress, sees him as little more than a meat ticket. She lives rent-free in his house, spends his money, and is continually thinking of ways to get more out of him. Her latest money-grabbing scheme is concocting tales about overdue mortgage and car payments, when she really wants the extra money to run away with her new lover, Sergio.

Mel's beautiful fiancée, Pam (Christina Applegate), gave her parents \$50,000 from Mel's bank account. Now they on their way to thank him and, hopefully, benefit from another financial windfall.

At least Mel exerts all his difficultly not to mention morally questionable — line of work. Behind his friendly disposition, Mel is a "whirling, speeding juggernaut of death."

With his associates, Cisco (Lou Diamond Phillips), Crunch (Bokeem Woodbine) and Vince

(Antonio Sabato, Jr.), Mel works for Paris, the leader of an international crime cartel and a contractor for hit jobs.

What Mel and his associates lack in professional demeanor they more than make up for in panache — maybe they watches aren't synchronized, but their targets get hit and they even pick up a couple of girls' phone numbers on the way.

Like everyone else in his life, Mel's associates, particularly Cisco, also take advantage of him. They give him the most dangerous assignments, cheat him out of his bonuses and tease him unmercifully about the women in his life.

Mel's daily consumption of Maalox is a dead giveaway that the mounting pressure is beginning to affect him. Mel is worrying so much about pleasing others, he's forgotten to please himself. His life is falling apart.

In one crazy, action-packed weekend, everything will change.

Warren Zide, a top Hollywood literary manager turned producer, recognized a good thing when he read Ben Ramsey's screenplay for *The Big Hit*.

"His talent was evident, and this was a movie that I really wanted to see," says Zide. Zide passed the script to Wesley Snipes' company, Amen Ra, which was similarly impressed. "The story was fresh, and Wesley saw the possibilities immediately," says Amen Ra's Victor McGauley, a co-producer on *The Big Hit*.

After establishing an international reputation as an innovative action director, Wong, along with producer Roger Garcia, was looking for a project to launch his career in North America.

"The script was very original, and that's a quality that I need for my work," says Wong. "It provided



Hitmen (left to right) Crunch (Bokeem Woodbine), Vince (Antonio Sabato, Jr.), Cisco (Lou Diamond Phillips), and Mel (Mark Wahlberg) act more like working stiffs as opposed to flashy killers in TriStar Pictures Presentation "The Big Hit."

the basis for some good action pieces, but at the same time, there's a tongue-in-cheek kind of attitude, too. Obviously, I enjoy doing action sequences, but action means nothing if we don't have decent characters. They're both equally important to me."

Actor Lou Diamond Phillips describes the group of hitmen as "the 'Odd Squad' — an ensemble cast for the '90s. Mark, as Mel, is sweet, and the killing machine in the group. Bokeem's character, Crunch, actually defies description. He's the muscle of the group. Antonio, as Vince, will really surprise his followers."

Phillips elaborates on the complex relationship between Cisco and Mel, which is central to the overall story. "Cisco sees himself as Mel's mentor and his friend. Cisco has an immense amount of respect for Mel, but I think that he fears him as well. That's why he's constantly putting him down in front of the other guys."

"Yet Cisco always turns to Mel to take care of business because he knows that he's the best one of the bunch. And then Cisco betrays him, which is heart-wrenching for Mel."

One of the ironies of Mel's personal life is that he is a ruthless hitman who is totally submissive to the women in his life.

"Though engaged to Pam, Mel falls for Keiko (China Chow), the lovely daughter of a rich industrialist and the woman he has been contracted to kill. "She's in the same position with her family and friends as Mel is," says Wahlberg. "She helps him realize what a real relationship should be."

Most of the film's 10-week shooting schedule took place on location in and around Toronto's suburbs.

According to Garcia, "The idea of hitmen in suburbia helps to enhance the idea that *The Big Hit* takes place in a world that you recognize, but don't quite identify with. The characters are people whom the audience will know, but, at the same time, are doing things that we wouldn't expect."



This action film shows a human side as the complicated friendship between Cisco and Mel takes a sharp turn for the worse.

Phillips no stranger to stage or screen

Lou Diamond Phillips can be seen playing the part of Cisco, a close friend gone bad, in TriStar Pictures latest flick, *The Big Hit*.

Phillips most recently co-starred in the military drama "Courage Under Fire" opposite Meg Ryan and Denzel Washington. His portrayal of Monfiez, the headstrong and determined army gunner, won him rave reviews and a Blockbuster Audience Award.

Phillips fulfilled a lifelong acting dream when he took to the stage in the Broadway production of the classic Rogers & Hammerstein musical, "The King and I." Since opening in 1996, the production

has garnered six Tony nominations, including a Best Actor nomination for Phillips and Outstanding Broadway Debut awards from "Theater First" and the New York Outer Critics Circle.

Phillips first came to the public's attention "La Bamba" and solidified his reputation in "Stand and Deliver," for which he received a Golden Globe nomination. He also starred in such films as "Young Guns I & II," "Disorganized Crime," "Renegades," "The First Power," and "Shadow of the Wolf."

His cable television credits include Showtime's "Wharf Rats," HBO's "Extreme Justice" and early

career appearances on "Dallas" and "Miami Vice."

Phillips' extensive theater credits include "T.S. Your Cat is Dead," "The Lady's Not for Burning," "Doctor Faustus," "Hamlet" and a new adaptation of Bertolt Brecht's "The Good Person of Szechwan" with Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Kushner.

In addition to his acting talents, Phillips has established himself as a writer and director. His first produced screenplay, "Ambition," in

which he also starred, was released by Miramax in 1992. His directorial debut was "Dangerous Touch," a psychological thriller for TriStar and HBO, in association with Facet Films (Phillips' own production company).

Phillips also directed "Stouxy Tony" for Cabin Fever Entertainment, which received strong critical notices across the U.S. and a Gold Medal Award at the International Film Festival in Houston, Texas.

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THURSDAY April 16, 1998

Errors doom softball squad

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Several bad hops and plenty of errors were the downfall for the Wildcats softball team in a pair of losses to Hartland April 8 on the road.

Novi lost 8-5 in the first game and were mercered 12-2 in the second.

The defense, or lack thereof, gave the Eagles several second chances and eliminated any hopes of a Novi win.

"The Cats committed 10 errors in the first game alone, something coach Carol Diglio said no team can do if they want a chance to win.

"A lot of it is a matter of coming prepared to play everyday," the coach said. "We need to be mentally prepared. If we can do that, we can beat anyone."

Joelle Frantz took the loss in both games, although there was little she could do with the defense behind her. Katie Cameron missed both games after being hit by a pitch in last week's split with South Lyon.

"That definitely takes a big player out of our lineup both offensively and defensively," the coach said. Diglio said Cameron is already back practicing with the team.

Offensively, Frantz and Sarah Bajorek each had a double in the first game and multiple hits for the doubleheader. Adrienne Farrell had a pair of base hits as well.

The Wildcats had a good chance of winning the first game. The team was leading 5-3 heading into the sixth, but Hartland used several Novi errors to score five runs which proved to be game winners.

"This is a talented group of kids, that's why I'm so optimistic that we'll win some games," Diglio said. "We just need to piece it together and stay healthy. There's a whole lot of season left and I'm hoping we can turn it around starting next Wednesday."

That's the day Millard comes to Novi to play a doubleheader with the Wildcats.

Sophomore Katie Cameron was unable to play in Novi's doubleheader with Hartland.

Kickers claim pair of shutouts in KVC play

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

NOVI 8, HARTLAND 0

This game was much of the same as the South Lyon romp. The Wildcats dominated play both ends and outshot the Eagles 28-3.

Novi scored five goals in the first half, including a hat trick from Raburn.

Gibson took a pass from Raburn to put the 'Cats up 1-0 at the 9-minute mark. Two minutes later Raburn scored off an Arrington pass. Just two minutes later Raburn scored her second-straight goal. Gibson assisted.

Novi's next goal was one of the best goals Christoff has seen this year. Erin Spindler took a shot from the right corner and hit the upper-left portion of the net from 40 yards out.

"There was just no chance for the goalie to handle that shot," he said.

Raburn got her hat trick at the 37-minute mark to give the 'Cats a 5-0 lead just before half.

Jessica Kenny, Arrington and Sara Heusel scored second half goals and Gibson, Nicole Angelecci and Arrington picked up one assist each.

"Sometimes there's a tendency to downplay the other team, but they played really hard, beating us to balls many times," Christoff said. "We just had a little more skill and moved a little better without the ball."

"I always say it's not how you play with the ball, but what you do without it."

Sarah Clark picked up both wins in goal for Novi (4-2, 2-0 KVC).

The 'Cats did not play this week and will resume their season Monday against Millard at home. The game will begin at 6 p.m.

Senior attacker Jason Rafeld (left) fends off a Lansing Waverly defender as he heads for the goal last Wednesday.

Lacrosse team fends off Waverly

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The Novi Lacrosse team again fended off a rush from an opponent and pulled away late to earn an 11-7 victory over Lansing Waverly April 8.

The Wildcats built a 3-0 lead after the first quarter, but Waverly used the second and third quarters to mount a comeback, tying the game at 7-7 heading into the fourth.

"I think they let their guards down after we got the lead," coach Stan Zajdel said. "After we get a lead we have guys who take the ball down field and want to score and that's when we start giving up goals. It's just a discipline problem that these guys are going to have to understand."

Novi lacked little discipline in the fourth quarter, taking advantage of its opportunities and playing tough defense.

Zajdel called the defensive efforts of Mike O'Doherty, Dale Parker, Adam Hersberger and Joel Dunesek played a key role in the win. It was the first time Novi has shut out an opponent in the fourth quarter this year.

"We won the faceoffs and worked our offense like we've been practicing it," Zajdel said of his team's fourth-quarter efforts.

Senior midfielder Josh Tankersley scored two of his three goals in the fourth quarter while sophomore Pat Muston and senior Jason Rafeld added one each.

Muston and Rafeld scored two goals each for the game. Matt Cook and Matt Bailey each had a goal and an assist in the win. Brian Fischer and Joe Lorus each added a goal.

The win moves the Wildcats to 2-2 overall. After having spring break off, Novi will continue play with a game against Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett Tuesday before facing U of D Jesuit next Thursday.

Wildcats win two, tie non-league match against Northville

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

NOVI 8, SOUTH LYON 0

The two schools played this match in a pro-set format, which was good for the Lions. Novi lost just one game in all of the doubles combined.

Kowalczyk, Gabriel, Thomson and Bear all won 8-0 in singles. Yoon and Pfeiffer gave Novi one game at one doubles, winning 8-1.

Zatolokin and Nagar, Perry and Wang, and Tomi Messink and Tim Angelecci all won 8-0 in doubles.

NOVI 8, HARTLAND 0

At first glance, it would seem Novi dominated this match with the Eagles. But some of the matches were a bit closer than one would expect.

The 'Cats lost just one set throughout the lineup, but played several games at different flights.

Kowalczyk won 6-1, 6-1 at number one singles. Gabriel took out his opponent easily 6-2, 6-0. Pfeiffer and Bear followed up with wins of their own.

Yoon and Kim went three sets, but won 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (3). Zatolokin and Nagar won 6-3, 4-2. Perry and Wang topped their opponents 6-0, 6-2 and Thomson and Angelecci won 7-5, 6-2 at fourth doubles.

After five undefeated seasons in a row, Novi ended Northville's streak early last season. Novi is now 1-0-2 against their Borderline rival over the past three years.

"They've improved quite a bit," Northville coach Dick Norwood said. "(Novi coach) Jim Hanou has done a real nice job with the program over there."

Novi got the better of Northville in doubles, but the Mustangs dominated singles play and forced the tie.

Novi took the top three doubles matches in straight sets. Ronny Yoon and Rory Pfeiffer topped the Mustangs' Derek Sokloski and Brooks Tomlinson 6-3, 6-3 at first doubles.

Nate Zatolokin and Amit Nagar beat Ryan Prendergast and Steve Chisholm 7-6 (6), 6-4 while the third doubles team of Clayton Perry and Geoff Wang topped Northville's Mark Thomson and Chris Gerlica 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Northville did salvage fourth doubles, with Brian Arndt and Kyle Wang taking out Novi's Sean Henderson and Albert Kim 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Last year Rich Kowalczyk topped Northville's Matt Anderson at the regional meet, but the Mustangs' Matt Thomson wouldn't let that happen this year. Thomson remained defeated at No. 1, beating Kowalczyk 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-1.

Northville's Matthias Eggel beat Glenn Gabriel 6-4, 7-6 (6) at number two and the Mustangs' Dean Conway topped Tim Thomson 6-1, 6-1 at third singles to pull his team even.

Novi's Brandon Bear topped Matt Schlanser 6-0, 7-6 (1) at fourth doubles.

Golfers scores drop

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi golf team has a ways to go to catch state-power Brighton, but the team solidified its status as the second-best team in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) with a 204-219 win over South Lyon Apr. 7 at Pebble Creek.

The 'Cats were led by match medalist Katie Miller's score of 41. Tara Stevens followed with a 51 and Erin Stevens and Kelle Noble rounded out the scoring with a 52 and 57.

Novi topped South Lyon by 10 strokes in taking runner up honors at the pre-KVC meet two weeks ago.

"Katie's been nice and steady for us this year," coach Debra Harris said of her co-captain. Miller has posted a 44, 45 and 47 in Novi's first three matches this season.

"And I'm real pleased with Noble, her scores continue to go down and I know she'll be breaking into the 40s pretty soon, as will Tara Stevens."

At the pre-KVC meet, Brighton topped Novi by 34 strokes. The Wildcats improved their score by eight strokes on their home course. But to Harris' dismay, the Bulldogs dropped 15 strokes to shoot an incredible 167.

"We can break 200, but we're not going to beat Brighton if they keep shooting like that," the coach said.

NOVI 208, NVILLE 224
The Wildcats overcame the loss of Erin Stevens to easily defeat the Mustangs in this match Apr. 8.

Miller again led the charge with a 45 while Tara Stevens finished



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Katie Miller has shot all sub-50 rounds this year and is averaging a 45 for nine holes.

runnerup on her team with a 52. Rebecca Ritterer continued to lower her score with a 55 and Noble finished with a 56.

"I would like to see them down under 200. We're going to have to if we even want a chance to come close to Brighton," Harris said.

Novi has this week off because of spring break, but has a long week ahead of it. Tuesday the 'Cats swing back into action against Hartland on the road. Thursday Milford makes a trip to Pebble Creek and Friday and Saturday Novi will compete at Invitational.

Friday the Wildcats will get another chance at Brighton at the Brighton Invitational and Saturday Novi is at the South Lyon Invite.

Apr. 28 the 'Cats will compete at the Oakland County meet.

Wildcats hold Hartland off, gain 6-5 victory

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi baseball team scored three runs in the sixth inning and started off a Hartland comeback in a 6-5 win last Wednesday. The victory followed a disappointing 4-2 loss to South Lyon the previous Monday.

Scott Krause pitched a complete game against the Eagles, allowing just one earned run and five hits.

Hartland fired first, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Novi would tie the game with three runs of its own in the third.

Derek Ornekian walked to open the inning and Chris Deary singled. Krause followed with a bunt single and Ornekian scored the first run on a pass ball. Adam Stricker and Matt Gabrielli followed with fielder choices to score runs.

Hartland came back to score another run in the fifth, but Novi stormed back to get three more in the top half of the sixth.

With one out, Mitch Maier got a pinch-hit single. Ornekian walked and Deary singled to load the bases.

Krause then helped his own cause with a two-run single to give the 'Cats the lead. Stricker came back with a RBI single to make it 6-4.

"He (Krause) was masterful," coach Brian Newman said. "He kept the ball over the plate and made them hit it."

Novi had 11 hits in the game, which moved them to 1-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) and 2-3 overall.

SOUTH LYON 4, NOVI 2
Stricker pitched a complete-game gem, but the Wildcats bats

"South Lyon has a pretty solid team and they've got some good control pitchers. If you don't walk anybody and don't make mistakes, you're going to win."

Brian Howard,
Novi baseball coach

went south in this KVC loss. The senior right-hander walked one and struck out 11 and made just one mistake in the game. South Lyon's Mike Malik hit a three-run homer in the top of the third inning to give his team all the runs it would need.

Novi tried to rally trailing 4-0 heading into the seventh. A.J. Rowe had a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh, but Novi left two runners in scoring position to end the game.

"The kids were a little flat to begin the game, and didn't come around until the last inning," the coach said. "But I give them a lot of credit for not quitting."

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Brendan Hadley had two hits and scored the first run in the seventh inning for the Wildcats.

Novi has this week off, but will take on Milford next Wednesday home.

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Health Column

Condition body prior to golf season



Chris Klebba

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It is estimated that 20 percent of our population participates in golf. Unfortunately, with the beginning of the golf season comes for many the return of a past injury, or the creation of a new one. Joe Scagnette, a physical therapist at Nové Care - Northville Physical Therapy states, "Shoulder, low back and occasional ankle injuries related to the increased activity of golf this time of year rise dramatically."

What can you do to prepare to get the most out of the season and minimize your risk of injury? Plenty. Many golfers look to the latest videos, books, training devices, and equipment

goals. Now my goals are to run a little bit every day and stay healthy and injury-free.

Do you wake up every morning trying to remember what it felt like to walk without pain? Do you dread your next obligatory workout to get in those "required" miles? If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, maybe you need to reevaluate your training program.

When I was a professional triathlete ten years ago, I would run 50 miles per week in addition to biking and swimming training. My weekly training schedule was like a line from the movie "The Ten Commandments" - "So let it be written, so let it be done." Of course, when you're 24 years old and racing is your life, the aches and pains don't seem to bother you as much. However, as the miles added up, so did the discomfort. Runs that I could easily complete just seasons before had become a struggle to start let alone finish.

It was at this time I took the advice of a great friend, Joy Hansen, who had gone through similar problems at the end of her collegiate career. She suggested that I run miles into minutes. Not only did this type of training give me more time to do other things, it allowed me to run more pain-free. Most importantly, the psychological boost was wonderful. I learned that it wasn't the high mileage that made me successful. It was the consistent dedication to meeting those train-

ing goals. Now my goals are to run a little bit every day and stay healthy and injury-free.

Spring is finally in the air, and the familiar "cracking" sound of golf balls being "reed" up are in full force on local area golf courses. Brian Klebba, golf director at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon states, "We already have 300 people a day on weekends, and our outings are booked the entire month of June and filling up quick for the other months. We expect a very busy season."

Flexibility: This area is vital to a golfer and should include both static stretching (stretching while the joint is held still) and dynamic stretching (stretching incorporated during a specific movement). This is one area where a professional golf-specific trainer, or some training will assist with improvement of balance. A loss of balance can reduce your backswing or completely change the swing plane and thus, the shot outcome. This improvement will help you feel for and correct the loss of balance before it is visually obvious.

Muscular Strength and Endurance: Weak or fatigued muscles can reduce the body's ability to achieve a specific range of motion, and can therefore significantly affect a golfer's swing, as well as raise your risk of injury. Add resistance training at least twice a week.

Cardiovascular: This area will help you golf more and feel better doing it. Cardiovascular conditioning can be achieved and maintained through consistent brisk walking, treadmill, swimming or bicycling 20-30 minutes at your target heart rate most days, even if you drive a car. (Check with a fitness professional or physician to determine your specific target heart rate range.) This will also help you maintain your body fat levels. There are great golfers of all sizes, but extra body fat forces your body to compensate and raises your risk of injury.

Taking a broader approach to your game by incorporating these fitness tips with professional instruction will help you improve while reducing your risk of injury for this and many seasons to come.

Written by Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club and a Certified Personal Fitness Instructor. For more information on individual or group golf specific training programs, contact the Water Wheel Health Club at (248) 449-7634.

Train to minutes instead of miles

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Three	33	22	33	22	33	22	33
Four	36	24	36	24	36	24	36
Five	24	16	24	16	24	16	24
Six	39	26	39	26	39	26	39
Seven	42	28	42	28	42	28	42
Eight	45	30	45	30	45	30	45

train consistently and remain injury-free throughout the season. Remember, strength is the result of stress plus rest.

Once you pass the eighth week (without cheating), you can add one speed session every week or two, depending on your ability to recover. No matter what form of speed work you choose, be sure to begin your sets at a comfortable pace, then get progressively faster with each effort. To ensure a quality workout, jog easily between sets and bring your heart rate down to around 120 BPM before you begin another hard effort. At the conclusion of your workout, you should feel as though you could still do a little more. Don't overextend yourself. When the season starts, count, each race as a speed session.

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The Michigan Wolves won the U-10 1998 Novi SoccerZone Cup indoor tournament. The team posted an unbeaten 5-0-1 record. The team consisted of Andrew Crawford, Adam Hec, Max Bojovic, Brett Glover, Marc Checobelli, Justin Davis, David Anderson, Brett Schwarzenose, A.W. Stanek, Bobby Tompe, Andrew Kortby, Jason Sierra, Matt Wertheimer. The team was coached by Xorby and Bojovic.

BERNIE FRATTO'S SHOW HEARD DAILY

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Boy tracksters topple Eagles, look ahead to relays

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi boys' track team had little problem defeating Hartland 101-36 last week.

The Wildcats won 14 events, sweeping four of them in this Kensington Valley Conference showdown. The meet was a good chance for coach Bob Smith to see some of his younger talent, particularly his freshmen.

The winning 1,600 relay team of Dan Stevens, Ryan Pedronich, Jon Muchi and Tristan LaChance are all freshmen. They ran a winning time of 3:57.49.

Freshman Yasuaki Goto and senior Justin Reaume were 1-2 in the 100 meter dash while Reaume took first and Rob Allie was second in the 200 meter dash.

Chris Schleuder, Justin Sterett and Scott Jettie swept the long jump competition. Schleuder jumped 18 feet, four inches and Sterett followed closely at 18-2.

Dan Christopherson led another Wildcat sweep in the 800. The junior won in a time of 2:05.59. Mike Burns and Stevens were second and third.

The 1,600 run was also a Novi sweep as John Mione won in 5:01.65 and Walle and Evan Foster were second and third.

Wes VanLandschoot won the 110 high hurdles in :16.50 and Mike Aberly and LaChance were second and third. VanLandschoot made it a double win with

the victory in the 300 hurdles. He won in a time of :41.90 and LaChance was third.

"We've had a great job for us and he acts as a coach to all of these younger guys," Smith said. "He's one of those unselfish athletes who makes these kids into a team. We have many seniors who I hope will take credit for the success of this team in the future."

Alberty stood tall by taking first in the pole vault competition. The senior vaulted 11-9, bringing him closer to a state qualifying height. Scott Jettie was third with a vault of 10-6.

Kevin Avenius won the 400 in :52.86 and Pedronich was second in :57.52.

Harvey Steele finished third in both the discus and the shot put. Kevin Southworth was also third in the high jump.

Novi's other three relay teams also won. The 800 relay team of Allie, Sterett, Reaume and Schleuder ran a winning time of 1:38.00.

Allie, Sterett, Reaume and Sam Cole won the 400 relay in :46.97 and the 3,200 relay team of Christopherson, Mione, Ryan Reitman and Matt Smith took home first in a time of 8:52.

"This was a team effort," Smith said. "I'm pretty pleased with the way this team has held it together this year."

Novi will host the Novi relays Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. There will be eight teams competing including Baseline rival Northville.

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The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Healthy

Weight gain is on the rise with one-third of Americans 20 percent over their ideal weight. If you are over weight and want to lose those extra pounds, a new course offered by St. Mary Hospital can help. "A Holistic Approach to Healthy Living and Weight Control," will be held on Tuesdays, March 17 through May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services. The new program, sponsored by the Behavioral Medicine Department, will be presented by a licensed psychologist on staff at St. Mary Hospital.

This innovative program will focus on changing behavior that causes weight gain.

Since about 75 percent of those who achieve weight loss regain the weight in three to five years, the program will also stress how to control weight permanently.

For information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services at (734) 655-2936 or 1-800-494-1654.

Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

Caregivers Program

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for care-

givers. Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and fee required; some insurance cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes available. \$35-45 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

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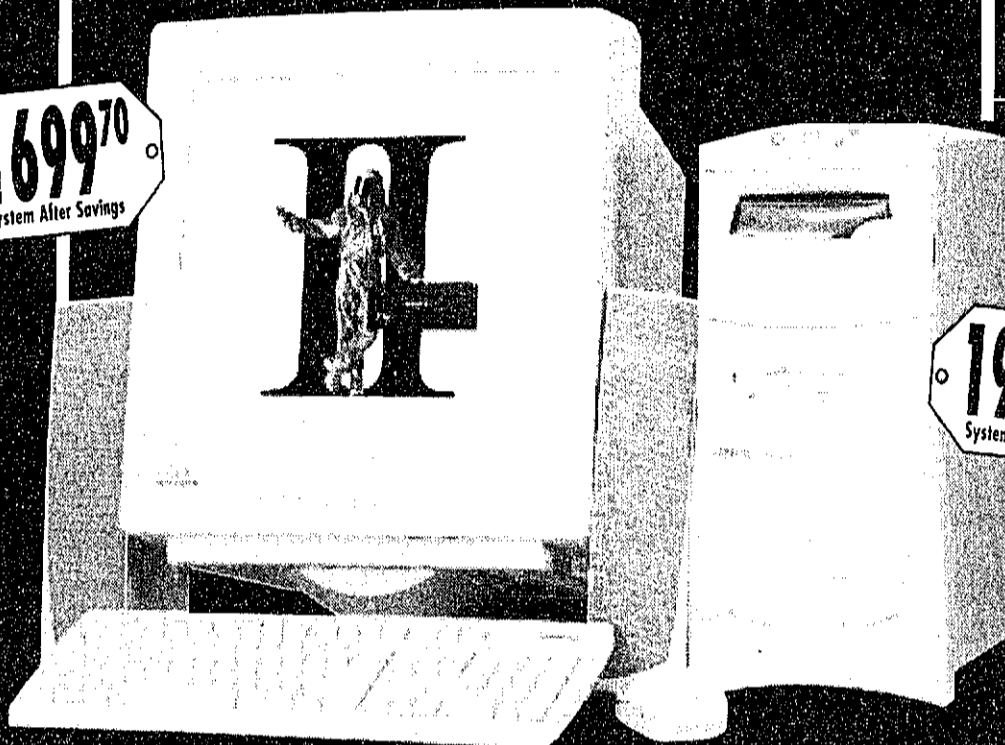
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