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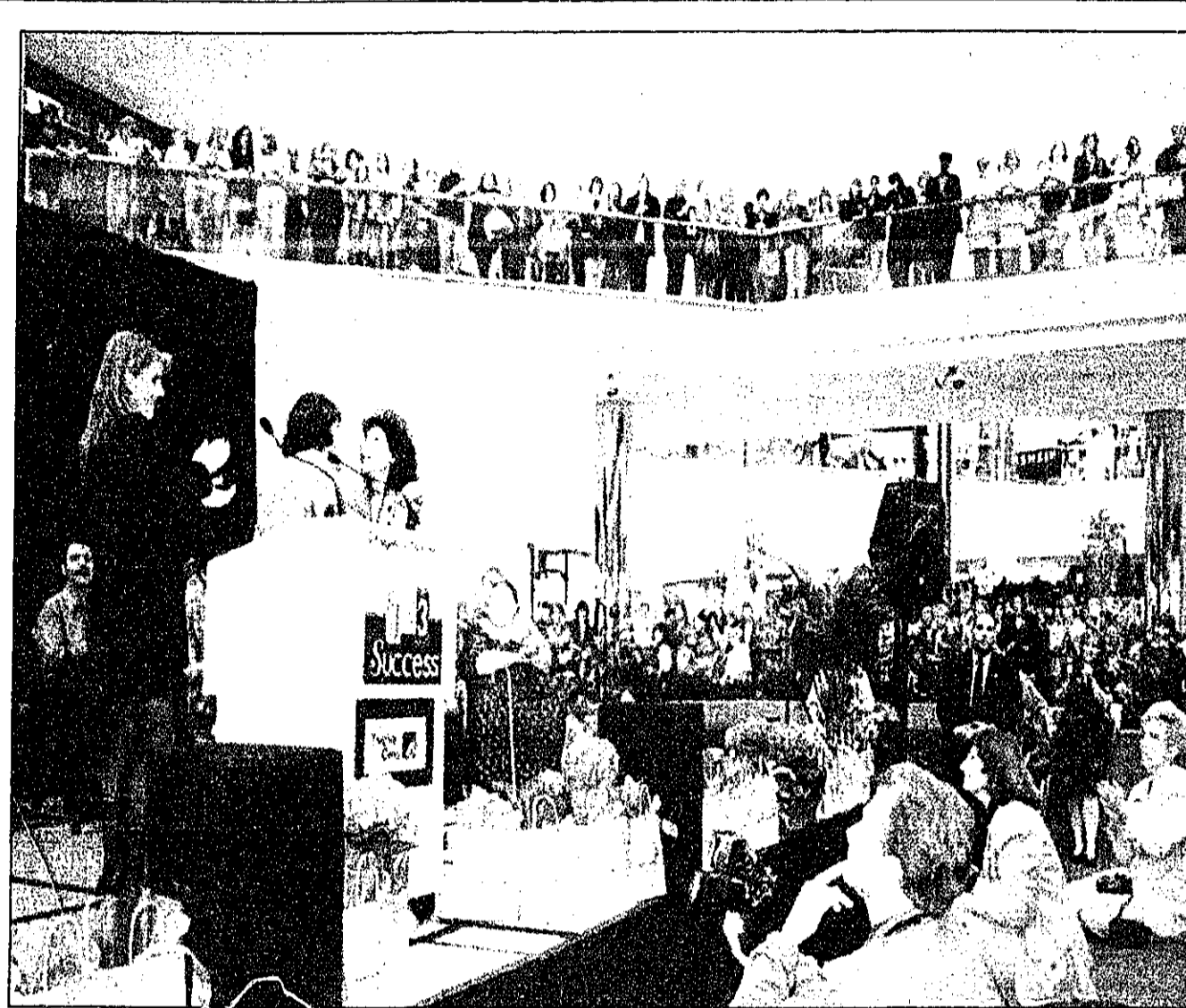


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sarah, Duchess of York, joins Weight Watchers' Florine Marks Friday at Twelve Oaks Mall, to recognize, in front of hundreds of spectators, people who have lost more than a hundred pounds.

Fergie-mania

Duchess of York dazzles Novi area fans

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer
Victoria Spencer kept her son Joshua, 7, home from school and also lugged along her daughter, Caitlin, 2, and her mother, Marlene Alexander, so they could see the Duchess of York at Twelve Oaks Mall last week.

As the now-svelte duchess - who had a plane to Chicago to catch - departed through the crowd, Spencer sprang forward, one of the very last in the line-up of fans begging for autographs. "She said she couldn't sign it. Then she came back, ripped off a piece of paper and signed it for me," Spencer said. Afterwards, Spencer was held-

ing tight to the scrap, a receipt to the purchase of Eeante Babies, now adorned with the name Sara's scrawled in black ink. "We'll never forget today," Spencer, a Whitmore Lake resident, said. On the payroll for Weight Watchers International, the duchess, nee Ferguson, spoke

first for about ten minutes at the Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center on May 1. She wore a black, mini-skirted suit and black nylon stockings that set off the famous red hair.

Now promoting the new "1-2-3"

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City responds to cul-de-sac residents

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer
Developers of both Wilshire Abbey and Park Place subdivision were given the sack when it came to running streets through already-occupied neighboring cul-de-sacs.

Homeowners from both Deer Run and the Hummingbird Estates/Edinborough subdivisions protested linking their streets with proposed new developments. Both Inverness Court in Hummingbird Estates and Edinborough, and Deer Run in Deer Run were designed as quiet cul-de-sacs, not traffic routes and stub streets, they told the Novi City Council.

Leonard Walle of Edinborough Lane called it an economic issue, as the developer of Wilshire Abbey could lose two buildable lots if denied access to their cul-de-sac.

"I don't think their economic issue should become our problem," he said.

Monday night, the council agreed. While each new development will use the cul-de-sacs as an emergency secondary access, these entries will be closed to public traffic and will be barricaded with grass blocks that can be removed by police and fire personnel if necessary.

Residents said they bought their homes not expecting the cul-de-sacs, which offer their children a place to play, to be cut open for a new road.

Council members agreed that a

group of homes built in a semi-circle are not the same as a dead end, stub street.

"I don't see going through an established neighborhood as a reasonable alternative," said Council Member Laura Lorenzo.

Council Member Kathy Mutch took the same stand, in a discussion of Wilshire Abbey and Inverness Court.

"It is built as a cul-de-sac, it is not built as a stub road. No way can you turn that into a through street and still have a safe situation," Mutch said.

Developer William Lokoy did not win preliminary site plan approval for his Wilshire Abbey, a 29-home subdivision scheduled for 33 acres on the west side of Beck Road, between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads. Under the city's stub road ordinance, this was scheduled to link up to Inverness Court through a vacant lot.

Winning preliminary site plan approval was Park Place, a development of 102 one-acre lot homes on 130 acres at the south side of Nine Mile Road, east of Napier Road. This is a Bob Harris project, that will now only have an emergency access to Deer Run.

In April, Wilshire Abbey won a negative recommendation from the Novi Planning Commission, while Park Place won a thumbs up.

Council Member Bob Schmidt congratulated Harris for building the subdivision under its existing

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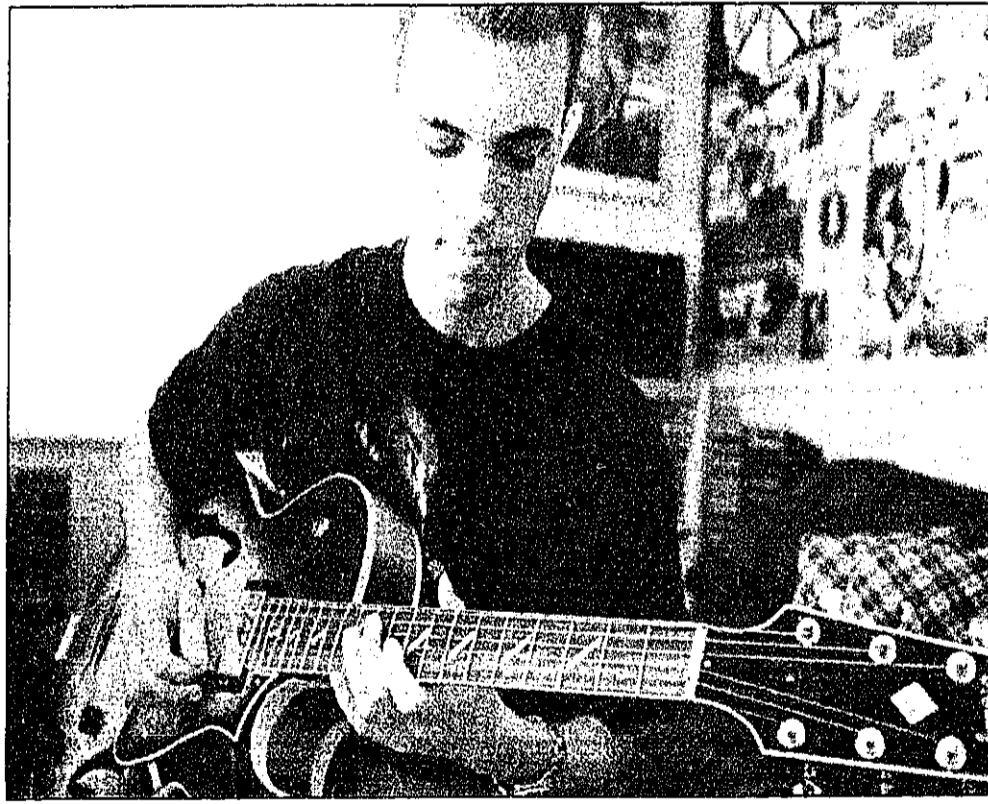


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Student musician Brett Farkas won first place in a high school jazz band competition.

Novi teen jamming with best

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer
It's not unusual to catch Novi teen Brett Farkas hanging out on a Saturday night at jam sessions with some of the best musicians in town. Rated recently as the number one jazz guitarist in the Statewide Jazz Ensemble competition, he's recognized as a serious jazz musician.

"Hopefully, one day I'll be up there with my heroes," Brett said. "And if music isn't paying the bills, then I want it to be around somehow."

The senior at Novi High School plays regularly with members from the Detroit Jazz Heritage Performance Lab, sometimes at the SereNgeti Ballroom on Wood-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Clara Porter, retiring director of Novi Community Education, will move to Georgia to be closer to her children.

New adventures await Clara Porter

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer
At 62, Clara Porter is looking forward to starting all over.

The Novi Community Education director is ready to move to a new state, build a new house and start playing on a softball team with her daughter.

"My husband and I are starting right over from the beginning again," Porter said. "It's going to be a new experience."

She will retire from the school

district this summer to Georgia with her husband, Mack, to be with some of her four children, who all graduated from Novi High School, and many grandchildren.

She'll be leaving her Village Oaks home, which she built new 26 years ago before Novi became a boom town. When a friend suggested the small community, they drove around to find little except farmland and dirt roads, she said.

"I said, 'Oh my gosh, there's

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Speaker testifies to consequences of teenage sex

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer
Pam Stenzel, a speaker who appeared Tuesday at both Novi and Northville High Schools to talk about abstinence, said nine years of working in a crisis pregnancy clinic and hearing women say they'd never heard about pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease gave her a mission.

To make sure no young woman or man ever has to say "Nobody told me."

Stenzel, 36, spoke to hundreds of teens during the schools' semi-annual periods Tuesday morning. The Grand Rapids native speaks to 250,000 students each year and is booked more than a year in

advance. Wearing jeans and a khaki blazer, the young-looking Stenzel stood up on the stage to tell kids that sex has consequences and they have a choice.

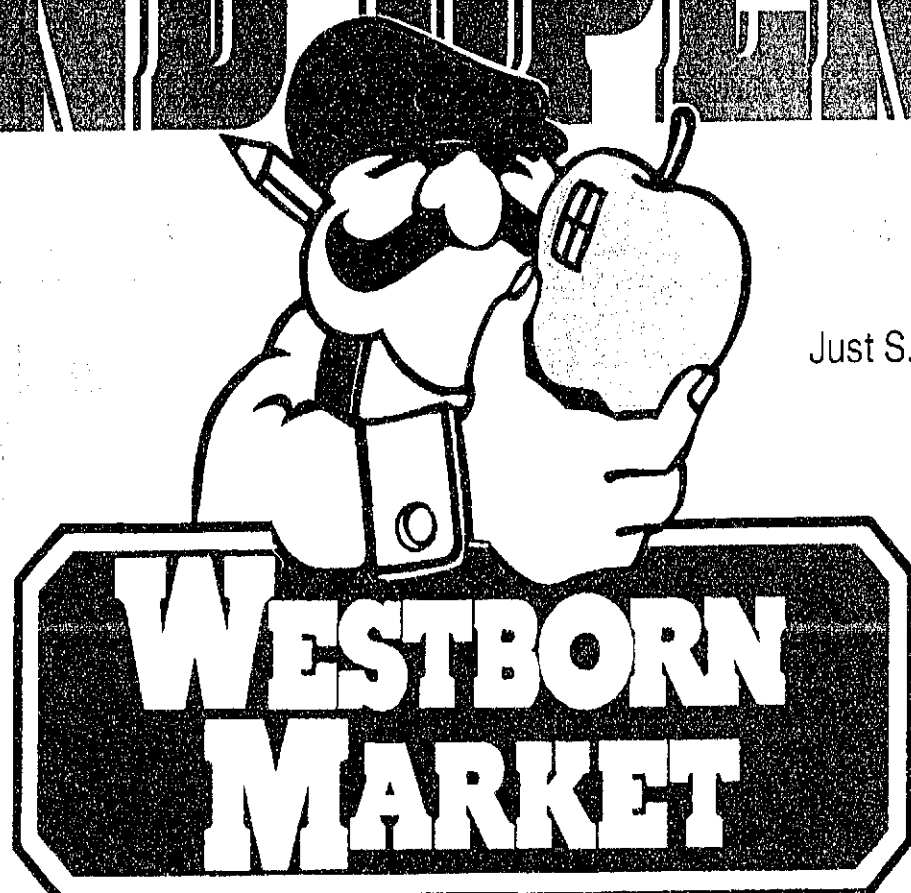
"I don't want to make decisions for you," Stenzel said. "I can't go

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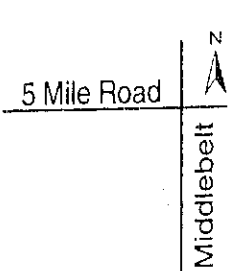
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Holding the line

Novi city taxes will increase by one percent this year

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The City of Novi's 1998-99 budget of \$64.46 million is 22 percent higher than last year, but the owner of a \$200,000 home will see a one percent tax increase, equal to \$11.99.

On Monday, the Novi City Council held a public hearing before adopting the new budget, which takes in on July 1.

No one from the public chose to be heard on the issue.

"We didn't get to do everything we wanted to. The consensus of the council was to present a budget to the citizens with no tax increase, feeling that was the will of the citizens," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"There isn't a lot of tinset and flash."

The upshot is that the one percent increase to the tax bills is on top of the maximum 2.7 percent increase to the state equalized valuation of property permitted by Proposal A.

This year, Novi's base grew by 9.8 percent, reaching the \$1.8 billion mark.

The general fund was increased by 7.5 percent, however, several debt millages for voter-approved tax bonds have been paid off.

"Everything is going up 2.7 percent (according to the Consumer Price Index), yet your tax bill is only going up 1.1 percent," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

Several council members didn't get quite what they wanted as they went through the budget wrap-up on April 27.

Council Member Craig DeRoche asked that the city pare back an additional \$400,000.

Council Member Bob Schmid asked for a \$360,000 cut, to be then reallocated towards a traffic study by a firm from outside of Novi, completing the development of city parks and increasing the forestry department.

Instead, Kriewall pulled out a dump truck and a parking lot improvement project, a \$200,000 deletion.

"We're here this evening with a budget that really wasn't approved by council. Somehow, it got turned around and that's what we're looking at tonight," Schmid said.

"It was a budget where everybody was getting what they wanted. I felt

the parks should be completed."

DeRoche said he supported the city manager's role of re-prioritizing the budget.

"I didn't see any grievous abuse of government money... where we need to intervene," he said.

The council voted 6-1 to approve the budget, with Schmid in dissent. In October, the city staff was directed to come back with a report on any new funds that might be available, including grants and any excess in the fund balance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford

TAX TALK

If you own a \$200,000 house (State Equalized Valuation of \$100,000)

here's how your taxes will go up this year. One mill is \$1 per each \$1,000 of SEV.

1997

City of Novi Operating Tax: \$624.19 (8.2419 mills)

City of Novi Total Taxes, including bond issues: \$1,092.82 (10.9282 mills)

1998

SEV increase of 2.7 percent over 1997

City of Novi Operating Tax: \$845.48 (8.2325 mills)

City of Novi Total Taxes, including bond issues: \$1,104.81 (10.7576 mills)

Increase in city tax bill: \$11.99

Source: City of Novi Finance Department.

asked that extra money be allocated to "quality of life issues," such as parks and recreation, sidewalk construction, tree planting and the development of a capital improvement program for the future.

New line items in the 1998-1999 budget include a Hazardous Waste Day, allowing residents to dump their household chemicals in an environmentally friendly way. Also, the fire department will get an infrared thermal camera, that will enable a firefighter to see through smoke to find any people in a burning building.

In addition, the city will upgrade its web page. Non-union employees will see a three percent pay increase, keeping them in line with the city's union contracts.

Some administrative salaries will be adjusted upwards, at Kriewall's discretion.

The city council raised Kriewall's salary from \$96,000 to \$98,890 and City Clerk Tomni Bartholomew's pay from \$56,000 to \$61,000.

Most of the increases came in personnel.

Seven positions will be added to the city's payroll, creating a total staff count of 238. The new hires will be: a department of public works foreman and laborer; two police officers; a director of development services; and a Water and Sewer Department maintenance worker and account clerk.

The Water and Sewer Department needed the extra help, Kriewall explained. Their salaries will come from the city's water and sewer revenues.

"When we came off the water moratorium, we added significant accounts to this department," he added.



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Do-re-mi

The Novi High School drum corps play scales on their xylophones in the school's gym. The squad is preparing for state competitions and has won four-straight titles.

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Novi robbers have unlucky break

Two Novi men were arrested for breaking into a construction trailer May 3, even though they told police they were just taking a 4:30 a.m. bathroom break.

Additionally, police said the items found in the back of the men's truck were connected to larcenies that occurred earlier in the night.

Alerted by an alarm system, officers headed over to the A&M Custom Built Homes office on White Pines, police said. There they found two men hunched over in a pick-up truck near the trailer. The door was wide open and the alarm still sounded.

The men appeared to be intoxicated and an open can of beer was found in the truck. A pry bar was located in the vehicle as well as a lawn mower, leaf blowers, golf clubs and bags, a hedge trimmer and golf balls. The items were reported stolen from homes on Smilflower, Carriage Hill and Clover.

The 19- and 20-year-old men were taken to the police station, booked and released.

STOLEN
A 1988 Dodge was stolen from a lot on Grand River Avenue sometime between May 1 and May 3. Police said the man reported a \$4,000 wood chipper and some

Police News

tools were in the car.

STOLEN TOO

A towed van was in a 1997 Chevy Blazer stolen from a parking lot on Lakeside April 29. The vehicle was reportedly locked.

CHEAP LIFT

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for shoplifting a \$10 costume ring and tube of lipstick, May 1, police said. Her bond of \$20 was more than the value of the items.

NO BUY

A fake credit card was no match for American Express May 1 when a Detroit man tried to purchase a laptop computer and printer from Best Buy.

The man presented the card meant to look like an Optima card, but it didn't get approval when scanned. Instead it read "Optimax Platinum." AmEx, when called, told the cashier to confiscate the card and the man left.

NOT HOME FREE

He was almost home, but Novi

police arrested a 35-year-old Novi man for drunk driving anyway May 1 about 9 p.m.

Police spotted a Ford Contour speeding down Grand River Road near Haggerty and followed it until the officer could determine the rate of speed. When the officers pulled into Highland Hills mobile homes and stopped.

He told police, "I'll admit I probably shouldn't be driving but I'm right in front of my house," according to the report.

The cops didn't buy it, administered sobriety tests and took the man to the station.

DRUNK DRIVING

A 20-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving May 3 about 1:30 a.m. after police on Ten Mile noticed a car driving erratically. When the drivers stopped for the officer, five empty beer cans were found on the floor of the car, according to reports.

"I'll admit I had one beer and sassed one joint tonight," he told police.

LAWN GAMES

A Westminster resident awakened to the sound of a loud boom about 2 a.m. May 3, police said.

Two buried and melted plastic bottles were found on the lawn, with some sort of fluid inside. The explosion left marks on the lawn, police said.

EGG HOUSES

A Novi teen told police his pick-up truck was egged April 28 about 4 p.m. when it was parked at a friend's house on Foxmore.

Police said the house, too, was egged.

A week or so earlier, the teen's house on Barclay was also egged.

HOCKEY TIME

Many pieces of hockey equipment were taken from a Ford pickup on Vincent Court May 1. The owner of the vehicle said he ran into the building for just a minute and the pads, jerseys, sticks and skates were taken from the back of the open truck.

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

Novi Briefs

Congratulations!

Monday night, Novi Council Member Craig DeRoche had one request of his fellow council members - don't schedule any extra meetings this week.

Everybody's entitled to a life away from local government. And DeRoche's is taking a major turn sometime real soon.

He and his fiancée Stacey Brooke Zoellner will be married on Saturday. The bride, daughter of Tom and Marsha Zoellner of Lake Orion, is a 1995 graduate of Oakland University.

She works as an advertising and public relations administrator for SelectCare in Troy.

DeRoche, the son of Paul and Anne DeRoche of Brighton, was graduated from Central Michigan University in 1991.

He owns an insurance agency and is a regional marketing representative for Safety National Casualty Corp.

Mayoral switcheroo

In honor of Michigan Week, Novi Mayor Kathleen McAllen will host Rochester Mayor David L. Katicic on May 20.

She'll also be visiting Rochester that week. Not only will Katicic get a tour of the city, he'll also be able to sample the community's products, including those on offer at a luncheon at Local Color Brewing Company.

We recommend the No. 11 Brown Ale.

Marital arts

Saturday at noon in Novi High School, the Detroit Metro Korean Karate Club will hold its sixth annual event, with trophies for winners in weapons, martial and sparring competition. Demonstrations by masters in various martial arts are planned.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. For information, call 347-0400.

Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

MONDAY, MAY 11

10:00 a.m. - Info TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today

11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: Dr. Charles Inness
12:00 p.m. - Home for Life: Flower Box

12:30 p.m. - Virginia's Story: Virginia's Story
1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pete Pate

1:30 p.m. - The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Barbara Labadie

2:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Company
3:00 p.m. - In the Studio with By: Remember

3:30 p.m. - (con't)
4:00 p.m. - (con't)
4:30 p.m. - Dance with Virginia and The Life

5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. - Automobile Racing
6:00 p.m. - Welcome to the New Millennium: Namir K. George

6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News

8:00 p.m. - In the Studio with By: Fashion Show
8:30 p.m. - GRIP: Kick It In
9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. - Groove Session: L. Cap Players

9:30 p.m. - (con't)
10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
1:30 a.m. - Sports Profile
3:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Kathleen Holycross

3:30 a.m. - (con't)
4:00 a.m. - Summit University
5:00 p.m. - (con't)
6:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ
7:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
8:00 p.m. - Thrustling Hope
9:00 p.m. - Canonical Mystery Tour
10:00 p.m. - In the Studio with By: Fashion Show
10 p.m. - Community

Comments: Steven Kaplan
6:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
6:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
7:00 p.m. - Just for the Health of It: Whiplash
7:30 p.m. - Battle of the Books
8:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators: High and Low Impact
8:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Barbara Labadie
9:00 p.m. - Personal Safety in the '90s: Domestic Violence
9:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Company
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Atkins gets life, no parole, for Ford shooting rampage

The people who said nothing on the stand during the Gerald Atkins trial last month, had their day in court last week.

Atkins was sentenced April 30 to a mandatory life sentence in prison with no parole by Judge David Breck in Oakland County Circuit Court.

During the sentencing hearing for the man convicted of killing one man and injuring several others during a rampage through the Wycom Ford Plant Nov. 14, 1996, both criminal and victim addressed the judge.

In a statement, Atkins apologized to the lzzard family but said revocation was necessary. The media and government were the cause of his troubles, he said.

Nancy lzzard said government exists to protect citizens from people like the man who killed her husband. Her husband was the type to help people, she said, that's what got him killed - his concerns for workers in the plant.

After a three-week trial, jurors rejected an insanity plea offered by the defense and found Atkins guilty of first degree murder April 20.

The family of the murdered man, 57-year-old Darrell lzzard of Brighton, said Atkins took away something special.

Son Jeffrey lzzard could not attend but wrote a letter to the judge telling of his dreams and visions of his father's last moments at the hand of a man he had never met.

Hourly employees scattered and ran for their lives. The lone gunman evaded police in a drainage culvert for nearly five hours while traffic on the I-96 freeway was brought to a halt. After he surrendered, Atkins told police he was angered by political literature at the plant and wanted to save the woman he loved from what he called a prison.

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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 Nov News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, May 7

Novi Rotary

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

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, May 11

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

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.

Tuesday, May 12

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Ernie Aruffo at 348-9136.

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

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.

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, May 13

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Lions Club

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

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball

The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 35500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248)476-5834.

Thursday, May 14

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Rotary

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Monday, May 15

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Woodlark 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 Emley at (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Hotsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave.

Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Arts Council

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

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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 Lahiff at 348-6019 evenings. Visitors are welcome.

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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 member of the clergy from the area.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION 1998-99 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi adopted the 1998-1999 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Novi on Monday, May 4, 1998. Copies of the Budget are available at the Novi Civic Center, at the Office of the Finance Director, or Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan (5-796 N94NN 827382) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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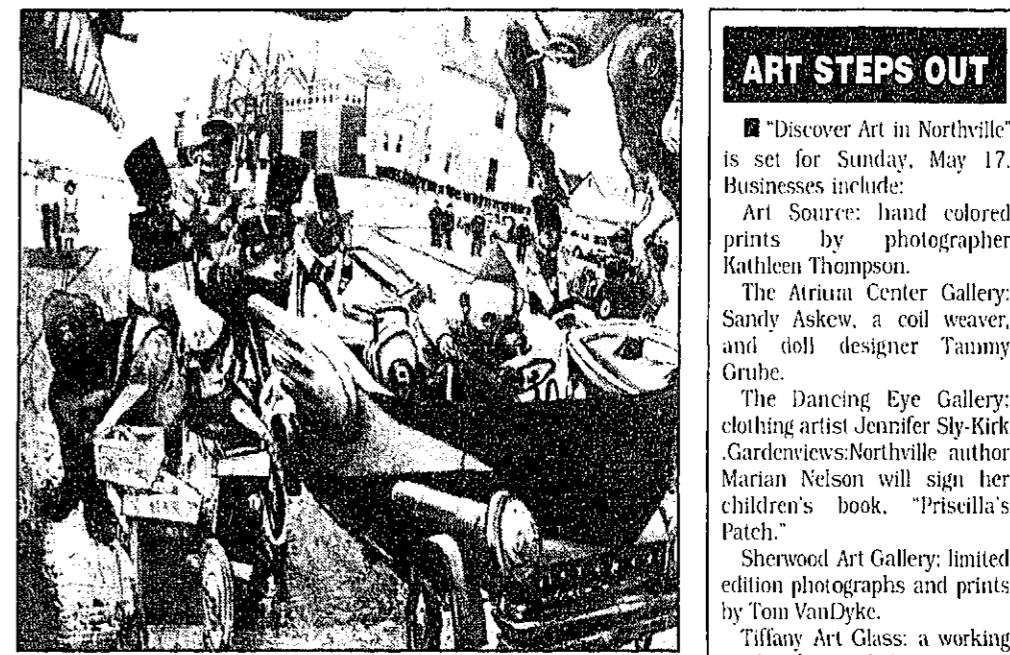
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Out of the garrets of Northville

Art walk focuses on local talents



At left, artist Jeff VonBuskirk paints in his Northville studio. Top, local artist Matt Gordon lives and works in a downtown apartment (with cat). Above is an example of Gordon's work.

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

They work in basements, attics, and studios throughout the area, crafting form and beauty out of raw materials. Though their mediums vary, what they have in common is the

"The galleries have selected the artists that they want to showcase."

See Taylor
Northville Arts Commission

inspiration to create.

For the first time, the week of local artists will be brought into the limelight and celebrated for a day during "Discover Art in Northville."

"It turns out that there is more talent in Northville than we ever would have thought," said Sue Taylor of the Northville Arts Commission.

The May 17 event will be a walking tour of downtown galleries and cafes sponsored by the Arts Commission and the Northville-Central Business Association.

Visitors will be able to pick up directories and stroll from one participating shop to the next, browsing exhibits and chatting with the artists.

"The galleries have selected the artists that they want to showcase," Taylor said. "The spirit of cooperation has been wonderful."

The Arts Commission began sketching out plans for the event two months ago, and Taylor said the response from merchants has been overwhelming.

"When I went into the first gallery and approached them with this idea they had already been thinking along the same lines so it was good timing," she said.

Plans grew to include 22 downtown shops and eateries that will feature over 35 painters, photographers, authors and craftsmen.

"This thing snowballed so fast that we couldn't keep up with all the ideas. We decided let's keep it simple and go with what we have and take off from there," Taylor said. "The merchants all seem very excited about it. I'm getting the feeling this is something they'll want to do on a regular basis."

ART STEPS OUT

"Discover Art in Northville" is set for Sunday, May 17. Businesses include:

Art Source: hand colored prints by photographer Kathleen Thompson.

The Atrium Center Gallery: Sandy Askew, a coil weaver, and doll designer Tammy Grube.

The Dancing Eye Gallery: clothing artist Jennifer Sp-Kirk, Gardenview-Northville author Marian Nelson will sign her children's book, "Prisilla's Patch."

Sherwood Art Gallery: limited edition photographs and prints by Tom VanDyke.

Tiffany Art Glass: a working studio of stained glass windows and lampshades.

Pook's Tavern and Genitt's Little Theater: Exhibiting watercolors, oil paintings and sketches by Jason Bolger, Matt Gordon, Elaine Major, Mary Poole, Jeff VonBuskirk and Daniel Wells. For more information, call 348-1213.

Help bring the arts to town

If you'd like to see more art events in the community, consider getting involved with the Northville Arts Commission.

The group meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 in the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cody, and is always looking for volunteers.

To find out more, call Sue Taylor at (248) 449-8361.

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Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm - Cooking Cajun Cuisine with Chef Justin Wise.

Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm - Fabulous Fish - Techniques and great tastes with Chef Michael Frayer.

All classes are \$25.00 per person and include wine and lots to eat. For reservations call:

248-305-7333

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A good read

Orchard Hills Elementary School second-grader Aaron Letzler takes a look at a chemistry book during the PTO-sponsored book fair at the Novi school.

Camp in your own county at newly renovated parks

The dust from last year's major construction project has settled at Groveland Oaks County Park near Holly.

The park underwent a \$1.9 million renovation that created larger campsites with electricity, water and a parking space. Thirteen new group camping areas, designed for 20-30 units each, also feature seven shelters with water and electricity. The park now offers 462 total campsites, downsized from 600 for larger individual sites.

Additionally, roads were realigned and extensive landscaping improvements made. The beach/day visitor parking lot was expanded to accommodate 290 vehicles.

CAMPING IN 'YOUR OWN BACKYARD'

Regular camping season starts May 15 at Groveland Oaks and Addison Oaks will also be open May 1-10 for weekend camping only. The last day of camping at Groveland Oaks is Sept. 13, and Oct. 24 at Addison Oaks.

Both parks offer traditional camping pursuits including fishing, boating, picnicking and hiking, as well as horseshoes courts and playgrounds. Addison Oaks also features mountain bike trails and rentals, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts and ball fields. Groveland Oaks has basketball courts, a giant waterslide emptying into Stewart Lake and the largest playscape in the Oakland County Parks system. Both parks offer swimming beaches with trained lifeguards on duty.

RENT A CABIN

For the total camping experience without a tent or trailer, Groveland Oaks and Addison Oaks offer rental cabins. The cabin amenities include two bunk beds, electricity, a small refrigerator, table and chairs, a front porch and outdoor firepit for cooking. Modern restroom/shower buildings are a short walk away. Each park offer four cabins, including one that is wheelchair accessible.

VOUCHERS

New for 1998, are cabin getaway packages offering entertainment vouchers and overnight lodging at Groveland Oaks. The five-night cabin getaway package includes Sunday-Friday cabin accommodations and two, 30-minute pedalboat rentals. Vouchers for other Oakland County parks include four admissions to Waterford Oaks Waterpark, four 9-hole rounds of golf with cart at Springfield Oaks and one vehicle entry to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Vouchers must be used the same week as cabin rental only.

The seven-night package includes Friday-Friday cabin accommodations. Vouchers good for on-site activities at Groveland Oaks include four, all-day waterslide bands and two, 30-minute pedalboat rentals. Off-site vouchers include four admission to Waterford Oaks Waterpark, four 9-hole rounds of golf with cart at Springfield Oaks and one vehicle entry to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center. Vouchers must be used the same week as cabin rental only.

CLOWNS, MUSIC, MAGIC

At the Oakland County parks, special theme weekends provide activities for all ages and interests including movies, DJ dancers, live concerts, storytelling, clowns and magic shows.

Events are scheduled every weekend from May 23 through Labor Day. Themes include Freedom Fireworks Celebration, Wild West Weekend and Summer Blues Bash.

PLAN NOW

Advance reservations are accepted at Groveland Oaks for cabin rentals, cabin getaway packages and group camping. Modern sites are available on a first come, first served basis.

Modern and group sites are \$21/regular rate (\$17/Oakland County resident discount rate). Cabin rentals are \$45/night, \$195/five-night stay, \$250/seven-night stay, \$300/five-night getaway package and \$365/seven-night getaway package.

At Addison Oaks reservations are being taken for primitive sites (\$17/night regular rate, \$13/resident discount rate), semi-modern (\$19/regular rate, \$15/resident discount rate) and modern and group sites (\$21 regular rate, \$17/resident discount rate). Cabins are \$45/night, \$195/five-night stay and \$250/seven-night stay.

The Addison Oaks five-night cabin package (Sunday-Thursday) includes two, one-hour mountain bike rentals and one, 30-minute pedal boat rental. The seven-night package (Friday-Thursday) includes four, one-hour mountain bike rental coupons and two, 30-minute pedal boat rentals.

All camping sites have outdoor firepits for cooking. Fresh water and modern restrooms/shower buildings are conveniently located nearby. Both parks also offer concessions, camping supplies and firewood sales.

Addison Oaks County Park is on West Romeo Road, 9 miles north of Rochester. Groveland Oaks County Park is on Dixie Highway.

For more information, call Addison Oaks at (248) 693-2432, Groveland Oaks at (248) 634-9811 or TDD: (248) 858-1684.

County offers swimming classes

With a multitude of lakes in Oakland County, the ability to swim could be a lifesaver. The Sports Authority Learn to Swim Program offers classes for all abilities at two Oakland County Parks Waterparks.

Sessions run June 15-26, June 26-July 10, July 13-24, and July 27-Aug. 7 at Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford.

Classes offered range from Parent-Tot and beginners to advanced and life guarding. Testing will be available on Saturday, June 13, to check an individual's swimming level. Registration starts now by calling (248) 858-0916 or in person at both waterparks after May 25. The two-week sessions cost \$40; classes run Monday through Friday for 45 minutes. No refunds after classes begin.

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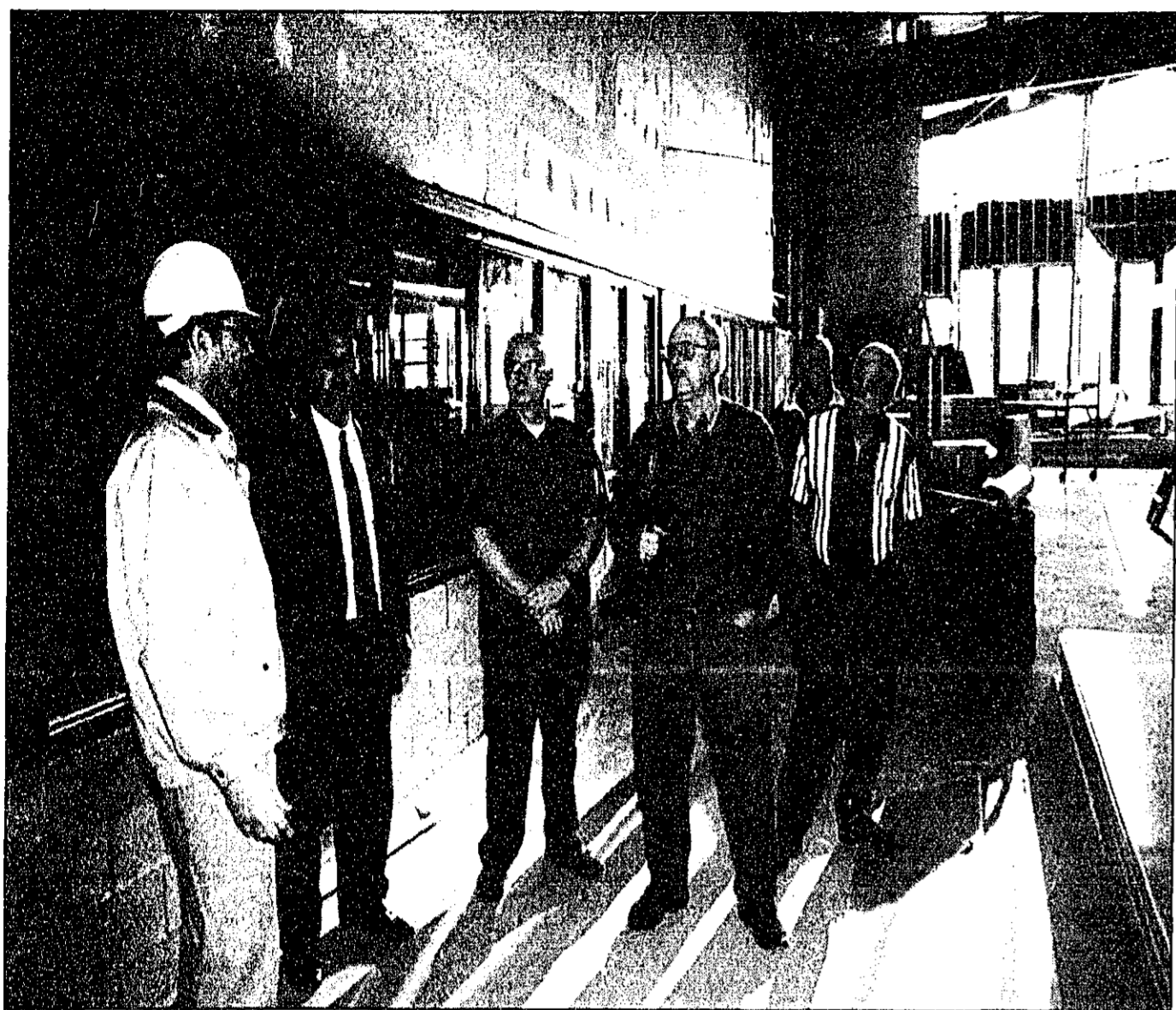


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Making progress

Touring the under-construction Novi Ice Arena recently are (from left) Terry Seyler of Center Ice Inc., Novi Council Member Craig DeRoche, Council Member Ed Kramer, Mayor Pro-Tem Hugh Crawford, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dennis

Colligan and Community Clubs Board Member Jeff Russell. Eagerly awaited by local hockey players and figure skaters, the two-rink arena at Ten Mile and Novi roads is expected to open sometime this summer and be ready for team use this fall.

A few hints

Local mothers really do know best, when it comes to Mother's Day treats

Mother's Day, May 10, is fast approaching, so if you're still struggling to find the perfect gift to give, here are a few suggestions from moms around the community.

- "You can always buy jewelry," said Clara Perier, Director of Novi Secretary, Northville Administrative Services.
- "There's nothing wrong with buying jewelry for Mother's Day. My husband knows never to get me a frying pan or a vacuum cleaner."
- Linda Lemke, a landscape and planning consultant to City of Novi, has a suggestion.
- "The perfect Mother's Day gift would be anything with flowers, any flowering shrub, any flowering tree. That would be recommended. I like them all," Lemke said.
- "Being a mother is enough for me. But don't tell my daughter that or then she won't get me anything."
- Sue Hatch, with the Northville City Police Department, said, "I'd like a round of golf with my kids and my husband," said Martha Nield, Northville school board vice-president.

County water parks open soon

Red Oaks Waterpark, open May 25, features a wave-action pool and giant triple waterslide. Waterford Oaks Waterpark opens May 25 offers an interactive children's water playground; Ragni Rapids; a wave pool and a giant waterslide. Both are now accepting reservations for company picnics, birthday parties and other special events.

Red Oaks Waterpark is on Thirteen Mile Road between John R and Dequindre. Waterford Oaks Waterpark is on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road.

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Obituaries

HENRY J. GUALDONI

Henry J. Gualdoni, 86, died April 19, 1998. He was the son of Mario and Gaetana (Jesse) Gualdoni. Mr. Gualdoni moved to Northville in 1985. He was a devoted member of George F. Monaghan Council No. 2690, Knights of Columbus, in Livonia. Some of the many activities in which he had been involved: Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 323 at St. Scholastica; interested with the Order of the Arrow and presented the Silver Beaver Award for exceptional adult service to scouting officer and player in St. Scholastica bowling and golf leagues. He was an avid golf player and played until his final years.

Mr. Gualdoni is survived by daughter, Suzanne Madigan (Hoi, John) Perry of Detroit; son, James (Gail) Phillips Gualdoni of Dayton, Ohio; brothers, John of Detroit and Frank (Charlotte) of Livonia; sister-in-law, Lottie (the late Louis) of Oak Park; two grandchildren, Barbara

MADIGAN (Michael) Evans of Troy

Madigan (Michael) Evans of Troy and James Francis (Judy) Dutton Madigan of Farmington Hills; and five great grandchildren, Justin Richard and Hannah Megan Evans, and Maxwell, John and Kelly Madigan; three step grandchildren of Gail Phillips Gualdoni: Lynn Phillips of Rochester, Susan Phillips (David) Owens of Plymouth, and Craig (Kathryn) Turnbull Phillips of Commerce Township; and three step great grandchildren, Chelsea and Ross Owens, and Katie Phillips.

Mr. Gualdoni was preceded in death by his wife, Gail (Phillips) in 1990; granddaughter, Mary Margaret Madigan in 1986; brothers, Louis and Joe and his wife Joanne.

A 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass will be held today, April 23, at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The family asks all to join the funeral procession following Mass to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

DOROTHY B. ROTH

Dorothy B. Roth of Novi died April 28 at the age of 86. She was born July 24, 1911, in Reading, Mich.

Mrs. Roth was a homemaker. She is survived by daughter, Sara Frankish of Novi and two granddaughters, Elise and Melissa Frankish.

Services were held on Saturday, May 2, at Santein & Son Funeral Home of Garden City, Mich. The Rev. Gordon R. Stierke of Farmington Hills Church of God officiated. Interment was in Lake View Cemetery, Quincy, Mich.

BERNICE M. STEWART

Bernice Mary Stewart, 89, died April 28 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was born Nov. 1, 1908, in Madison, Wis., to Jacob Vincent and Susan Demuth.

Mrs. Stewart was a homemaker and lived most of her adult life in the area. She was a former member of the Detroit Women's Club.

She is survived by sons, Vincent R. McLean of Westfield, N.J., James P. McLean of Novi, and Robert W. McLean of Kalamazoo; one sister, Cecelia Brinker of Delta, Ontario; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her husband, F.R. McLean and Lester E. Stewart.

Services were held on Friday, May 1, at Northrop Sossaman Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. W. Kent Clise, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, was the officiant.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated by the family.

Plants sold at tech tour

The Oakland Technical Center, located at 1000 Beck Road in Wilson, one-half mile north of Walled Lake Western High School, will be open to visitors on Sunday, May 17, from noon to 5 p.m.

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For further information, call (248) 960-5400.

Raccoon rabies strain heads north from Ohio to Michigan

A new rabies epidemic transmitted by wild raccoons is virtually certain to move across northern Ohio into Michigan, according to University of Michigan scientist Mark L. Wilson. The only question is when will the first Michigan raccoon be exposed to the virus?

The raccoon strain of the rabies virus is no more deadly than other types of rabies already found in Michigan's skunks and bats. Public health experts are concerned, however, because this viral strain's primary host is the common raccoon. Attracted by a ready food supply of pet food and garbage, dense populations of raccoons live in close proximity to humans in many areas throughout the state.

"Much of Michigan is prime raccoon habitat," said Wilson, a U-M associate professor of biology and of epidemiology. "Raccoons prefer suburban wooded residential areas over areas of intensive agriculture. So the epidemic, now expanding into northeast Ohio, is likely to spread west and north into Michigan."

Wilson began studying raccoon rabies in the early 1990s while he was at Yale University. Working with other scientists at Yale and officials from the state's public health department, Wilson tracked the raccoon rabies epidemic as it spread across Connecticut from March 1991 to December 1996.

Raccoon rabies first appeared in Florida in the 1950s and has been moving north through the mid-Atlantic states and New England ever since.

"Before 1991, no rabid animals had been identified in Connecticut for more than a decade," Wilson said. "Over the next four years, Connecticut officials reported 2,612 rabies-positive animals - most of which were raccoons. More than 80 percent of these animals were found in property owner's yards. During this same period, 939 people were exposed to the virus usually by handling a pet which had just fought with a rabies-positive animal."

The first documented case of raccoon rabies in the northeast Ohio occurred in April 1997, according to the Ohio Department of Health. Since then, 75 additional cases have been recorded. To try to prevent the epidemic from spreading, the Ohio Department of Health began distributing bait containing an oral rabies vaccine around the perimeter of three northeast Ohio counties.

"Ohio is attempting to create a firewall of immune raccoons to stop the spread of the epidemic," Wilson said. "Unfortunately, baiting programs are expensive and they must be continued indefinitely, since new animals are continually being born or moving into the area. Baiting may slow the spread of the epidemic, but it is unlikely to stop it forever."

One of the biggest dangers to the success of any baiting program is people's tendency to trap nuisance raccoons and release them many miles away in another area. "All it will take is one infected raccoon transported past the baited perimeter to blow everything," Wilson said. "We saw this happen in Connecticut when the leading edge of the epidemic suddenly jumped 60 miles from the last known point of infection. The most likely explanation was that infected raccoons were unintentionally stowed away on garbage trucks making deliveries to a large landfill in the area."

The best way to prepare for the spread of raccoon rabies into Michigan, according to Wilson, is to use common sense: make sure your pets have current rabies vaccinations. Don't leave pet food or open garbage cans outside. Avoid any contact with wild raccoons. Above all, don't adopt raccoons as pets and don't trap and release animals to another area.

Wilson is a member of the Michigan Rabies Working Group composed of representatives of government and private organizations. The group was established to determine what measures the state can take to prepare for and respond to the raccoon rabies epidemic before it reaches Michigan.

Garage sale off, bake sale on

Lack of participation has caused the cancellation of Novi's Spring Cleanup Sale but the Novi Charter House Bake Sale that typically goes with it will proceed ahead as planned this Saturday.

It will just be moved from the Novi Civic Center to Charter House, on Meadowbrook Road north of Ten Mile.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department announced the cancellation of the sale this week. Because there was a lack of participants, the sale will not be rescheduled. But the Bake Sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those would like to donate items to be sold, can drop those items off at Charter House Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday or Saturday during the sale. For more information, contact Jeanne Clarke at 624-0173.

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Tour guide stores up trove of local historical stories

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Seventy-eight years in one place and you get to know it pretty well. Bruce Turnbull, a Northville resident all his life, has stored up a treasure trove of stories about the area's history, and for the last dozen years, he's been committed to sharing them with anyone who'll listen.

"I just can't say no. I know Northville and if people are interested in the history of Northville I'm real happy to come and talk with them," Turnbull said.

He spends his retirement as a volunteer, leading walking tours through the city and Mill Race Village. Through his hard work and studies, he has become one of Northville's premier historians.

"He's one of the stalwarts here of the decent community," Historical Society colleague Fran Gazley said.

For his efforts to educate hundreds of people each year, Turnbull's won numerous awards, including Northville's Citizen of the Year in 1980, the Claude Ely community service award in 1988, and the Northville Youth Forum award in 1996 for contributions to area kids.

On any given day, Turnbull can be found sporting a blazer and plaid tie, leading groups of adults and schoolchildren through the buildings at Mill Race. He points out the location of Northville's stop on the underground railroad, walks through preserved homes of the Victorian wealthy and poor, and takes visitors through the one-room school house.

At the end of each tour, he pulls a card from his pocket to test the groups on Northville historical trivia.

"It helps them remember it bet-

ter," he said.

In the past decades, amenities in Northville were sparse. No running water, no central heating.

But while Turnbull now helps to preserve the city's past, his family was instrumental in ushering in the future.

"My father took a streetcar to Northville from Pontiac in 1916. His boss sent him because a thing called electricity came to Northville in 1916 and there were a lot of houses that needed wiring," Turnbull said. "He liked Northville so well, he said to his boss, 'This is it. I'll meet my man at the Baptist Church.'"

His father Clifford opened an electrical shop that sold small appliances near the northeast corner of Main and Wing Streets, which is now a municipal parking lot.

In an apartment above the store, Bruce Turnbull was born Oct. 7, 1919.

He spent his early years assisting his father in the business.

Turnbull graduated as senior class president in 1937 and went on to serve as an air corps electrician in the marines during World War II.

When he returned to Northville from stints around the world, namely in San Diego and Jacksonville, Fla., he helped out with appliance sales and service at the store's new location down Main Street. The store remained a fixture at the site currently occupied by Baby Baby until 1963.

During that time, Turnbull brought a second wave of technology to Northville, installing television antennas on the roofs of almost every home in the city.

A few of the antennas that Turnbull erected still rise from the

rooftops of downtown homes.

Detroit Edison's district headquarters, which handled power from Northville to Howell, was located in the office on the corner of Dunlap and Center. During Turnbull's visits, he courted the secretary, Rita, whom he married in 1942.

The couple has shared a charming blue Victorian home in the historical district on Elm St. for the last 25 years. Before that, they lived across the street for 20.

Recently, he sold the lot next door to his son, who's constructing a house where Turnbull used to grow lavish flower and vegetable gardens that were once featured as the garden of the month by the Northville garden club.

Aside from gardening, Turnbull golfs each week with two friends.

He has led an active lifestyle since his school days, and through watching four sons and one daughter investigate the Northville Public Schools he's also become a storehouse of information on the history of local sports.

"I've always been interested in early history. I think my grandfather instilled that in me. It started with a box of Indian arrowheads that my grandfather found. I think people are either interested in history or they're not," he said.

One of his goals, he said, is to give people a better appreciation of what a wonderful town Northville is.

"It really is one of the nicest towns in Michigan. It's always had a great school system, is safe, dates back to 1832 so it's very historical. The reason Northville was so popular in the early days is that Seven Mile was the longest paved road in the state. Everything else was mud," he said.



Bruce Turnbull leads a group through Northville's Mill Race Village.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

It was paved the way to the Maynard Tuberculosis Sanatorium, which was spurred by the new road, Turnbull said. The area hasn't changed much over the years. But despite the population growth from 3,000 to 7,000 people, those stores are the same stores that were there 100 years ago, living in an area for 76 years, you certainly have a lot of fond memories.

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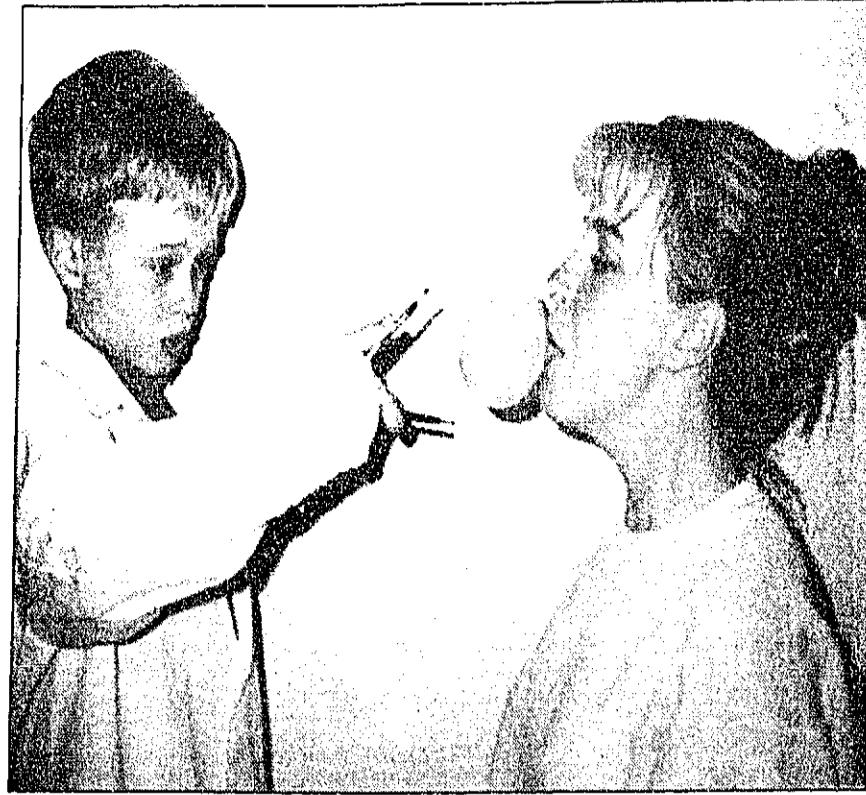
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Lil' professors

(Left) Village Oaks Elementary School students, from left, Justin Ansara, Paul Cunningham and Michael Poace take a look at a science fair project in the school's gymnasium called "How Vinegar Affects Egg Shells." More than 176 students participated in this fair, with projects in math, art, social studies, music, physical education and language arts. (Above) Student Andrew Morrill's science fair project shows Morrill and an assistant gauging the various sizes of bubbles that can be blown with types of bubble gum. Morrill is in teacher Carol Pasquerelli's classroom.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

City purchase of old Amoco site almost a deal

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer
Sometime this month, the City of Novi will likely close the deal and take ownership of the former Amoco gas station site at the northeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Amoco's lawyers want the purchase agreement on their version of the document. Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall told the city council on Monday.

"Our lawyer said it was a better agreement due to the environmental language," Kriewall added.

The city council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the 0.37 acre for \$100,000. A May 15 closing date is anticipated.

City officials have contemplated putting a fountain and park there. Novi had the right to exercise an option to purchase the land one year after the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality issues a letter stating that the purging of the property, ongoing for several years, is complete. In summer 1997, there were lingering pollution problems. The former gas station site once

held leaking underground storage tanks.

Novi and Amoco entered into a contract in 1991 that called for the tearing down of the old gas station, long considered an eyesore by city planners.

Amoco agreed to trade an \$500,000 worth of road right-of-way along Twelve Mile Road and Novi Road.

In return, Amoco won the city's permission to build two gas stations along Twelve Mile, one at Novi Road and the other at Haggerly

Road. While not written into the contract, the deal hinged on rezoning and site plan approval from the city.

Another part of the pact was that Amoco would clean up the Grand River property, as was already required by the state Department of Environmental Quality.

That was estimated to be a \$250,000 job, the same amount the city originally would have paid for the land.

And with an emphasis on garnering state and federal grants, the city's road conditions could show signs of improvement soon. The city is actively pursuing road grants, according to a recent road report presented last month by Arroyo to city officials.

State slices budget to cut income taxes

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer
Mirror, mirror on the wall, Who's the biggest tax cutter of all?

"Me," said the senator. "Me," said the representative. "Without question, me," said the governor.

That's what the press releases look like as the Michigan Legislature winds down for the summer break. Budget bills are making their way through both chambers, but the public posturing has to do with who can claim credit for the most generous tax cuts.

Gov. John Engler started in 1990 with his "taxpayer's agenda," and in this year's state of the state message, he proposed scaling down personal income tax rates to 3.9 percent.

House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, says Engler and Senate Republicans are "scrambling to come up with a tax cut to sell voters this election year." But his House Democrats already have passed three bills that are "stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate."

Hertel says Engler's tax cut proposals are "aimed at the wealthy" while Democrats are aimed at "working families and senior citi-

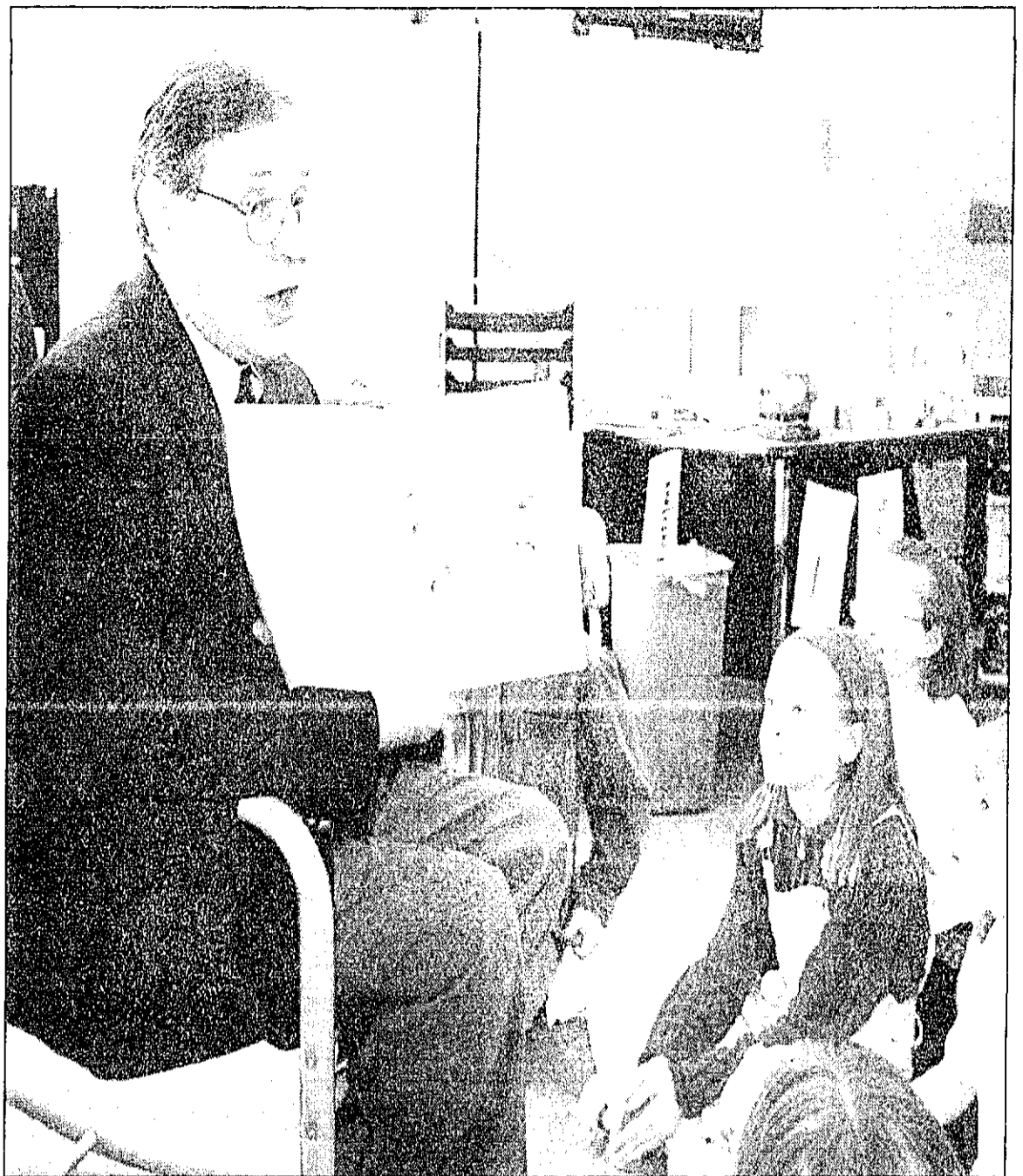
zens." His party's proposals: • An income tax credit for dependent care - equal to 50 percent of the expenses for support of a dependent. The credits would amount to \$1,200 for one elderly dependent and \$2,400 for two.

• Earned income tax credit - equal to 10 percent of the federal EITC for "working families" earning up to \$28,000 a year.

• Senior citizen property tax deferral - would allow seniors to defer property tax payments when local government threatens legal action that would result in the loss of a home. The complex package is sponsored by House Tax Policy Chair Kirk Pruitt, D-Plymouth.

Republicans said five senators and five representatives have introduced Engler's proposed tax cuts. Among the sponsors are Sens. Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford and Loren Bennett of Canton and Rep. Nancy Cassis of Novi.

They would reduce the personal income tax from the current 4.1 percent by paring it beginning in the year 2000 to 3.9 percent over five years. "This is broad-based tax relief for Michigan's hard-working men and women," said Rep. Chuck Perrone, R-Kalamazoo, a second-term lawmaker aiming for a leadership role next year.



Story hour

Doing his part for reading appreciation, Parkview Elementary School Principal Joe Imrick narrates a funny story called "The Principal's New Clothes" to a group of second-grade students in Nancy Gaer's classroom. Plus, he shared those all-important pictures.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Voter-approved road construction is driving ahead

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The City of Novi is tooling along on projects approved for the \$17.1 million 1996 road bond program, according to traffic planner Rod Arroyo.

And with an emphasis on garnering state and federal grants, the city's road conditions could show signs of improvement soon.

The city is actively pursuing road grants, according to a recent road report presented last month by Arroyo to city officials.

Recent awards were the state \$500 million Category A Grant for improvements at the intersection of Nine Mile and Novi Roads and an \$85,000 safety grant for the Grand

River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road signal upgrade project.

Other successful grant applications resulted in a \$500,000 state grant for the Expo Center entrance in 1991, a \$2.4 million grant in 1992 for the expansion of Novi Road north of Twelve Mile.

\$600,000 of preliminary engineering costs for improvements to Ten and Twelve Mile Road were covered in 1993 and a state grant contributed \$1 million for Crescent Boulevard in 1994.

Despite the advancements in garnering funds, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall didn't sound overly optimistic at a recent Economic Summit held at the Novi Civic Center. While many of the business

and property owners who attended complained of traffic hassles, Kriewall indicated the process was slow and the county has little money for improvements.

The report shows the city continues to look at traffic impacts from new developments.

For instance, a typical single-family residential home generates 9.55 trips per day and a 10,000 square foot light industrial building generates 70 trips.

The city, however, has few methods for garnering road improvements from developers.

So it relies on bond programs and grants to improve conditions. The status of projects from the 1996 \$17.1 million Road Bond

issue include:

• **Novi/Nine Mile Intersection** - Consultants are in the final design stage for installation of computerized traffic signals and completion of additional pavement on intersection approaches.

• **Beck/Nine Mile Intersection** - Plan is in final stages and bids for the installation of computerized traffic signals and additional pavement could be sent out in March.

• **Taft/Nine Mile Intersection** - Plan to install computerized traffic signals is on hold until the intersection is completed.

• **Beck/Elaven Mile Intersection** - Installation of computerized traffic signals is in final design stages and will bid with the

Beck/Nine Mile project.

• **Ten/Wixom Intersection** - Installation of traffic signals is completed.

• **Taft Road Extension** - A construction agreement was confirmed last fall for the construction of a variable width roadway from Twelve Mile Road to West Road including a bridge over the CSX railroad tracks. The design is in the final stages.

• **Mendowbrook Road** - City council agreed in January to proceed with final design for construction of a 28-foot wide roadway from Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile Road, including bike paths.

City continues to pursue right-of-way easements.

• **West Road** - Studies are still being completed for pavement reconstruction from the end of the proposed Taft Road extension north to Pontiac Trail.

• **Crescent Blvd. III** - The city has run into a speed bump with the acquisition of the Novi Expo Center property in order to build a road connecting Expo Center Drive west and south to Grand River Avenue.

• **Subdivisions** - Some repaving of subdivisions have been completed, others are in planning stages.

Novi seeks grants for stormwater control program

The City of Novi has applied for an \$895,000 grant to pay for half of the construction of two stormwater detention basins that would control flood waters and improve water quality.

As part of Novi's stormwater management plan, the total costs for the North Novi basin are estimated at \$1.19 million and for the Dambarton basin, \$600,000.

The grant money, if approved, would come from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Program. The city's target date is to begin design and analysis work on the two projects in May, begin building in May 1999

and complete the work by August 1999.

Located downstream of Walled Lake at the headwaters of the Middle Rouge River, the North Novi basin would be built in part of the city's 400-acre North Novi Park. Currently, the discharge from the Novi/Walled Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant flows into wetlands in the park.

The Dambarton project would increase the size of an existing basin on the Novi Civic Center,

where development in Novi has led to downstream flooding and bank erosion along Miller Creek, Thornton Creek and the Middle Rouge River.

Minimizing sediments in the Dambarton district is seen as a way to assist the City of Northville's plans to restore its Mill Pond, which is downstream of Novi.

As part of the North Novi basin, an earthen dam and outflow would be built to control downstream flows. Constructed wetlands would

be used to improve water quality from the treatment plant. At the Dambarton basin, an earthen dam is planned, as well as limited

downstream bank stabilization along Miller and Thornton creeks.

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Baby's hungry

Using a syringe filled with infant formula, Daryl Blair of the south eastern Michigan Wildlife Rehabilitation Institute feeds a squirrel that he helped to rescue from a nest near Northville.

Blair was at Moraine Elementary School to show students how his organization helps to save and rehab wildlife before, hopefully, reintroducing them to nature.

Novi kids share their talents

Novi Youth Assistance honored fifteen Novi High School students at a breakfast yesterday for their volunteerism, hard work and dedication throughout the community.

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Meadows kids to summer in performing arts camps

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

This summer, 30 Novi Meadow fifth and sixth graders will be traveling on a variety of performing art camps.

The students will be attending both day camps and overnight camps that help to enrich the child's appreciation and understanding from everything from art to musical theater to singing.

varied in what the students plan to study. One student is going to study Indian dancing and some visual art students.

While some of the camps the students will be attending are more for the enjoyment of the experience, other camps, such as Interlocken, are more intense in the degrees of what the children learn.

Adding praise to the high number of talented students is that all thirty will be receiving some form of scholarship assistance donated by organizations in the Novi community.

Novi Meadows students attending performing arts camps are Alana Syran, clarinet; Shelby Bellmore, flute; Jason Bates, alto sax; Caitleen Garbarick, dance and trumpet; Katie Kohls, alto sax; Kaitlyn Rich, clarinet; Jeff Engelman, clarinet; Tim McQuade, piano; Emily Healy, art; Tiffany Lin, piano; Lindsey Sprague, voice; Katie Robertson, oboe; Kyle Magnus, art; Caitlin Stark, flute; Amy Yunker, percussion; Lauren Kava, piano; Alle Barsmanian, musical theater; Celeste Green, baritone; Stephanie Schlessman, horn; Samantha Perry, vocal; Jennifer MacDonell, flute; Matt Buchbinder, alto sax; Sam Muralidhar, dance; Kathy Laux, flute; Teresa Asavello, theater; Camille Chidsey, clarinet; Christina Thompson, flute; Richard Vandever, alto sax; Brandon Helferman, tenor sax.

Schools link into pilot test for web site development

From now until June 15, the Novi Community School District is participating in a special pilot test program offered by FamilyEducation Network (FEN).

Only 20 districts nationwide will participate.

The Points Program rewards schools for building and maintaining creative sites on the World Wide Web. Schools can earn points in many different ways, then spend those points on educational software and computer equipment.

When the program has ended, the district will receive a gift certificate representing the value of the total number of points earned (one penny per point). The site editor at each school site will receive a gift certificate for 10 percent of the school district's points. The gift certificates are redeemable through an educational software catalog or a computer equipment retailer.

The Novi Community School District web site can be reached at <http://familyeducation.com/novi/nov>.

Welfare-to-work wins kudos on national level for OCC

Oakland Community College's highly recognized welfare to work program was honored recently with the national Welfare to Work Development Award from the American Association of Community Colleges and the United States Department of Labor.

Kitty Higgins, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, presented Richard T. Thompson, Chancellor, Oakland Community College, with the Welfare to Work category at the annual

AACC meeting in Miami. A \$10,000 prize attached to the award will be reinvested in the program in the form of scholarships and other enhancements, Thompson said.

OCC's Advanced Technology Program brings together the training and support of a community college and corporate employers, such as EDS and Kelly Services, to provide participants with a comprehensive and practical professional development program and career path employment.

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Will MEAP ratings by any other name win support?

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Those hated labels on statewide student tests are due to get new names.

The State Board of Education is studying Superintendent Art Ellis' suggestions to drop the "proficiency," "novice" and "not yet novice" ratings given students on the Michigan Educational Proficiency high school tests.

The ratings caused many parents to let their 11th graders "opt out" of taking the exams, making it difficult for state officials to evaluate a school's performance.

Two options are provided for the board's consideration. Both have advantages and disadvantages," said Ellis in remarks prepared for delivery today.

Option A provides four levels of ratings:

1. Distinguished.
2. Exceeds Michigan standards.
3. Meets Michigan standards.
4. Does not meet Michigan standards.

Ellis called it "straightforward" but said it will be difficult to establish "cut" scores between categories. That is, "there may be only a one or two raw score point difference between each level, particularly in writing where there are only 12 points in total."

Option B also provides four levels:

1. Does not meet Michigan expectations.
2. Meets Michigan expectations.
3. Exceeds Michigan expectations.
4. Exceeds distinguished performance.

Variations on Option B call for reversing the order of numbers and slightly different descriptions.

Ellis commented that "Option B may provide an opportunity for more students to earn endorse-

ments while assuring the State Board of Education maintains rigorous standards ...

"Establishing two reporting categories that meet or exceed the Michigan standards will be an easier task with the elimination of an additional reporting category that describes distinguished performance."

Ellis said he found other option acceptable, leaving the decision solely to the eight-member board.

The Legislature mandated changing the scoring labels after public hearings last year showed much student and parental dissatisfaction.

But the concept of statewide

testing is here to stay, lawmakers said, because of local variations in standards in granting high school diplomas.

Eleventh graders in public schools will find their standard state tests have a new name this year - "MEAP High School Tests in Math, Science, Reading, Writing and Social Studies."

Testing time will be two hours less.

"That will place all assessment tests under the name of Michigan Educational Assessment Program," said Dr. Christine Schram of the Department of Education.

Previously, "MEAP" was the term used for tests given to grades 3-8.

The 11th grade tests had been called "ISIT," for High School Proficiency Tests.

Although tests will consume less class time, as the public and Legislature demanded, the state can't force students to take them.

"Our expectation was that everyone would be eager to take the high school tests," said Dorothy Beardmore, vice-president of the State Board of Education.

"An endorsement (proficiency grade in a subject) would be a badge of honor. But if the parents don't want their children to take that test, I don't know how you can force them to do it."

Beardmore said that the idea of allowing exemptions was to allow the disabled and those with limited English language proficiency to skip them. Instead, many upper middle class parents - notably in Birmingham, Troy and Monroe - exempted their offspring.

In today's special meeting, the State Board was scheduled to spend most of the day discussing special education with an advisory committee.

The state is wrestling with special ed enrollments that are rising faster than the school-age population, wrenching costs skyward. Local districts are threatening another lawsuit if the state doesn't compensate them fully for their special ed costs.

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As We See It

A true cul-de-sac can never be a stub

It is often hard to be sympathetic with new residents who complain about the development coming in around them.

If they bought a home next to vacant land, they should have realized that the land was likely to be developed at some point in the future. Just like they have a right to use the land they bought, the owner of the vacant land next door has a right to use his or her land. Unless they own it, someone else is going to decide how it gets used. Besides, it was development that allowed them to move here in the first place.

But when you look at the issue of stub streets versus cul-de-sacs, you can certainly appreciate why some residents feel they were intentionally deceived.

A stub street is easy to spot, or it ought to be. It is a street that simply runs to the edge of the neighborhood, then stops. It ought to be pretty obvious to any potential homebuyer that more road will eventually go there.

A cul-de-sac on the other hand ends in a circular turn-around.

The problem cropping up in Novi these days is that in some places, developers are leaving a bit of open space at the end of their cul-de-sacs, only to later convert that open space to road easement.

And the residents are saying they were never told that what looked like a cul-de-sac was really a stub street. In fact, they claim they paid premium prices for cul-de-sac lots only to find out later they bought on what was to become a through street.

Of course, it is hard to sort out later what really agents might have told the homeowners when they were viewing the lot. But one has to give the owners a high degree of credibility, since someone turned out to a lot of trouble to put that turn-around on a road that was really intended to be a stub. And the leftover wide spot in the road makes no sense.

City officials have to realize that their policies, to a degree, have encouraged this practice. For one, the city requires that all subdivisions have at least two entrances, for safety purposes. And there are limits as to how long a road can be and still be considered a cul-de-sac.

Yet the city is not policing what potential home buyers are told, nor is the city insuring that cul-de-sacs



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remain as cul-de-sacs by making sure that any open land at the end be deed restricted, given to the city, or turned over to homeowners associations.

The issue came up recently at the Novi Planning Commission, and members have expressed concern about the practice. They've recommended some subdivision plans be denied because of the conversion of cul-de-sacs, and asked that the city council take a closer look at the question. Residents have been showing up at meetings to protest. One planning commissioner said she believed the city has been tripping over this problem far too often.

Finally this Monday, council did act, voting to end the conversion of cul-de-sacs into through streets.

Laudable as the action is, it should be understood that council has approved cul-de-sac designs for what were intended to be stub streets in the past, knowing they were stub streets.

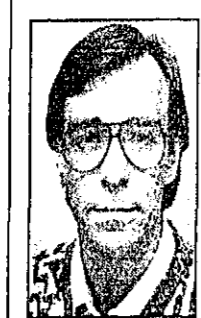
We are not ascribing malicious intent to council, rather we are pointing out that this problem is an unintended consequence of previous actions. Council should make note of that.

The attention is warranted. This is exactly the type of thing the planning commission and council are set up to regulate. The purpose of both is to control development to make sure the use of land is fair to the owner, surrounding neighbors and the community as a whole.

It is likely unreasonable to expect the city to police real estate agents. It would be a difficult task, if not impossible, to make sure that potential residents are told honestly of what they can expect in terms of development of the surrounding area. (That's why it is wise for buyers to check directly with city hall.)

A more reasonable expectation would be for the council to insure that cul-de-sacs stay as they are when installed. Or to make sure they are a stub street, if that is what it is to be, looks like a stub street.

Appointment is no secret



Michael Malott

It's a process that's leader than a White House staff meeting. Anytime a judge steps down mid-term, the governor gets a chance — with a little help from the state Bar Association — to hand pick the successor. It is supposed to be a confidential process. It almost never is.

Witness the current gubernatorial appointment process to replace retiring judge Harold Bulgarelli on the 52-1 District Court bench. Last week, if you were paying attention, you read that the field has been narrowed down to five candidates for the job — former mayor Matt Quinn, former city council member Richard Clark, Assistant Prosecutor Sara Pope, Novi Attorney Terry Jolly and Highland Township Novi Commission Dennis Powers.

There are several reasons why the process is so leaky. First, the field of potential candidates is pretty small. To be a viable contender you have to be an experienced attorney with good political connections and an interest in public office.

Secondly, lawyers and politicians love to talk and they keep pretty close tabs on each other, out of self-defense if for no other reason. Admit that you've tossed your name in the ring for such an appointment and word gets around town in a matter of days.

Finally, what are you going to do if someone asks you, lie? Not a good thing for potential future judge to do. So when a reporter, or anyone else for that matter, gets on the phone and asks you straight out, you gotta fess up.

So much for confidentiality. But at least the governor can say it didn't come from his office.

Is that bad? Probably not. The governor's office claims the reason for confidentiality is to allow the best candidates to come forward without fear of

embarrassment should they not be chosen. Obviously, it doesn't quite work that way, although I see no need for embarrassment considering the strength of this field and the fact only one can be named. Four have got to be disappointed.

Is it a problem that it doesn't work well? Again, probably not. The fact the process is leaky allows folks to hear or read those names and consider whether they'd make good judges. If one had something horrible in his or her background, someone could drop a dime on them to the governor's office. Again, I don't see that problem developing here as I believe all on the list would make excellent judges.

But is it better than an election? Many would like to think that elections are the best way to select public officials, but I have my doubts about that when it comes to judges.

For one, judicial canons prevent candidates from debating issues in the same way other candidates do. Sure, there are still good issues to raise in judicial races, but candidates are really out of line if they make campaign promises since they are supposed to be impartial when they walk into the courtroom.

So the tendency in elections for open seats is for them to become hundrastrung/nature-recognition contests. Usually, an election for an open seat attracts one or two candidates with very little experience, but a good name and lots of money to spend campaigning. Compare that to the field we see here.

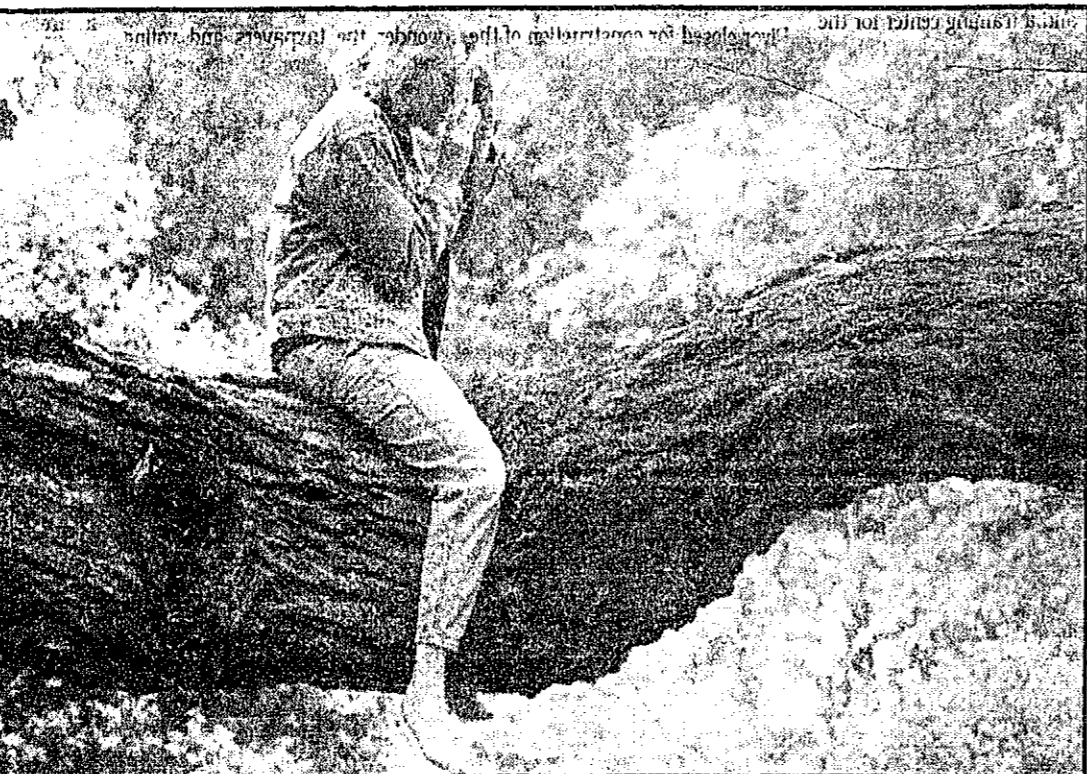
Other states have systems in which judges are selected the first time by appointment, but then must stand election to retain their spot on the bench. I think there's real wisdom in such a process.

By the way, the word in political and legal circles is that Dennis Powers is the front runner in this contest. Why? Because, say ways, he hosted a large fund raiser for the governor that netted him a big chunk of change in a previous campaign. Powers would still make a good judge, according to the legal eagles I've been talking to.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Laura Little shows she will literally go out on a limb to photograph the scenery of Mill Race Village.

Novi is now in court over The Vistas. Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership has filed for \$80 million in damages from the city, arguing that it is hindering progress of the 300-acre, 1,193 planned unit development between Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile, from Novi Road to Meadowbrook.

The lawsuit charges that the city is in breach of contract, diverted special assessment funds from the Decker Road extension, and is attempting to take portions of the property without compensation.

City officials on the other hand are questioning the firm's intention to live up to its agreements when it was given PUD approval. City officials suspect the firm is looking to sell off the land to other developers.

The case is now in trial being heard by Judge Barry Howard in Oakland County Circuit Court. Who can say how the issues will turn out, how the judge will rule.

Regardless, the issue should be of concern to Novi residents. And town leaders will want to take a long hard look at this case as well.

Carrying a price tag of \$80 million, there is a legitimate concern the suit could dip into taxpayers' pockets here should the city lose.

And that again raises the question of the wisdom of making special arrangements with developers. In the past, deal with developers that have gone sour have raised the issue about just how much the city should wheel and deal. In the past, city officials have defended the practice on the basis that that is how they are able to get such unique and attractive projects here.

A fair enough point, but just how susceptible taxpayers are for the deals made by the city bears further review. If not in this case, could it happen in another deal?

Council and city attorneys need to think long and hard about protecting taxpayers before any more special agreements are cut with developers.

Apparently, it's human nature to ostracize and ridicule anybody who's considered an outsider, not a member of "our" tribe. All societies are guilty of this.

In these politically correct days, fair game now includes celebrities and overweight people. Both of them converged at Twelve Oaks Mall last week, when Sarah, Duchess of York, was there as a Weight Watchers spokesperson to congratulate some of the program's success stories.

The 34 people from Michigan, Canada, Ohio and Indiana had lost 100 pounds, some almost double that.

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Out on a limb

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Because what was once immoral is now moral — adultery, illegitimacy, larceny — the only evil sinners left are those who smoke and those who overeat. I expect it would now be acceptable to make puddy people wear a big red "F" on their chests, except that they give themselves away without it.

People are fat for many reasons, some of them no doubt genetic or due to illness. Most eat too much and don't exercise enough. There's a healthy weight

for each person and there's a fashionable weight. The two aren't the same.

I'm fully qualified to write about the issue, because I've weighed everything from 108 pounds to none of your damn business. And I felt fat every step of the way. I'm in the second year of my own two-year weight loss program. My goal is to get down two dress sizes and I'm halfway there. Like the real weight loss champs at Twelve Oaks, I know it's not easy and sometimes is downright maddening.

Now, on the topic of celebrities. Some are fair game for abuse and others aren't. Those who set themselves up as our moral leaders and elected lawmakers and engage in shenanigans — fair game. Those who demand our attention as movie stars, beauty queens, music stars — pretty fair game.

Women who happen to marry rich and famous men and therefore pushed into the limelight — not fair game. I don't understand why the press dishes out so much garbage about the personal appearance of women like our First Ladies — or the Duchess of York. I expect it appeals to the malicious streak in all of us.

During her brief stint in Novi, the now-thin duchess talked about how she was referred to as the Duchess of Pork in the media, when her weight was as high as 210 pounds. Naturally, she was upset and her response was to eat more.

Like lots of people, when I first read the Duchess of Pork nickname years ago, I thought it was funny. I don't any more. It really wasn't our damn business.

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Retiring legislators share insights



Phil Power

For a majority of the state House of Representatives — 65 out of 110 — time is up. Term limits, approved by the voters in 1992 and affirmed by the court this year, prohibit them from running again in August and November.

It's easy and, sometimes useful to poke fun at our legislators, especially the pompous ones that keep filling up my mailbox with press releases. But the fact is they work hard — probably harder than most of us — and they do care about their communities.

Tim Richard, the head of the HomeTown News Service that brings stories from Lansing to this newspaper, interviewed retiring legislators. What they said was thoughtful and, often, insightful. Here's a sampling that readers might want to clip out for comparison when candidates for the House come calling this fall:

LYN BANKS, R-Livonia, who served 14 years in the House and is running for the Wayne County Commission, spoke to her biggest disappointment: "Not getting the education repair bill passed. It's a very simple consumer protection bill. But one lobbying group, the Small Business Association, doesn't like it and has prevented its getting through. It parallels the auto repair act — they have to give you a written estimate — and if they change the estimate they have to let you know."

BARBARA DOBB, R-Union Lake, who heads her own CPA firm in West Bloomfield and is thinking of running for the Senate, reflected on the consequences of term limits: "The whole political landscape is going

to change under term limits. This will be our first election under term limits. The public will get a real wake-up call as to how far-reaching it is. You're going to see changes in the type of legislation that comes out of the House and what types of coalitions are built."

PENNY CRISSMAN, R-Rochester, who leaves the legislature with mixed feelings, "I will not miss the travel time, an hour and a half one way. But there's life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it." She says her biggest frustration was, "When I came in, you were expected to sit and listen (until gaining seniority). But term limits came in. We had to convince them (the leadership) they no longer had the luxury of time in learning. We needed to be brought on board."

ALLAN L. CHROFSEY, R-DeWitt, best known for pushing gun ownership bills and representing fundamentalist Christians, advises his successor: "They need to have a well-rounded education, well-rounded life experience. Listen to the constituents and hear what they're really saying; hear the fear that's motivating their stand on an issue. A lot of times you can come to accommodations that both sides can agree on."

FRANK FITZGERALD, R-Grand Ledge, who is running for the Republican nomination for attorney general after six terms in the House, reflected on a reading list for a good legislator: "There's not a single document or a book. One can do this job without being a political science major or a lawyer. Two documents a legislator should have the greatest familiarity with are the U.S. Constitution and the State Constitution. Beyond that, some general grounding in government, common sense and a knowledge of your people. Reading the local newspaper, honest, is the second most important."

GREG KAZA, R-Rochester Hills, the House's libertarian policy wonk, advised his successor: "Knock on a lot of doors — that's the most important factor. Make sure you don't hold grudges and go to as many events put on by members not only of your party but of the opposing party."

TOM MIDDLETON, R-Ortonville, who is challenging incumbent Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the GOP primary, advised his successor: "Meet the people. There are 110 of us in the House. You can't be an expert on everything. You have to learn who has expertise in some areas. In some, you're going to have to depend on lobbyists. You're also going to have to learn whom you can trust. Some people will say anything to you, then not come true on their word."

KIRK PROFIT, D-Dysant, advised 21-year-olds considering a career in the Legislature: "Live life to the fullest every day. Understand people and what they want. We don't come here with the answers. We come as conduits, advocates and facilitators."

DEBORAH WHYMAN, R-Canton, is running for the Senate seat being vacated by Bob Geake. Her biggest disappointment: "Seeing adults act like kindergarten. We work on bills and all get very tired, and (some) return to the behavior they had when they were five years old — petty bickering, just generally childish."

Reflecting on the distilled experience of these retiring legislators makes me more than a little nervous about what's to come when the Legislature is dominated by the six-year term limit.

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Taxpayers are getting the shaft

To the Editor:
Oh the rising racket and stench from city hall. Sounds like the infamous Novi City Council is receiving financial advice from the slick slyster Willie and his band of degenerates in Washington D.C. The Novi taxpayers are again receiving the proverbial shaft from the cronies on city council.

It all started out plain and simple. The Novi taxpayers and voters agreed to pay for another fire station on the west side, Fire Station No. 4, and a training center for the firefighters. As Councilor Schmid pointed out, the campaign literature (and council discussions — I have video tapes) stressed the money was to be used for construction of Fire Station No. 4, Not Fire Station No. 9, Not Fire Station No. 69, And Not Fire Station No. 1.

Let us step back a moment and review the Fire Station No. 4 sales pitch. The primary selling factors were: a) the health and safety of the people moving into new homes and buildings on the west side of town, b) the possible inability of the existing stations on the eastern side of the city getting to the western end in time because of traffic, construction, distance, etc., and c) the rising price and availability of land. All sound, understandable reasons which the Novi taxpayers and voters accepted and voted for.

Now we are into May 1998, some 18 months after the voters said okay to the bond issue and we still do not have the land nor Fire Station No. 4 under construction. (Perhaps if they spent less time and money on the semi-private municipal golf course/watering hole, the Fire Station No. 4 issue would have

received a higher priority.) (Also, Park Barrel Lane, No. 6 seem to be more important than Fire Station No. 4, and the health and safety of our residents on the western side of the city. That public road through private property was designed and built within a year.)

This summer we will have Grand River closed for construction of the railroad overpass (cutting off the present Fire Station No. 1 from the northwestern part of the city). Possible construction on Nine Mile Road and Novi Road which impacts the use of vehicles from Fire Station No. 3. Now maybe Fire Station No. 2 — up in the Walled Lake area, can zip across South Lake Drive, down the new Fall Road extension, through the Beck Road/Twelve Mile Road intersection (under construction?), and then service all of the calls from the west side of the city.

But let us return to some basic trustworthiness and ethical issues, the voters were promised that fire Station No. 4, to be located on the west side, would be built if the bond issue was passed. Not after the old Fire Station No. 1 was designed and constructed. Not after the old Fire Station No. 1 site was sold.

Now the Novi taxpayers and voters — witnessing a highly suspect game being played with their money and assets. Adequate fire protection for the residents and taxpayers on the west side of the

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city is more and more in jeopardy. The bond issue moneys were intended for the construction of Fire Station No. 4, not Fire Station No. 1. If and when money is realized from the sale of the existing Fire Station No. 1, that money should be used for the construction of a new Fire Station No. 1. No wonder the taxpayers and voters public considers politicians and their political actions as a rotten and stench-laden affair. Wait till they try to sell us on another bond issue.

Joseph G. Toth

Consider Clean Michigan plan

To the Editor:
Recently, the Michigan Senate passed two important bills, SB 902 and SB 904, which together form a cornerstone of the Clean Michigan Initiative bonding proposal. This package, coupled with pending House activity on HB 5620, HB 5622 and HB 5917, is one of the most significant environmental and economic accomplishments of the last decade. These measures provide the state with the needed financial resources to take full advantage of earlier environmental improvements.

The Clean Michigan Initiative finance further brownfield redevelop-

ment, improve state and local parks, renovate contaminated rivers, protect our valuable lakes, rivers and streams from further pollution, and enhance our state's waterfront development activities. The proposal, if passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, would place the question of approving this bond on the November 1998 ballot. Citizens are being asked to make a long-term investment of dollars in Michigan's environmental and economic future.

Some have unfairly criticized this package as being more about providing economic incentives than environmental benefits. I am of the belief that good economic incentives and environmental benefits can work hand in hand. Success stories continue to repeat themselves all over this state with brownfields being redeveloped, greenparks preserved, abandoned sites cleaned up, air, water, and soil quality enhanced, and a record number of new jobs being created.

I invite Michigan residents to give careful consideration to this bipartisan, bicameral Clean Michigan Initiative. When Michigan's credit rating is so high, interest rates extremely low, and the immediate payoff of this investment is so readily apparent and so surely needed, I believe that supporting the Clean Michigan Initiative is the right thing to do for this state, the environment, the economy and the future of our citizens.

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St. Joseph wins rezoning for Twelve Mile Road site

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's plans for a Novi campus are a step closer to reality, after the requested rezoning of 70 acres at Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road was quickly granted by the Novi City Council on Monday.

The Ann Arbor based-health care operation aims to move its corporate headquarters to a 154,000-square-foot building, as well as construct a 300,000-square-foot

comprehensive outpatient center and doctors' offices. Future plans call for another 75,000 square feet of outpatient services at the south east corner of Meadowbrook Road and Twelve Mile.

Previously zoned residential-agricultural for one-acre lot housing and office service, the new designation is office service-technology or OST. A January planning study created by city planning consultant Brandon Rogers suggested OST for the property.

OST requires more setbacks,

does not permit retail, but allows a medical building to be as high as five stories, Rogers said.

The complex will be jointly operated by St. Joseph Mercy Health System/Ann Arbor and its corporate parent, Mercy Health Services.

St. Joseph already owns the land, attorney Joseph Galvin told the council.

Designs for the campus include building walking and jogging trails through woodlands and wetlands, for the use of both staff and visitors.

Arson drops 11 percent in state

Public awareness and education efforts have helped douse arson's flames in Michigan. Arson and suspicious blazes decreased 11 percent in 1997, compared to the previous year's figures, according to officials from a statewide anti-arson group.

In 1997, there were 3,629 incendiary and another 7,690 suspicious fires reported in this state. That compares to 4,121 arson fires and 8,545 suspicious fires reported in 1996.

Arson and suspicious fires are still very costly, however, intentionally-set and suspicious blazes resulted in the loss of property

and contents of over \$280 million in 1997. Direct arson losses last year totaled \$21.5 million. Suspicious blazes cost another \$259 million. These loss figures do not include indirect costs such as medical care, funeral expenses, temporary shelter, business interruption, demolition, fire investigation, prosecution, court proceedings, incarceration and increased insurance premiums.

Representatives from the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, the state's task force against arson, indicate that efforts to increase awareness about the devastation and

destruction caused by arson, as well as offering a tip-reward program that puts arsonists behind bars, is having a positive impact on the arson problem here.

There are some precautions property owners can take to deter fire setlers. MAPC officials suggest:

- Always keep entry doors and garages locked.
 - Keep yards well-lighted.
 - Make sure property is free of trash and debris.
 - Report all suspicious activity to local law enforcement officials.
- To report a suspicious fire, call 1-800-44-ARSON.

Private security empowered

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Catching up on crime and other bills in the Michigan Senate:

GUARDS EMPOWERED

Private security guards at theaters and arenas would be able to eject unruly patrons if a Senate-passed bill is enacted by the state House of Representatives.

"This would allow private security to remove people who are screaming, standing on chairs, fighting, spilling drinks," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the former police officer who sponsored Senate Bill 995.

"Now they have to seek out police officers. Court decisions say they (places of public entertainment) have a duty to protect the public."

The guard could eject the unruly person from a theater, arena, circus, athletic grounds or any entertainment place with a seating capacity of 200, including a shopping center. The guard could not perform an arrest.

Bouchard's bill sailed through the Senate April 29 on a 30-6 vote but without debate. All area senators voted yes except Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

BOMB BILLS OK'D

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, won unanimous support for his pair of bills to prevent manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction.

"Times have changed, and we need to address the very real threat of chemical, biological and radioactive weapons," said Peters. "My bill will give prosecutors the tools they need to deal with this new threat."

The package includes:
• SB 443, which makes it a crime to manufacture biological, chemical or radioactive substances, punishable by 15 years in prison. For property damage, the penalty would be 20 years; if injury to a person, 25 years; if serious impairment of a body function, life in prison; if death, a mandatory life sentence without probation.

If the bomber's target were "vulnerable" such as schools, churches, hospitals or other public buildings, 25 years would be attached. It would not apply to the military, law enforcement or a person using them on the job.

• SB 1011, which prohibits parole for prisoners sentenced to life in prison for use of explosives, chemical or biological weapons. The Senate Fiscal Agency couldn't estimate a total cost, but the cost for a single prisoner, assuming 50 years behind bars, would be \$900,000.

Both bills go to the House.

EMERGENCY AID

The Senate expanded the Good Samaritan law to provide immunity from liability for volunteers who treat emergency cases with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, SB 1050 doesn't cover professionals called on a 9-1-1 service. If passed by the House, Geake's bill would take effect July 1.

Current law provides Good Samaritan protection for persons who render CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to another.

An AED is emergency equipment for heart cases. It provides an electrical shock to restore a normal heartbeat.

Geake argued down an amendment from Sen. Diane Byrum, D-Onondaga, who wanted to require owners of AEDs to make instruction available to such users as security guards, airline attendants and movie theater managers.

"This flies in the face of the purpose of the bill," Geake said of Byrum's amendment. "It imposes a duty of instruction. Once we open the door to imposing a duty, we open the door to lawsuits - which is opposed to the purpose of the bill." The Byrum amendment lost in an unrecorded voice vote.

An companion bill, SB 1051 sponsored by Dale Shugars, R-Portage, would provide liability protection for emergency and medical personnel using an AED unless gross negligence or misconduct were involved.

Both go to the House for action.

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Mail-A-Meal

Join the postal carriers in the fight against hunger



Photo by CAROL DIPPLE

Novi Postal Carriers Laura Frost (from left), Larry Killebrew, and Janet Clements will be on their routes collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday as part of the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive.

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Got an extra entrée on your cupboard shelf? Why not give it to your postal carrier. No, the letter carrier probably isn't hungry, but someone else in your community is.

The postal carriers in Novi and Northville are participating in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive during the week of May 4 through 9.

Your contribution to the food drive will help two local organizations who supply food to the needy.

Carol Ann Donnelly from the Church of the Holy Family in Novi will be able to restock the shelves to meet the needs for the weekly, sometimes daily, requests her office receives for food.

In Northville, the Northville Civic Concern will be the recipient of their city postal workers' food drive.

Campbell's Soup donated the cost of producing 100 million postcards which the both post offices have sent out informing the communities of the food drive for non-perishable items which includes canned, boxed and bagged goods.

In Novi, donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at the Novi Post Office on Novi Road between Ten Mile and Grand River during business hours - Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

In Northville, donations can be deposited in bins at the Post Office, located at 200 S. Wing Street, during their normal business hours which are Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Letter carriers will pick up donations put by or in your mail box before designated mail delivery service on Saturday, May 9.

Family members of the Novi carriers have volunteered to go out to different routes throughout the day on Saturday to retrieve the donated food items and take them to a central location where they will be picked up by Donnelly and a group of volunteers. Donnelly is looking for volunteers with pick up trucks and vans to help move the food to the church. Anyone interested in helping should call Donnelly at (248) 349-8553 by Friday, May 8.

In 1996, 5,000 pounds of food was donated by residents of the 42 routes in Novi.

Northville has 27 city letter carriers and nine rural carriers.

In 1997, 73.2 million pounds of food was given to the letter carriers nationwide, up from 45 million pounds in 1996. This year Campbell's donated 10 million pounds of food.

"The people who give will give four or five cans," said Laura Frost who has 460 stops on her route.

"Some people give boxes of it, some people give one can," said Larry Killebrew who makes 479 stops on his carrier route.

"My senior building gives quite a bit," said Janet Clements who has 537 stops.

Non-perishable food items

Ideas for donations include but are not limited to:

Entrees

- Tuna Helper and tuna
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Family size cans of beef stew, ravioli, etc.
- Taco dinners and sauce
- Pizza mixes and sauce

Sides

- Vegetables
- Yams (Sweet Potatoes)
- Stuffing mix
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta mixes such as Primavera, Alfredo, etc.
- Rice mixes such as Spanish Rice, Broccoli and Rice, etc.

Soups

- Especially chunky soups

Breakfast

- Pancake mix and syrup
- Muffin mixes

Desserts

- Cake mix and frosting
- Fruit

Other

- Baby food and formula
- Evaporated milk
- Peanut butter and jelly

Make sure expiration dates are at least three months from the date of the donation.

The can should be free of rust and the seal should not have popped giving the top of the can a swollen appearance. Opened or partially used items are not acceptable.

"The numbers are annually increasing instead of decreasing," Donnelly said of the requests she receives for food.

When making a donation, think entrees like Tuna Helper and tuna, spaghetti sauce and noodles, a family size of beef stew.

"We really need the entrees," said Donnelly. "The biggest need is to make a meal. It's hard to do with out the entree."

Macaroni and pasta meals are also acceptable.

"We gets tons of vegetables," Donnelly said. "What we're trying to do is make meals. Soups, especially the chunky soups because they are more of a meal."

Breakfast items can include pancake and syrup because they go together.

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Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pat Thull volunteers with Mercy High School.

Thull placed on Governor's Honor Roll

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Pat Thull was recently recognized for almost two decades of volunteerism.

"You love to give but you don't always talk about it you just do it," Thull said. "It is a nice thing to be remembered this way."

Thull received the 1998 Governor's Honor Roll award for her volunteer work with Mercy High School, of which she is a 1970 alumni.

"It didn't take me too long after graduating to realize the gift that they gave me in preparing me for life and the strength needed to face that struggle," she said.

Sister Regina Marie Doelker, who was Thull's math teacher and is now the president and principal of the high school nominated Thull for the honor.

"We are not expecting any recognition but it is wonderful to be recognized and appreciated," Thull said. "The award is wonderful and warm but we volunteers do it from our hearts."

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Thull was among 41 volunteers nominated by their organizations who received the 1998 Governor's Honor Roll award this year and were recognized at a luncheon on April 21.

She has been a resident of Northville since 1984 and is married to Patrick O'Brien. They have a five and a half year old son, Robert.

"I've only done a little part in giving back what they gave me," she said.

Thull went on to graduate from University of Detroit, which is now U of D Mercy, with a bachelor of science in hygiene and was a registered dental hygienist during her first career.

She went back to school and picked up marketing and advertising classes to prepare for her

second career.

After a stint as a vice president for a mid-size advertising agency, Thull decided to embark on her own and founded the Randolph Group, a marketing, communications and training company.

"We started bare bones with no clients," she said of her company which employs two or three people on a flexible basis.

"We have low overhead, which reflects on cost structuring for clients," she said. "If you try to cap it, we are an eclectic company."

At Mercy her volunteer work has included being on the Board of Trustees, fulfilling two terms; chairing the development committee; a speaker at alumni career days; as well as having been on all major event committees active-

ly for the last six years.

"I have supported everything I could possibly support at Mercy," Thull said. "I worked actively on marketing plans for the school as well."

The Governor's Honor Roll award is given to a volunteer representative nominated by charitable organizations in Michigan who exemplifies the true meaning of volunteerism.

Event MCs were Emery King WDIV TV4; Amyre Makupson, WKBD, TV50; Virgil Carr, president and CEO of United Way Community Services; Bishop Bernard Harrington; and Terri Norris, President of Junior League of Birmingham.

Other awards given for different aspects of volunteerism included the Cheers Award, Young Metro Volunteer Award, Heart of Gold Award, and Corporate Plus Award.

"It was a real honor and a surprise," Thull said. "I'm used to being on the giving side not the receiving side."

Newcomers preparing for installation dinner

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Board recently met at the Civic Center to make final plans for this year's installation dinner. The date has been set for Wednesday, May 13, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, social hour starting at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7; with the Novi Jazz Ensemble playing from 6:30-7 p.m. Included in the program will be recognition of the 1997-98 Board and committee members, and installation of the 1998-99 Board members.

Gifters for the coming year include: Bobbi LeRoy, president; Karen Bushka, first vice president; Diana Graf, second vice president; Theresa Docherty, secretary; and Maureen Nakonek, treasurer. Board positions are as follows: Carla Hall, Interest Group chairman; Alice Bergeson, Lisa Roach, and Cindy Dillon, Civics; Sarah Clark, Karen Ray, Loraine Eastman, and Dottie Varhol, Ways and Means. Committee positions include outgoing president Lynn Schreffl as advisor and Chris

Hutchinson, historian. In addition, the Outstanding Member will also be recognized that night.

For members and friends, the annual Road Rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, with check-in time at 6:30 p.m. The event will start promptly at 7 p.m., with deadline for registration of the first 75 people being Saturday, May 9. Cathy and David Sheeran are in charge of the rally.

New member of the Interest Group, the Book Club, will be meeting on Tuesday, May 26, to discuss the book, "Lily's Crossing" by Patricia Reilly Goff.

This year's Golf League started May 1, with the next outing scheduled for May 15. The league will continue every other Friday for nine weeks, with tee times at 5:20 p.m. at the Pebble Creek Golf course.

The Mom's and Tot's and the Play Group will combine their efforts and will meet every other Wednesday at nearby parks. On May 20, they will go to the Tim Pope play structure, and on May 27, to the Spirit of '76.

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The Out-to-Lunch group will finish up the season with a May 19 luncheon at the Country Epicure.

Other Interest Groups include Pinochle, Euchre, Bridge, Bunko, dinner club, bowling, and many more.

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Every year the Youth Recognition Committee makes contact with school counselors, nursery schools and nursing facilities, directing last year's on-site supervisor Patty Doyle, is underway. She will act as consultant and will work on details prior to opening day. Interviews will be held this week for support staff applicants and an on-site supervisor. Sign-up date for those wishing to attend is Saturday, June 13, with opening day on Monday, June 22. The center will continue through July.

Trips are being planned, special guest clinics, community service project, lock-in, etc.

Because the girls have expressed a wish for a beauty class in hair styling, letters have been sent to various hair salons indi-

place following the May 31 morning service.

Other family activities include a potluck on May 31, at 6:30 p.m. This will be the last monthly potluck held until next fall. Those attending are encouraged to bring their favorite lawn game along with a dish to pass.

A different program will be presented on Mother's Day. The congregation will give a blanket to Church World Service in honor of or in memory of mothers, grandmothers, step mothers, etc. A listing of those honored will be included in the bulletin.

There is something for everyone within the church. A Singles group meets for lunch on the second Sunday of the month; and the Printmakers Group will attend the Farmington Community Chorus Spring Concert this Friday, with dessert following at Ram's Horn. Other groups include: The Book Group, Women to Women, Writers Group, Men's Breakfast Club, and Women's Coffee Crew. Informal outings for both men and women are in the planning stage.

Call 347-0410 for further information regarding any of the NYA programs.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A special reception was recently held honoring the following graduates: Megan Douglas, Brian Goris, Jason Justman, Ian Harris, Sarah McKinney, Stephanie McKinney, Julie Pfizenmaler, Sarah Schulkins, and Luke Vanzo.

The senior high group will have an overnight lock-in on Friday, May 15, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., Saturday, May 16. The youth are encouraged to bring a friend; Pastor Brad will be leading the evening festivities. A senior high car wash will be held on Saturday, June 20.

The Junior High will have an end-of-the-year bash on Saturday, May 30, from 2:30-5 p.m. at Sport-n-Fun in Farmington Hills. They will enjoy Putt Putt Golf, batting cage, video game room, and go-karts.

On Sunday, May 31, all youth and parents are invited to help plan activities for next year.

A picnic outing to Maybury State Park for ages kindergarten through second grade will take

place following the May 31 morning service.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her for information for this column, call 624-0173.

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Children's Church at 11 AM
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New Location
300 Mackay St. 424-2383
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Women's Bible Study
Sunday School 9:45 AM
11:30 AM Morning Worship
Pastor: Paul Kim All Welcome

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Worship 8:30, 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
CSI Wednesday at Hope
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Worship Service 9:30-10:00 am
39200 W. Livonia Rd. Farmington Hills
(481) 333-7175

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
23225 Gil Road
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Worship Services: 8:30 AM, 11 AM, 7:30 PM
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Worship: Church School: 9:30-11:00 am
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Church School: 9:00-10:30 AM
Religious Education: 349-2269

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville
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Church School: 9:30-11:00 am
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Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:45-11:00 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: 7:30 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Walled Lake, Michigan
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
11:30 am
8:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1144 8 Mile & Toft Roads
Walled Lake, Michigan
Sunday Services: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Nursery: both services (open to all)
Summer Ministries: 10:00 AM (July 1st - October 31st)
Dr. Douglas W. Wenzel, Rev. Thomas M. Braggan, Rev. Arthur L. Scalfard

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Worship: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting: Wed 7:00 pm
Pastor: Gary Gray, Pastor

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10 Mile between Toft & Beck Novi
Phone: 349-1175
Sunday: 7:45 am Holy Eucharist
Sunday: 11 am Holy Eucharist
11 am Sunday School & Nursery
The Rev. Leslie F. Harding

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44400 W. 10 Mile Novi 349-5660
12 mile west of Novi Rd.
Pastor: J. Henderson, Pastor
J. Curtis Smith, Associate Pastor
Worship & Church School 9:30-10:45 AM Sunday

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21216 Meadowbrook Rd. at 10 Mile
Morning Worship: 10 am
Church School: 10 am
349-1757
Minister: Rev. E. Howard
Member of Music: Ray Ferguson

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. James H. McGuire Senior Pastor
40339 St. Michael Road - Walled Lake, MI 48394
Service: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am
Sunday School & Nursery Provided
1:30 pm evening services
Worship Services Broadcast at 11 am WFLM AM 1030

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
217 N. Wing
Rev. Stephen Sparks, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, & 6:30 pm
Wed. Prayer: Service: 7:00 pm
Boys Brigade: 7 pm, Pioneer Girls: 7 pm
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Parish Office: 347-7778

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Sunday Worship: 10 am
Youth & Adult Education: 9 am
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16115 Beck Rd. (between 5 & 6 Mile Roads)
Pastor: Ken Robinson (313) 734-4571-8181

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH
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On Campus

SOPHIE D. LIAO of Novi was selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious 1998 Presidential Scholars Program. This honor recognizes outstanding seniors who demonstrate exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts.

Liao, a graduating senior at Novi High School, was also named among the National Merit 52,000 scholarship winners by officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Every finalist was considered by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. Selection committee members evaluated each finalist's academic record, difficulty level of course work, subjects studied as well as grades earned, leadership, contributions to the school and community, written essay about interests and goals, and the high school principal's recommendation of the student.

Liao has chosen a career in medicine. Her honors and memberships include: Valedictorian, Interact Club, President, Varsity Debate Team for four years as co-captain, Quiz Bowl team vice president, National Junior Society Treasurer, student Congress Senator, pianist, volunteer tutor, hospital volunteer, AP Scholar, Michigan Math Prize Bronze Award, National Chemistry Olympiad Sect 1 nominee, Girls State.

Liao is the daughter of Kenneth and Karen Liao of Novi.

CASEY J. BEAR, a sophomore at Kalamazoo College and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth James Bear of Novi, has been named to the Dean's List for winter quarter. To achieve recognition, a student must earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

CHARLES DAVID HAWTHORNE, a part-time student from Novi, has been named to the Dean's List for winter quarter at the Detroit College of Business. To receive recognition, students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average at the end of a quarter.

Sophomore **ANDY KURETH** of Novi is a member of the men's Lacrosse team at Kenyon College in Ohio. He turned in a strong effort in three games as Kenyon's goalie, recording 13 saves and allowing two goals.

Kureth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kureth and a graduate of Detroit Country Day School. He is an English major at Kenyon College.



Piazza Dance Company's competitive dance team (from left) Rachelle Hadley, 7, Kendall Kosbe, 12, Kim Baber, 11, Jackie Sinko, 10, and Renee Hadley, 10, are prepared to perform 'Sugar & Spice' at Disney World in July.

Dancers to represent state at nationals

By AMY GIBBONS
Staff Reporter

Five local girls, ages seven-11, are dancing their way to Disney World as members of a competitive dance group with Piazza Dance Company in Northville.

The girls will go to Disney World in July to represent Michigan in their age group at a national competition, said their teacher and choreographer Tania Garratt.

The group consists of Kim Baber, 11, Kendall Kosbe, 12, and Jackie Sinko, 10, of Livonia and Rachelle and Renee Hadley, 7 and 10 respectively, of Novi.

They qualified for Nationals at a regional competition held recently at West Bloomfield High School. At that competition, the girls received a platinum gold medal, high score in the junior age division, first overall, the high score award out of 59 junior groups, outstanding choreography out of 76 junior groups and lines and best overall choreography.

They also received a gold medal at the Dance Makers competition

held at the Novi Hilton and a gold and third overall out of 29 junior groups at the Headliners competition at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

This year was the first time the five girls competed as a group. The girls' mothers said they were concerned at first because of their varying ages. At the competitions, their ages are averaged and they compete at that age level. Because the girls range in ages seven-12, they've been competing in the nine-year-old age group.

The mothers said their fears were unfounded because the girls have been doing really well and seven-year-old Rachelle has been holding her own.

All that matters to the girls is that they're having fun.

"When you win, it makes you feel good," Sinko said. "The important thing is we have fun."

"It makes you feel like you worked hard which we did," Kosbe added.

"I think she's the one that makes it all happen," said mother Kim Kosbe. "She's so supportive of

these girls. She goes above and beyond."

Kosbe said Garratt even goes as far as sending the girls congratulatory notes to their homes and giving them flowers at their competitions.

An ex-Detroit Pistons dancer, Garratt, 22, started dancing with Piazza at age six. She began teaching dance at Piazza while a student at South Lyon High School. She gave up teaching for awhile to dance with the Pistons and go to school, but now she's back teaching the traditional tap and jazz classes and also hip hop.

The girls said they like hip hop better than the traditional dances. "It's fun because sometimes you get to chew bubble gum," Rachelle said.

"I like it better than regular jazz," Sinko added.

The mothers agreed Garratt is the driving force behind the girls' success.

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Next stop, Disney World. Kendall said they are looking forward to swimming at the hotel and meeting Mickey Mouse and of course, dancing.

Piazza Dance Company will hold its annual dance recital June 19-20 in South Lyon High School's auditorium.

For information on hip hop classes, call Piazza at 248-348-3720.

Tania Garratt was one of the dancers selected for the first 15-member precision dance team for the Detroit Pistons who performed during halftime at home games.

Garratt has been dancing since she was 3 years old and has studied jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, Hawaiian and Tahitian dance.

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Garden of the Month

Sculpted beds blend with natural woodlands

By PAT ZIEKLE
Special Writer

The instant your feet hit the long and winding driveway, you just feel there's an interesting journey ahead - and you're right.

Wood chip paths mark the way to the beginning of an exciting odyssey through Carolyn and David Braverman's 1 1/2 acres off Main and Clement. Half of the area has been cultivated, while the balance remains woodland. Raised and sculpted beds have been added and the earth amended, but the entire area is far from pristine and proper. It is, however, a wonderful blend where gardens and woodland meet creating a harmonious transition from naturally rugged woodland to "organized casual."

Mature maple and ash trees stand well beyond the drive, providing a green canopy for the abundance of delicate wildflowers growing beneath their protective branches. At the drive's entrance, a large oval bed filled with daffodils, rhododendrons, helenium, crocus and a wonderfully fragrant Korean spice bush (shurumun) flourish amidst large ornamental chunks of porous gray lava rock. And just ahead a rectangular bed holds varieties of ferns just beginning to punch through the earth with their tightly clenched little fists - to be met by epimedium, daylilies, primroses, bright yellow daffodils and parchment white narcissus.

Where trees flourish and grass cannot grow, pachysandra and myrtle do their job very well as ground cover, with dwarf lilac and tiarella (foam flower) peeking through.

A 30-foot-long raised bed, supported by large rocks, (with a backdrop of rhododendrons) holds a variety of plantings such as daylilies, ferns, sedum, Euphorbia, linnel, campanula, dwarf rose bushes, peony, hydrangea, lady's mantle, foxglove, mums, and clusters of hyacinths and tulips that David brought back from a trip to Holland.

Moving from the side to around the back and stepping onto a wood plank path (five times) to rise to the house, are beds of astilbe, columbine, bleeding heart, primrose, muscapi, grape hyacinth and a flowering cherry tree. A flugstone



Northville resident Carolyn Braverman cultivated half of her garden, leaving the rest a woodland.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

walk takes over, and leads directly to the edge of the woodland where toad lilies, leucophaea, pulmonaria, ligularia, meadow rue and corydalis rule.

In the area off the deck is a large section mainly populated by lily of the valley, Virginia bluebells, sweet woodruff and bloodroot, while clusters of waxen multi-colored tulips surround the gazebo. The Bravermans are looking forward to the completion of another garden enhancement - a pond. Excavation has begun and plans for another garden to complement the pool are at Carolyn's drawing board.

Carolyn is "the gardener" and David admits to being "the appreciator." He "appreciates" the splendor of the garden and enjoys relaxing on the deck with a tall glass of something cool, and he also "appreciates" the fact that Carolyn seldom asks him

to do any gardening chores. In addition to her love of gardening, Carolyn's other grand passion is the theater. Born in Toronto, she attended the National School Theater of Canada, toured through Western Canada and Ontario, and spent two seasons at the Stratford Theater of Canada. Eventually moving to New York City, where she continued her studies, Carolyn appeared in show cases and made commercials and industrial films. You may have seen her in movies: "Falling in Love," "Muppets Take Manhattan," and "Garbo Talks." She also enjoyed a long run in "Shear Madness" at the GEM Theater in Detroit last year, where she had a leading role as Mrs. Stuber.

She is currently doing regional theater at the Jewish Ensemble Theater, where she is appearing as Ida in a production of "The Cemetery Club."

Whether Carolyn is out digging in the garden or basking in the glow of theater spotlights, she brings creativity to both areas; a dedicated master gardener and talented, inspired actor. On both levels, she has earned enthusiastic rounds of Applause, Applause!

Pat A. Ziekle is a member of the Country Garden Club of Northville and the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

For more information, call (248) 419-6492.

Church

The Women's Service Club of MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold a Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A wide variety of geraniums, high quality flats, pots and hanging baskets will be available.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7737.

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 13 Mile and Farmington roads in Farmington Hills, will be holding a rummage sale on Friday, and Saturday, May 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Donations can be dropped at the rear door of the church on Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tax receipts will be provided.

No appliances or wall-to-wall carpeting will be accepted. Small appliances must be in good working condition.

For details, call (248) 626-7906.

THE YOUTH at the FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile in Northville, will present "What Would Jesus Do?" Mother's Day, May 10, at 5 and 7 p.m.

Over 120 area teens are part of this year's southeast Michigan tour.

The music is mostly of a contemporary nature, accompanied by synthesizers, piano and percussion.

The Youth Musical is open to all seventh through twelfth grade students regardless of church affiliation, if any. The majority of them are from Northville and Novi, but also from Farmington, South Lyon, Pinckney, Plymouth, Bloomfield Hills, Wixom and Livonia.

For more information, call (248) 419-6492.

Crim focusing on 'Second Thoughts'

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Mort Crim is not on the air as the senior anchor at WDV Channel 4 in Detroit but he is far from being retired.

Among other things, he is busy working on "Second Thoughts," a two-minute inspirational and motivational piece which now air nationwide and promoting the book "Second Thoughts" which is a result of the radio segments.

"We have the greatest job in the world," he said of his career as a journalist and broadcaster to almost 400 people who attended the Third Annual Observer Home-Town Friends Book & Author Luncheon. "We have a front row seat to the story of humanity and get paid for it."

News by definition has always been negative and sensational, but today it is live, as-it-happens, television reporting, according to Crim.

"A lot of what we have seen happen in the media these days is not the result of incompetence," he said. "The fault of news that is disgusting a lot of us is the clearest

news to produce in a time when every institution in society including the news media are being asked to do more with less. That's the bottom line."

Four or five years ago he decided he wanted to do something different with the rest of his life.

"I wanted to help bring some perspective to what I felt and still feel has become a very negative media image of reality," he said. "There is far more good in the world than bad."

There must be balance in news coverage, according to Crim.

"We have a special need and a special responsibility both as consumers of news and as purveyors of news to try to occasionally help them look at the broader reality and recognize that the world is not worse than it's been before, in many ways it's better. It's just that our news coverage is so much more pervasive. And because news is negative, unless we're careful we can become negative, cynical and despairing."

Crim wanted to remind people on a daily basis of two important truths - "The world is not as bad

as you thought" and "you have a lot more power and control over your life and your world than you thought."

He chose to target radio because it is more reality based and is a much more flexible medium because it is more mobile than television and can be heard in the car, at home, even when out fishing.

Crim was told again and again that "Second Thoughts" was not what the audience wants to hear.

He persevered and eventually found a sponsor in Kmart through a friend, Chrysler Corporation recently came on board as a second sponsor.

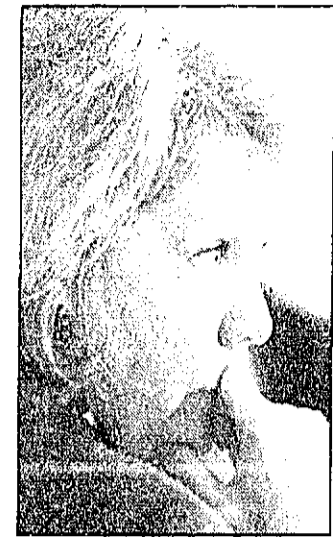
Once successfully on the air, Crim started on the book by the same name.

Again, perseverance paid off and the 29th publisher he approached agreed to publish the book which sold out its first printing in three months.

"The message is clear that this country is funny as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story," he said. "I think there is a lot of common sense in this

country."

People of this country want the news, but also want the good news about the people who are still decent to each other and live by the golden rule, according to Crim. Locally, "Second Thoughts" airs twice daily on WNIC.



Novi Library's Brenda Evans attended the luncheon.



Mort Crim spoke at the Friends' of the Libraries' luncheon.

Northville resident helps with parade

One of the nation's largest equestrian parades will be held on Saturday, May 16, when Michigan Parades Into the 21st Century begins at 11 a.m. on Michigan at Pennsylvania Avenue in Lansing.

Equine coordinator for the parade is Northville resident Nancy Harn who said that this year's horses range in age from a draft foal with its dam to well-trained national champion horses 20 years old and over. Sizes range from a 100-pound miniature horse to draft horses that weigh well over 1 ton each. Height of the equine participants range from 24 inches (six hands) to 6 feet (18 hands) measured at the shoulder.

Many of the more than 100 horse clubs and organizations in the state will be represented in this extraordinary parade. Michigan has more than 150,000 horses (more than Kentucky).

Expected to participate this year are Arabians, Percherons, Belgians, Clydesdales, American Saddle Breds, Morgans, Paints, Buckskins, Thoroughbreds, Paso Finos, Quarterhorses, Appaloosas, mules, miniature horses and donkeys, ponies, Hallingers, Canadians, Tennessee Walking Horses, Peruvians, standardbreds and others.

Among the colorful units in authentic ethnic costumes are Arabians in imported Arabic tack and costumes, the fine stepping Paso Finos in Spanish show costumes, the Charro Riders in authentic Mexican tack and attire, and Peruvian horses in costume. Equestrian youth will be represented by 4-H and Therapeutic Riders. Mounted police units will be represented by local and state police riders.

Other mounted groups include drill teams and historical units in colorful costumes. Horse-drawn vehicles include up to six horse hitch teams, a 1908 Sears run-about carriage, an 1830 stagecoach pulled by a team of four Hallingers, an antique hearse (still

in use today in the Lansing area) pulled by horses, an 1875 Lewis Tubcart, a wagon train, burkbeards, circus wagons, and other antique buggies and carriages. Carriages and antique buggies from Greenfield Village and Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel are new units to this year's parade.

These Michigan horses have attained nationwide exposure including well received appearances in the Macy, Chicago and Detroit Thanksgiving Day parades; Presidents Bush, Clinton, and Carter Inaugural parades; Detroit St. Patrick, Cinco de Mayo, and Fourth of July parades; Milwaukee's Great Circus parade; the Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Festival; Martin Luther King's holiday parade; and the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif.

In addition, a number of the units have performed in the North American Horse Expo at Novi, the International Stallion Exposition and Tradeshow in Lansing; the Equine Affair in Columbus, Ohio; the Main Event of Equitana in Louisville, Ky.; the Tom Mix Festival in Oklahoma; and other special television programs.

Besides the horses, other unusual animals will be on parade. Potter Park's Zoo annually brings llamas, camels, a Zebu, and snakes. A special Hero Canine unit will feature adult dogs and puppies from the Leader Dogs for the Blind; Canine Companions, Paws with a Cause; Therapy Dogs, Rescue and Police Dogs.

Grand Marshall of the Equine units will be internationally known performer S.A. Darrington, who will be there as Tom Mix riding the "Wonder Horse" Tony.

This year's parade horses and other animals represent some of the best of their breed in the world. This is a rare opportunity to see such a diversity of breeds, costumes, and horse-drawn vehicles in a single event.

New American Girls fund raiser will benefit children's hospital

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital invites girls and their mothers, relatives and friends to step into the past and experience 19th century New Mexico at Welcome Josefina - An American Girls Event.

This new fundraising event celebrates the arrival of Josefina Montoya, the newest fictional heroine in the phenomenally popular American Girls Collection of books, dolls and accessories. Josefina is a 9-year-old Hispanic girl growing up in northern New Mexico in 1824. Welcome Josefina will be held on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m.; and Sunday, May 17, 1-3 p.m. at the Novi High School cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and will go toward research for juvenile diabetes.

Through an on-screen show, girls and their guests will travel back in time to see how life was like in 19th century New Mexico as the Santa Fe Trail pushed America west. The program reflects the sights, sounds, celebrations and daily activities that Josefina and her family would have experienced living on their

ranch outside of Santa Fe. In addition to the show, girls will hear music, create colorful paper flower decorations called "ramilletes," and learn how to embroider using the traditional "roleta" stitch. Guests will also enjoy a taste of traditional New Mexican refreshments.

Girls are encouraged to bring their favorite doll to this memorable occasion. Products and accessories from the Josefina Collection will be raffled as prizes. Each girl will take home her handmade crafts and free party favors, including a keepsake "Memory Book" to record remembrances of the day.

The cost per person is \$20, which includes refreshments, the on-screen presentation, craft materials and party favors. To order tickets, send a check for \$20 per ticket to American Girls Event, c/o Lisa Barton, 23083 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI 48336. Raffle tickets are also available at \$2 a ticket and may be purchased in advance.

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Contest rules say the writer may use as many names as they like, making it exciting, romantic, funny, sad, whatever they think will capture the judges' fancy. Only one entry per person is eligible for awards.

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'Arsenic and Old Lace'

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" continues on May 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16. Performances will be held at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven

Mile Road in Northville. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will be at 6 p.m. General seating tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BALLET: Center Stage Dance Co. will present one show only of the ballet "Read Me a Story... The Adventures of the Lion King, Pinocchio, Mary Poppins and Winnie the Pooh," at the Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main Street in Northville, on Saturday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m.

The ballet will include such well-known songs as "I Wanna Be Like You," "When You Wish Upon a Star," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," and "The Hundred Acre Wood."

Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the Marquis Theatre. For details, call (248) 380-1666.

NOVI THEATRE: Performance Plus and Children's Amex present Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows" which has been adapted for the stage by Linda Wickert on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

Tickets are \$8 (\$7 in advance) and are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department which is also located at 15175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information call (248) 347-0400.

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 Forest Auditorium in Novi High School.

For more information, or tickets which are \$6, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

"Princess's Patch" for children ages 4 and up on May 9 at 1 p.m.; American Girls Club meets on May 12 at 7 p.m.; "Sue: Advice on Herb Gardening" from Sunshine Farm & Garden on May 13 at 7 p.m.; Mother/Daughter Book Group discusses "Baby" by Maclean on May 12 at 7 p.m.; "Stellar Stellanum" story time with a real live bat on May 16 at 1 p.m.

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

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of "Hansel and Gretel" begin May 8 and run through June 6. On Friday, May 8, the performance will be at 7 p.m. All other performances will be 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 \$5.50. Special group rates and times are available. No children under age three will be admitted.

For additional information, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater 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."

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. on May 7. Reservations are required; hammer dulcimer musician Charlene Helen Berry at 7:30 p.m. on May 8; and a book signing with Nancy Washburne, author of "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes," on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville. For more information, call (248) 348-0966.

HENNESSEY'S PUB: Tommy D Band will perform on May 15 and 16 at 9:30 p.m. Hennessey's is located at 49110 Grand River in

Novi. Call (248) 348-4404.

CARVERS RESTAURANT: Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills. For details, call (248) 476-5333.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

ART

ART SOURCE: Photographs by Northville resident Kathleen Thompson will be on display at Art Source May 17 through 24.

Thompson will be greeting patrons from noon until 5 p.m. on May 17 during the "Discover Art in Northville" walk.

Thompson's hand-colored images have won numerous awards, including one bestowed by the Detroit Institute of Arts. Another was selected for a "Detroit News Michigan Magazine" cover from over 5,000 entries in a statewide photo competition.

Art Source is located at 126 Main Centre in Northville and features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings and custom framing.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Friday until 8 p.m. or by appointment.

For details, call 348-1213.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main. For details, call (248) 449-7066.

GATE VI GALLERY:

An exhibit of traditional Japanese and Chinese calligraphy will be on exhibit through mid-May.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

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.

For details, call (248) 380-0470.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring watercolor prints of Northville's Mill Race Village during May and June. One print is an autumn scene of the village. The other print is of the gazebo.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call (248) 348-9544 for additional information.

NEARBY

WRITERS' WORKSHOP: Sponsored by Borders Books, a Writers' Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 16, at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 37529 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

Four, two-hour segments will be presented by Robert Spiegel, editor and publisher of "Freelancers Marketplace" and former publisher of "Chile Pepper" magazine.

The cost is \$45 per workshop, with discounts for more than one workshop. The fee includes a one-year subscription to "Freelancers Marketplace."

For additional information, call (888) 766-5855.

ART EXHIBITION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council's spring art exhibition "Hanging by a Thread" will debut at the Jeanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth on Friday, May 8, with an opening reception from 7 until 9 p.m.

Hours for the exhibition which runs through May 29 are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon; Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; and Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m.

For additional times or information, call (734) 416-4278.

ANTIQUA APPRAISAL:

The Canton Historical Society will host their annual DuMouchelle Antiqua Appraisal Clinic on Saturday, May 30, at the Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Hours for the clinic are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each participant is limited to three hand-carried items. Verbal appraisals are \$7 and written appraisals are \$10. No books or jewelry. No appointments are necessary. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society and the museum.

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Paltrow tempts fate in 'Sliding Doors'

When it comes to romantic relationships, time is of the essence. Romance and heartbreak are both on chance encounters, accidental discoveries, moments of revelation. Miss one of these and fate unspools in an entirely different way.

Or does it?

It all began when Peter Howitt, then a successful British television actor, was walking along London's Charing Cross Road and was nearly struck by a passing car.

Still catching his breath, Howitt realized that his entire life might have been changed in that split second. The incredible fragility of fate got him thinking. "The cogs started to whir in my head and I rang my mate and told him I had a great idea for a film," recalls Howitt.

Bringing the film to screen, however, involved its own chain of fateful twists. In addition to his acting career, Howitt had previously written comedy sketches and directed two short films, one of which won a silver medal at the Chicago Film Festival.

Howitt recalls: "I had decided that it would be a simple, modern love story with an unusual premise. In some ways it was an eccentric idea, but it had a beginning, a twist and a surprise ending. Although at that stage I had no idea if it would ever get made, at the same time I had a blind faith that it was meant to be."



Gwyneth Paltrow experiences a twist of fate in "Sliding Doors."

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"It's a story about destiny, about wondering if you've made the right decisions. The film makes you aware of your mortality. That you are limiting yourself by the choices you make."

-Gwyneth Paltrow on the emotionally suspenseful comedy "Sliding Doors"



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by the romings and goings of his ex-girlfriend and secret lover, Lydia, an American played by Jeanne Tripplehorn. Tripplehorn was attracted to the Hammersmith riverbank by the chance to do something different from many of her Hollywood roles.

Comments Peter Howitt: "I am thrilled beyond words by the casting. As an actor, I wrote every part knowing exactly how it should be played."

"As a writer there comes a stage where you have to give your baby away to someone who will take care of it in a different way...but if the baby is happy and healthy, it doesn't matter. Sydney Pollock told me that I had three major problems with this project, because I'm the writer, the director and actor, but I had to allow the people in this film to play the parts their own way. And it meant I ultimately ended up with great moments I never even dreamed of."

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Fun-loving DW mom, 43, a self-employed professional, enjoys the theatre, concerts, dining out, cooking, reading and traveling, seeks a SWM, 40+. Ad# 2543

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WWW mom, 47, 5'3", enjoys meeting new people, dining out, gardening, traveling and family activities, seeks a professional SWM, 44-54, with similar interests. Ad# 6286

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Catholic DWF, 50, 5', N/S, enjoys family activities, movies, music and dancing, dining out and comedy, looking for a SWM, 45-57, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 6007

YOUNG AT HEART

WWWF, 60, 5'8", dark hair, enjoys fishing, camping, speed boats, outdoors, enjoys looking for a SWM, 58-68, who shares similar interests. Ad# 7411

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DWF, 31, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes, friendly, enjoys movies, golfing, softball and rollerblading, looking for a SWCM, 23-38, with similar interests and no children. Ad# 1313

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SW mom, 30, outgoing, student, self-employed, enjoys dancing, camping, seeks a SWM, 25-40, to get to know. Ad# 1234

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SW mom, 33, 4'10", 220lbs., enjoys sports, country music and spending time with her children, seeking a SWM, 30-45, N/S, for a serious relationship. Ad# 9420

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DWCF, 48, 5'4", enjoys car shows, cooking, antiquing, laughing and walking in the woods, seeks an open-minded, humorous D/SWCM, 38-55, for a sincere relationship. Ad# 1818

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Pretty SWF, 30, 5'8", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes music, movies, traveling, seeks honest, employed SWM, age unimportant, to have an intelligent conversation with. Ad# 1115

THE BOTTOM LINE

SWCF, 28, 5'2", medium build, outgoing, enjoys taking walks, gardening, cooking and much more, is seeking an attractive, family-oriented, slim, romantic SWCM, 32-36, with brown hair, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1200

STAL MY HEART

Attractive SWC mom, 26, 5'4", full-figured, enjoys country music, hockey, seeks SWCM, 24-34, for friendship and fun times. Ad# 1922

MUTUAL RESPECT

DWCF, 46, 5'5", shy and reserved, caring, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere, honest SWCM over 45, with similar interests. Ad# 1951

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DWF, 34, 5'5", N/S, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks N/S, SWM, under 38, for long term relationship. Ad# 3471

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SWF, 19, 5'7", shy, enjoys spending time with children, sports, hunting, long walks, movies, seeks SWM, under 27, for friendship. Ad# 3651

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Pretty, full-figured DW mom, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country living. Ad# 8154

SPEAKS HER MIND

SWF, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere S/DWCM, 35-40. Ad# 8087

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Self-employed DWCF, 50, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly SWCM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship. Ad# 1924

INTELLIGENT

Friendly, professional DW mom, 33, 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40. Ad# 5228

AVID READER

Protestant SWF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys walks, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests. Ad# 1997

A BRAND NEW START

Bashful DW mom, 34, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys movies, going out, being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to share thoughts and interests with. Ad# 5560

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FRIENDS TO START

SWM, 19, 5'11", enjoys sports, movies, concerts and spending time with friends, seeks a SWF, 18-20, for possible relationship. Ad# 1919

THE KEY TO MY HEART

Retired DWF, 57, 5'7", shy at first, enjoys dining out, music and movies, looking for a lovely SWF, age unimportant, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 2589

JUST FRIENDS

SWM, 20, 5'10", enjoys reading and writing, looking to meet a laid-back SWF, 18-21, to spend time with. Ad# 7734

SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST

Good-natured, Catholic DW dad, 57, 5'8", enjoys dining out, the outdoors and quiet evenings, in search of a SCF, moms okay. Ad# 5926

FIND OUT TODAY

SWM, 35, 6', enjoys working out, movies, picnics in the park, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 18-26, who enjoys life. Ad# 2325

MOM'S WELCOME

SWM, 57, 6', 175lbs., smoker, enjoys boating, water skiing, classic car shows, movies, dining out and traveling, seeks a slender SWF, 21-33, for friendship first. Ad# 3664

GIVE ME THE CHANCE

Caring, sincere SWM, 26, 6', enjoys movies, camping, dining out and romantic evenings, searching for a loving SWF, 21-30. Ad# 4444

FINER THINGS IN LIFE

SWM, 47, 5'7", enjoys playing golf, card games and fishing, seeking a serious SWF, with a good sense of humor, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2151

TRY ME

Shy, reserved, Catholic SW dad, 31, 6'1", enjoys hunting, fishing and nights out on the town, looking for sincere, honest DWF, under 31. Ad# 9151

GET TO KNOW ME

Spiritual SWM, 37, 6'1", athletic, employed, loves the outdoors and being with children, looking forward to meeting a SF. Ad# 2341

MOTIVATED

Catholic DW grandfather, 53, 5'9", 170lbs., fit inside and out, professional opened and night, has a country home, enjoys nature, outdoor activities, exercise, seeks SF, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4848

MOVE QUICKLY

SWM, 37, 6'3", 205lbs., employed, loves long walks, biking and camping, looking for a talkative, outgoing SWF, 25-45, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 9512

ON THE LEVEL

Outgoing DW dad, 41, 6'1", enjoys nights out on the town, camping, hunting, sports, dining out, movies and spending time together, looking for DWCF, 28-45. Ad# 1728

UNTIL NOW

Reserved DW dad, 30, 6', employed, enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, picnics, long walks and the outdoors, in search of compatible SWF, 25-32. Ad# 9743

ALL OUR TOMORROWS?

Appealing DWCM, 34, 5'10", enjoys hockey and football, camping, family times, dancing and long walks, seeks an attractive, fun-loving SWCF, under 36, for a nice life. Ad# 7152

HONESTY IS A MUST

DWF, 41, outgoing, enjoys gardening, children and much more, seeks loving, understanding, SWF, age unimportant. Ad# 7688

GIVE ME THE CHANCE

DWF, 30, 6', outgoing, enjoys hunting, fishing, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, over 25, who loves children, with similar interests. Ad# 8413

SPECIAL REQUEST

SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys outdoor sports, camping, movies, seeks honest, outgoing, SWF, 22-30, with similar interests. Ad# 2100

IN YOUR DREAMS

Personable SWM, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, dad of 2, coaches sports, enjoys long walks, romantic evenings, seeks SWF, 21-48, for sharing interests and friendship. Ad# 3121

SWEET & HUMOROUS

SWM, 26, 6'3", a sports fan, likes water sports, interested in meeting a SWF, 18-32, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 5747

CARING & ROMANTIC

DWCM, 52, 6'1", medium build, a sports fan, enjoys summer outdoor activities, dancing, movies and music, seeking a SWCF, 40+, for possible relationship. Ad# 9255

PHONE ME NOW

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VERY LIKEABLE

SWCM, 40, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, humorous, professional, enjoys dining out, children, movies and church activities, seeks a SCF, 35-45. Ad# 8816

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VERY ACTIVE

SWM, 53, 6'3", enjoys classic cars, camping, quiet evenings in front of the fireplace, seeking an honest, loving SWF, 45-58, to spend time with. Ad# 5143

A SOUL MATE

Catholic WWWM, 56, 5'8", N/S, non-drinker, caring, enjoys sports, music, exercising, quiet times, good conversation, good friends, seeks attractive, feminine, SWF, 40-55, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 6699

SHY AT FIRST

Reserved, employed SWCM, 35, 5'3", enjoys movies, nights out on the town, shopping, music, reading and new experiences, looking for a sweet, sincere SWCF, 30-40. Ad# 6695

MANY OPTIONS

SWM, 33, 5'8", blond hair, enjoys playing golf, water skiing, baseball, hockey, camping and traveling, seeks a physically fit SWF, 25-35, who is goal-oriented. Ad# 1509

SHARE MY INTERESTS

Easygoing DWF, 48, 5'7", 160lbs., N/S, non-drinker, enjoys country life, movies, dining out, motorcycles and antiques, seeks a height and weight proportionate SWF, 38-48. Ad# 6147

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME

Professional SWM, 49, 5'11", slim, dark hair, green eyes, outgoing and friendly, enjoys dining out and music, movies and the theatre, family time and more, seeks an attractive, SWF, under 44. Ad# 8345

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SWM, 28, 6', medium-build, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, music and dancing, seeks SWF, 18-38. Ad# 7777

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Handsome SWM, 36, N/S, attentive, creative, honest, witty, enjoys animals, birding, cooking, country life, fishing, seeks adorable, genuine, metaphysically-minded SWF, for lasting relationship. Ad# 4321

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Career-minded SWM, 32, 5'9", long blond hair, outgoing, friendly, never married, seeking fit, cute, bright SF, under 38, for possible relationship. Ad# 2112

BELIEVE IN LOVE

DW dad, 35, 5'10", dark brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, honest, caring, enjoys evening cuddling, the outdoors, long walks, sports, dining out and family time, seeks SWF, 18-34, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 3149

BE DEPENDABLE

SWM, 49, outgoing, professional, peaceful, happy, enjoys golfing, bowling, sports, dancing, movies, seeks caring, understanding, trustworthy SF. Ad# 1031

ON COMMON GROUND

Catholic DWF, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, biking, animals, seeking sincere, honest, caring Catholic DWF, 35-46, no children please. Ad# 1954

HAPPY AGAIN

Sincere SWM, 58, enjoys bowling, golf, camping, walking, seeking honest, dependable SWF, with similar interests. Ad# 7514

A GREAT GUY

Catholic SWM, 39, fun-loving, happy, enjoys remodeling, gardening, biking, rollerblading, seeking honest, sincere, kind, caring, considerate SF. Ad# 7100

SOFTBALL

The bats have come alive, and the wins followed closely for the Novi softball team this past week.

SOFTBALL

The Cats picked up four wins in five games, including a double header sweep of South Lyon last week.

Monday Novi won the second game of a double header with Hartland after dropping the opener.

Wasting no time, Novi scored six runs in the first. Katie Cameron walked to begin the inning and Judy Namm followed with a single. Joelle Rieck singled home Cameron to start the big inning. Sarah Bajorek singled and Adrienne Farrell had a sacrifice bunt to score a run. Kristen Sullivan had an RBI-single and Katie Copp also singled.

"We're starting to piece things together," coach Carol Diglio said. "We're really taking advantage of mistakes and we're playing heads up."

Jessica Gilbert was 3 for 4 with two RBI and a run scored. Farrell, Sullivan, Namm, Franz and Bajorek each had two hits. In all, Novi totaled 14 base hits.

"This was an all-around good team effort," the coach said. "Kristen Sullivan had an outfield assist late in the game and some of the little things are starting to come around."

In the first game, the Eagles got out to an early two-run lead in the second inning and held

the NOVI NEWS Sports

Double the fun Team splits up, youngsters place high

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

With about a week remaining before the regional meet, the boys track team is taking advantage of any recreational it can.

This past week, coach Bob Smith decided to split his team up and experiment a little bit.

So he took his upper classmen to the Ashley Relays at Waterloo Mott High School while sending his youngsters to Holly to compete at the Holly Invite Saturday.

His decision seemed to have paid off.

The team finished second out of 28 teams at the Holly invite while his upperclassmen got a chance to compete with the state's best at Mott.

"We wanted to go head-to-head with some studs and that's exactly what we did," Smith said. "It was a simulated regional experience."

Teams such as defending state champion Pontiac Northern and runner-up Pontiac Central were on hand. Conference power Lakehead also participated in the meet.

"I think this is really going to help us two weeks down the road," Smith said. "We pulled it together as a team and the stars were doing what it takes."

The results of the meet were not available at the time of press, but Novi had a handful of kids place at the tough meet.

The middle-distance relay team of Kevin Averanus, Mike Burns, Wes Van Landschot and Dan Christopherson finished third in a time of 5 minutes, 48.35 seconds.

The distance medley team of John Moore, Burns, Christopherson and Averanus were fourth in a time of 11:09.46.

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Health Column

There are no magic cures



Chris Klebba

What if I told you there was a prescription drug that would help you ward off heart disease. Keep you toned and strong.

keep your bones healthy and strong, help your mood and energy, and keep you at the ideal body weight, not to mention about 100 other healthy improvements? There would be a mile-long line at the local pharmacist.

Well there is and we know it works beyond a shadow of a doubt. You don't go to a pharmacist for it, and it will take more work than ingesting a pill. It is called "exercise" and "diet."

If this is undeniably true (and it is) and can (and has been) scientifically proven and documented time and again, then why do our national statistics reflect rising obesity and eating disorders and steady levels of inactive adults and children?

So many articles and publications deal with the how-to plans

but what about this "why not" phenomena. There is a growing body of health professionals that are beginning to suspect that our traditional approaches to diet and exercise and cultural preoccupation with weight loss may actually be driving health statistics in the opposite direction and these health professionals are beginning to make changes.

As pointed out in Karen Carrier's article, "Breaking Out of the Dieting Prison," our culture fosters the feeling that everyone should do whatever it takes to be thin and look like the super models on TV. So we Americans try everything. From the latest super pill that melts fat away to the latest super butt and thigh machine promoted by some celebrity on an infomercial. There is, however, much more involved or the 95 percent of individuals would not gain their lost weight and more back within three years of initiating a weight loss program.

This is the "soft side" of establishing a healthy relationship with your body, food and exercise. Most exercise and health programs are psychologically a very negative, shame based experience. The client reminds him or herself that they have been bad: gotten out of control and cannot get the love, attention, prosperity, job success and happiness they seek in their

current body, almost a form of self punishment.

The following are some basic guidelines to help you begin to find and keep inner peace and raise your odds for success with your quest for better health and appearance.

- Learn to accept the present you - do not use the tanned, airbrushed photo of the super model as the standard for happiness and success.

- Start again. Many people have given up totally on any health program due to a bad experience, or the pain of not reaching whatever goal they had, or feeling intimidated or out of place at health facilities. The fitness industry is changing and there are places where professionals and programs are geared for the non-stereotyped health club person.

- Find the correct plan for you. Stop looking for the quick fix. The current data supports the fact there is no long term, healthy quick fix; no pill, cream, drink, or super machine. There are currently about 35,000 diet plans registered with the FDA. If one worked for us all, there would be no need for the other 34,999 and we would all be in great shape. It takes a scientific based, individual approach to develop the correct program for you.

- Do not set the goals too high.

Once you start a program do not be too anxious and set unrealistic goals both for time commitment and results. Set goals based on a long term lifestyle change approach rather than a short term quick results approach.

- Learn to understand emotional hunger and learn non restrained coping techniques. There are many books available, i.e. (Hirschmann, J.R. and C.H. Munter. 1995. When Women Stop Hating Their Bodies: Freeing Yourself from Food and Weight Obsession. Same authors, 1989. Living Free in a World of Food), as well as classes and professional assistance from organizations such as Hugs International (with their theme "you count, calories don't") 1-800-565-4847. Centers for overcoming overeating (212) 875-0442.

- Begin to explore movement and physical activity for pleasure rather than weight loss only. Find something you enjoy.

Doing something you hate will make it tough to stick with long enough to see any lasting change to your body as well as maintaining the results.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club and a Certified personal fitness trainer. For more information on their personal fitness programs, call (248) 449-7634.

Health Notes

Laser Vision Correction Seminar

In the last few years interest in laser vision correction procedures has grown, and Dr. Timothy Kirk of Town & Country Eyecare in Novi is hosting an informative seminar on the latest advances in this technology. Learn about options beyond glasses and contact lenses for nearsighted, astigmatism and now even farsighted vision corrections. It began as RK surgery in the 1970s and today excimer laser vision correction includes PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) and LASIK (laser in situ keratomileusis).

Dr. Kirk has been extensively trained in many aspects of these procedures and has planned a very informative evening, including a question and answer segment to handle all of your questions. Please come to our Laser Vision Correction seminar on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. to explore your laser options with Dr. Kirk. Seating is limited, so please RSVP our office at (248) 347-7800.

Training your body for golf

With the golf season beginning, Water Wheel Health Club is looking to help those who would like to better prepare their bodies for a summer full of golf. The Club will be offering three different programs to those interested.

1. Golf Specific Training Program—Play your best with this unique combination of golf instruction and specific individual physical conditioning. Group and individual lessons are available. Sessions are taught by a Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, and Golf Professional and include an interview, analysis, program design and monitoring and evaluation. Sessions held at local golf ranges and at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

2. 12-Week Body Shaping Program—A complete 12-week program with individual education and motivation specifically designed to provide you with all of the knowledge you need to take your body to any goal you want for the rest of your life. In 12 weeks, measure and see a dramatic change in your body. The program includes a 12-week membership, 12 weekly individual nutrition meetings and four personal exercise training sessions. All sessions are conducted by Certified Professional Trainers at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

3. Personal Training—Let a certified Personal Fitness Instructor take the guesswork out of what it takes to get the goals you want for your body. Individual and group sessions available. Sports specific training and conditioning also available. Sessions are conducted in your home, office or at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

Project Health-O-Rama

The following Providence Medical Center locations will provide Project Health-O-Rama services in May:

Providence Medical Center-Livonia
37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh)
May 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Services provided and fees:

- Height, weight, blood pressure screenings - no charge.
- Foot exams - no charge.
- Dental/Oral exams - no charge.
- Eye exams - no charge.
- Hearing tests - no charge.
- Self breast exam education - no charge.
- Hypnosis and stress relief - no charge.
- Ask the pharmacist session - no charge.
- Ask the dermatologist session - no charge.
- Body composition test - \$5.
- Bond density test - \$25.
- Pulmonary function test - \$5.
- pap tests - \$10.
- Blood panel - 23 profiles - \$22.
- Prostate Specific Antigen (psa) blood test - \$25.
- CA-125 blood test for cervical cancer - \$25.
- Colorectal cancer screening kits - \$8.

For additional information, please call the Project Health-O-Rama Hotline at (248) 424-8600 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

St. Mary Community Calendar for May

St. Mary Hospital community blood pressure screening held weekly:

- May 4 from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital lobby
- May 11 from 8-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall
- May 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Target Department Store in Livonia
- May 25 canceled: Memorial Day holiday

May 4 through 18, Stress Management Class

Are you wondering how to keep up the pace in this fast-past world? Join us at St. Mary Hospital and learn how to handle your stress. St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three-week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting on Monday, May 4 and going through May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. This course will help you learn how to decrease the stress in your life and manage the stress you cannot eliminate. Many coping skills are explored including a variety of relaxation techniques, communication skills and the use of humor.

There is a registration fee and preregistration is required. To register or for more information, please call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

May 5 through June 9, Childbirth (Lamaze) Class

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

A six-week session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday from May 5 through June 9, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

May 5 through 28 - Diabetes Education Class

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5 through May 28, in Pavilion Conference Room A. The \$75 fee includes all materials and allows the participant to bring a support person at no extra charge. CareLink members receive a 10 percent discount. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650. Preregistration is required. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Please use the south entrance off Levan Road.

May 7 through 14 - Infant Care Class I and II

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new infant care class on Thursday, May 7 and 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes.

Taught by a registered nurse, the first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. This will be held in West Addition Conference Room A. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to child-proof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free, 1-800-655-1615.

May 12 - Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a mother-baby support group on Tuesday, May 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the south entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. For more information or to register call (313) 655-1100 or toll free, 1-800-494-1615.

May 12, 19 and 21 - Basic Life Instructor Training Course

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a basic life support instructor course on Tuesday, May 12 and 19, and Thursday, May 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. This is a one-day renewal course for instructors only.

This course will give participants the knowledge and skills to conduct CPR classes according to American Heart Association guidelines. Participants must have completed current BCLS instruction. Cost of the course is \$50 per person, and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

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