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Larcenies, crime calls on the rise

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

What's the biggest crime to fear in Novi?

According to crime statistics from the City of Novi Police Department for 1997, it's larceny. From your home, from your car, from your front lawn.

"As it is in every community, it's the most numerous crime reported," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

In Novi, in 1997, police investigated 1,614 larcenies and made 259 arrests in relation to the reports.

"Most often people leave property unattended and thieves see it in open garages or bikes on the front lawn," Shaeffer explained. "Those become easy targets for someone

who might want to steal them."

Keeping packages, purses and cell phones out of sight in locked cars as well as keeping valuables in a closed garage can prevent many larcenies, he said.

As he did last year, Shaeffer cautions interpretation of all the numbers which he feels could be wrong.

"We still don't trust them," Shaeffer said.

Novi downloads its information to the Court and Law Enforcement Information Management System in Oakland County, or CLEMIS, which sorts it all out and sends it to the state and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The department pays about \$50,000 a

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Novi's Dr. Mav Sanghvi visits with 'micro-bank' customers in Bogra, Bangladesh who received loans from Novi Rotary money.

Bonding with Bangladesh

Rotarians from two nations exchange visits

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In rural Bangladesh, a village woman will carefully stash away one taka at a time, until she has 100 takas - or \$4.60 - saved up.

With this cash in hand, she will qualify her for a loan of \$65 from a micro-bank to start a cottage industry that may lift her family out of poverty as well as increase her self-reliance and status in the community.

In Novi, Michigan, USA, members of the Rotary Club raised \$3,000, or 138,000 takas, for the rural or Grammen Bank, enough loans for 461 women in Bogra, Bangladesh.

"This is a program for empowering poor village women," said Novi Rotarian Dr. Mav Sanghvi.

"They will use these loans to buy a cow or a calf, or a sewing machine or a bicycle rickshaw for their husband to use and make a profit."

Although the countries are so far away, they are linked through Rotary International's Group Study Exchange Program. One of club's goals is advancement of international understanding. In February,

Dr. Sanghvi and a group of Rotarians from southeastern Michigan jetted to Bangladesh.

This month, a delegation from the Rotary Club of Narayanganj, near Dhaka, the capitol of Bangladesh traveled to Michigan and Ontario, spending one week of their month-long stay in Novi.

The two Rotary Clubs are worlds apart, but will keep the relationship based on shared goals.

"In doing some good for downtrodden people, we will have a common relationship with the clubs," said Bangladesh team leader Mohammed Hafizulla, an insurance company manager.

"We are facing a lot of problems, health, sanitation and industries. We are a new nation."

Hafizulla, who was a graduate student turned freedom fighter in 1971 when Bangladesh broke away from Pakistan, was the guest of Rotarian Keith Tappan and his wife, Kathy.

Management consultant Mohammad Taskeen Reza Hussain spent his week with Rotarian Victor Cassis and his wife, Nancy, Mohammad Misbahud-daza, executive director of M/S Arnika Textiles was

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Rotarians visit from Bangladesh



Map by SCOTT PIPEH



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A Night at the Opera

Female members of the Novi High School Wildcat Chorus serenade "Joseph" (tenor Karl Schmidt), performing a piece of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat musical during last Thursday's presentation of A Night at the Opera. Members of the school's choral groups teamed with soloists from the Michigan Opera Theatre to present slices of Porgy and Bess, The Tales of Hoffman, Carmen, The Pirates of Penzance and La Traviata.

Sponsors help rock 50s Festival

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The best things in life may be free, but like everything else, the 11-year-old Michigan 50s Festival needs M-O-N-E-Y.

This year, the folks who run the July 22-26 shindig are intensifying their quest for tasty corporate sponsorships to help pay the bills and increase the margin of profits. The goal is to double this outside patronage.

"It cost us roughly \$250,000 to put the festival on. It costs more every year. It's certainly doubled in the last six to seven years," said Bob McCann, president of the festival's board of directors.

"We don't want to raise the ticket price to people who come in. We want to keep it as reasonable as possible. The best way to do that is through sponsors."

Most of the festival's profits are

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Residents hope to protect Novi egrets

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In a wetlands at The Maples, just a short distance from Novi Road is a sight most people don't expect to see in a fast-developing community - some 30 nests full of three-foot tall Snowy Egrets and their young.

Trekking to the wetlands is the closest thing to a suburban safari.

But residents of the housing development and golfers at the Maples Country Club are concerned that a drainage design for a 79,000-square-foot commercial complex at the planned unit

A compromise would allow egrets to live in Novi alongside human development. An editorial appears on page 18A.

development could endanger the birds' habitat.

"When the egrets come back each spring, people will call and say 'are they there yet?' They are kind of neat to see when you're out golfing," said Todd Gerhart,

general manager and golf pro of the Maples Country Club.

"A lot of Novi residents will come out and park their car and walk down and take pictures."

On June 8, a variance request for what is tentatively called Maples Place is scheduled to come before the Novi City Council. This is the last phase of the planned unit development at the Fourteen Mile and Novi roads - apartments, condominiums, the golf course and clubhouse came first.

The Danico Development Company wants to construct a 25,000-square-foot, two-story office building, a 44,200-square-foot strip

mail, a 6,000-square-foot restaurant and a 4,000-square-foot bank, perhaps anchored by an Arbor Drugs store. Preliminary site plan approval was granted by the Novi Planning Commission in April.

Novi's planning consultant Linda Lemke said the egret colony was there before ground was broken for The Maples development in the 1980s.

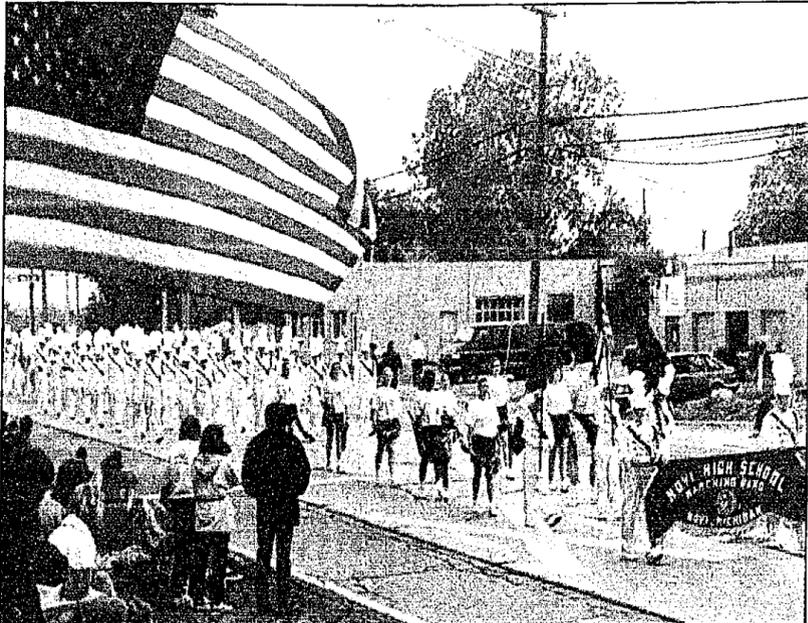
Egrets nest here from May to August in semi-dead trees in freshwater marshes. If the wetlands is inundated from more water running off the shopping

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A day to remember

The Novi High School Marching Band heads down Novi Road toward Ten Mile Monday as the city commemorates Memorial Day. Hundreds gathered along the route to watch vets and city residents honor the nation's war dead with a parade, concluding with a ceremony at the Novi Civic Center.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN



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- Thursday, May 28**
- Novi Rotary**
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriat at 380-6500.
- Monday, June 1**
- 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.
- 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 Labliff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.
- Tuesday, June 2**
- Novi Concert Band rehearsal**
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

- Seniors meeting**
The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.
- Wednesday, June 3**
- Athletic Boosters**
The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.
- Planning Commission**
The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
- Thursday, June 4**
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- City Council**
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- Library Board**
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- Monday, June 8**
- 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.
- Amateur Radio Club**
The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.
- 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.

Novi school board goes live on cable

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi residents can catch the Novi Board of Education meetings on Thursday nights now that the district has gone live with Time Warner Cable on Channel 10.

The district began the live broadcast in May, months after the board's communications committee recommended changes to the meeting productions. The meetings used to be taped, then aired on Monday nights.

But now the meetings will be seen as they happen, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The next two meetings will be held at the Educational Services Building on June 4 and 18. Novi schools swapped Monday and Thursday night air-time with Farmington Public Schools this year, allowing the live broadcast, according to Trustee Carol Elfring, who chaired the communications committee. The district also purchased several thousand dollars of video equipment.

A team of Novi High School students produce and direct the live broadcasts using a portable television studio. The district can now run the broadcasts from the Educational Services Building and may be able to do off-site broadcasts in the future, said Elfring.

"These students are getting real-life experience behind the camera," said board President Ray Byers. "This effort truly links our technology with the curriculum."

The committee, which consists of Elfring and several members of the community, last year reported a need to improve the broadcasts which are often difficult to watch because of sound and lighting problems.

The firm of Communications Systems Group from Oak Park was called in by the committee to study the broadcast problems and formulate a solution. However, in September the board nixed a plan to invest more than \$100,000 in new lighting, sound equipment, cameras and production technology.

Instead, they wanted a solution that could be built into the high school curriculum and requested the administration come up with a plan.



Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen pauses at the Local Color Brewing Company with Rochester Mayor David Katulic during their mayor's exchange day last Wednesday.

Trading places

Novi and Rochester swap mayors during Michigan week celebrations

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

When the City of Novi rolls out the red carpet, guests can expect some major VIP treatment.

On May 20, for the annual Mayor's Exchange Day, a bus was sent to Rochester to pick up the visiting contingent of officials, including Mayor David Katulic. Two days earlier, Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen spent the day on Katulic's turf.

After breakfast at the Novi Civic Center, a full day included a tour of city hall, the Novi High School Field House, the ice arena, Main Street Associates, the city engineers and a peek at up-coming road plans for Novi, including the Taft Road extension. While there, their photos were taken with a digital camera and almost instantly printed. President Joe Kapezick explained how the firm is totally computerized.

At the 50-style diner, the group was given a preview of the Michigan 50s Festival - and T-shirts. Guests were then transported to a courtesy suite at the Hotel Baronette, where they could gussie up for dinner and cocktails.

McLallen said the annual event, which is held during Michigan Week, gives a municipal leaders a chance to discuss similar challenges they may face. Past exchanges for Novi have included Detroit and Midland.

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Smash and grab nets gems, jewelry

Gems and jewelry were hoisted from a Grand River Avenue jewelry company May 18.

Novi police responded to a burglary alarm at Precious Metals and Gems about midnight. Finding the front door glass shattered and door open, lights inside were off and the alarm had stopped. There was no one in the building.

Display cabinets were smashed, police said, and jewelry strewn about. At the time of the report, the amount stolen was undetermined.

Police News

THREATENED

A total gas station employee called police May 23 after a man came into the station and threatened his life.

According to the police report, an intoxicated Asian male entered the store about midnight and threatened the attendant saying all Americans were stupid and lazy. He threatened he was going to get a gun to kill the clerk and then get in a car. He drove away and did not return, police said.

EMBZZLED

A 23-year-old employee at Lord & Taylor was arrested May 20 for embezzlement, police said.

The Redford Township woman had worked at the store for a week when security saw her, over closed circuit television, fingering an merchandise, bagging it and then voiding it from the register. The employee then took the merchandise

KNIFED

At least 30 cars were vandalized at the three apartment complexes in northern Novi during the night of May 22.

According to police, tires were either punctured or slashed in the Waterview, Springs and Portsmouth apartment parking lots. The suspect is a tall, white male in his early 20s with short dark hair seen skulking around the cars by a resident.

SMASHED

Police said a Kings Pointe resident found his Dodge Caravan with newspaper box thieves were on the prowl May 22, according to Novi police reports.

An Oakland Press newspaper box was stolen from in front of the Koney Island in the Novi Town

ROBBERY FOILED

It appears an attempt by two women to rob the cash office of Hutson's was unsuccessful May 25.

According to Novi police, two Indian women went to the office and requested the employee there show them how to get to the gift wrapping location. When she tried to give them directions, they insisted she come out of the office and walk with them.

The employee told police she went into the main part of the store where the youngest woman continued to ask her questions for four minutes and the second woman disappeared.

When she finally returned to her office, there was a group of people around the office. She said when she unlocked the outside door she saw the second door was ajar. It appeared it had been pried open.

Novi police investigated the scene and determined the doors had been pried open but no access to the vault was made.

MAIL SHOT

Three mailboxes along the same street were knocked from posts the night of May 23. Residents along Elmshire Drive reported the vandals to police the next day. Each of the wood and metal mailboxes were estimated around \$20-\$25.

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

EGG DROP

An egg thrown at a city home resulted in window damage totaling \$100. A resident of Maplewood Street reported the egg at 2:30 p.m. on May 25, but said it occurred sometime during the previous night. The projectile broke a 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 foot glass window.

Police said there are no suspects at this time.

BOTTLES RETURNED FOR BOND

Pam Coles, of the Novi High School Band Boosters, said the weekend Battle Drive May 16 to raise funds for the band program, was the biggest success ever. The band collected bottles from homes and at a drop-off station at Farmer Jack's on Ten Mile Road.

"The community really gave us a load of support," said Coles. "It's quite an undertaking."

The money goes to fund programs, instruments and other necessities for the band program, Coles explained.

Booster Steve Schram said the event generated \$6,000. "That's a lot of bottles and cans," he added.

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Novi Briefs

Roadway contemplation

The Grand River Avenue Corridor is the topic for the joint Novi City Council and Planning Commission meeting tonight, Thursday, May 28. The public meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center activities room. For more information, call 347-0475.

Commission meetings changed

The Novi Planning Commission has pushed back its June and July meetings by one week. The commission will now meet June 10, June 24, July 8 and July 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

Trading flowers

If you've got too much of a good thing, in this case healthy perennial flower plants in your garden, swap them with others and introduce new varieties into your landscape.

The Novi Beautification Commission will hold the swap on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the old Novi Town Hall on Ten Mile Road, just west of the Novi Public Library. Rain or shine, it'll happen.

For more information, contact the Novi Public Information Office at 449-3766.

BOTTLES RETURNED FOR BOND

Pam Coles, of the Novi High School Band Boosters, said the weekend Battle Drive May 16 to raise funds for the band program, was the biggest success ever. The band collected bottles from homes and at a drop-off station at Farmer Jack's on Ten Mile Road.

"The community really gave us a load of support," said Coles. "It's quite an undertaking."

The money goes to fund programs, instruments and other necessities for the band program, Coles explained.

Booster Steve Schram said the event generated \$6,000. "That's a lot of bottles and cans," he added.

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The Log Book

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

MONDAY, MAY 18

Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 9:59 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21921 Commemora, 1:12 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25875 Novi Road, 4:40 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24033 Pleasant Run, 8:22 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Medical, District Court and Grand River, 3:38 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 1:96 and 1-272, 4:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 5:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, 1:96 and Novi Road, 6:22 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 50660 Oregon, 6:34 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 41550 Grand River, 9:54 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Transformer fire, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 1:38 a.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 2:23 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 23067 Sagebrush, 5:50 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 7:10 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25621 Fountain Park, 10:47 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 42990 Grand River, 12:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 20800 Haggerty, 12:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24890 Wisom Road, 1:06 p.m., Squad 4.
Car fire, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks Drive, 1:43 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24381 Bashian, 2:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Car fire, Westbound 1-96 and Beck Road, 3:02 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41550 Grand River, 5:33 p.m., Squad 1.

Assist police, 23624 Willowbrook, 6:14 p.m., Engine 3, Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 24062 Taft Road, 7:29 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Electrical fire, 42516 Wumblerton Way, 11:08 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, 1-96 and M-275, 11:44 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Medical, 22806 Renford, 5:44 a.m., Squad 3.
Mutual aid, City of Wayne Hazardous Material, 11:57 a.m., Response 506.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:22 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 4:24 p.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks Parking, 4:36 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Medical, 23095 Gilbar, 8:56 a.m., Squad 3.

Service, 21242 E. Glen Haven, 11:22 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 11:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23885 Novi Road, 12:38 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23041 Gilbar, 2:43 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24742 Bashian, 5:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43700 Expo Center, 8:22 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Car fire, 1-96 and Haggerty, 5:48 a.m., Engine 1.
Car fire, 44490 Sussex, 10:58 a.m., Engine 1.
Trash fire, 210 North Haven, 11:45 a.m., Engine 2.
Service, 47133 Nine Mile Road, 1:47 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Grand River, 3:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22778 Renford, 4:34 p.m., Squad 3.
Assist Department of Public Service, 42914 Brookstone, 6:13 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and West, 7:54 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 30047 Montmorency, 8:25 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Doucson, 11:09 p.m., Squad 1.

Dogs sign up for Oinker 'Lympics

Is your pet a four-footed Michael Jordan or a canine Tom Lipinski? The Novi Pet Supplies "Plus" store, the Michigan Humane Society and Oink-Oink, are inviting dog owners to register their best friends in the first annual Oinker Lympics, an Olympic-style event for dogs. Preregistration for the event is underway at the Pet Supplies "Plus" store located at the Pet Supplies "Plus" store at 41660 Ten Mile Road. The event itself will be held on Saturday, June 13, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Eddie Edge arena just south of Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Pets must be preregistered to compete in the event. There is no registration fee.

For more information, contact the Oinker Lympics at 1-800-432-6465.

Oakland Parks adds mobile climbing wall to list of rec units

Tired of the usual sack races? The Oakland County parks can send guests at birthday parties, family reunions and company picnics "up the wall" with its latest addition, The Climbing Wall.

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"Our Mobile Recreation employees host our rentable units at hundreds of events each summer. People love the Dunk Tank, Orbition and Bumpa Bouncer, but they're

always looking for something new to inject fun into their special event," Jim Dunleavy, recreation supervisor, said. "The Climbing Wall is great for team-building exercises, hosting self-esteem and providing an aerobic workout."

Starting in mid-June, The Climbing Wall will be available for rent for \$250 for a three-hour visit. Parks staff will set-up and take down the unit. Users must weigh under 240 pounds.

Other Mobile Recreation units for rent include: Orbition (humans gross-out); Sports Mobile (games

like a parachute and foosball table); In-line and Skate Mobiles; Puppet Mobile (six original productions); Bumpa Bounce (giant, inflatable bouncer); Dunk Tank; and performances by Oakland County Parks Singalongs (shows include "Rock Around America" and "Animation Celebration").

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Accessibility of public records threatened by proposed bill

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Should House Bill 5615 make it past the Michigan House and Senate the next few weeks, all public employee personnel records will be closed to the public.

That means records for everyone from Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall and Northville Superintendent Leonard Rezniewski to their maintenance crews would be exempt from the state law, the Freedom of Information Act.

The bill includes teacher personnel records and is in response to a recent Supreme Court decision which ruled teacher personnel files are open public documents.

No longer would the employees be subject to the Freedom of Information Act which allows any citizen to request information or records for public government entities or personnel. The law, as it

stands now, allows bodies to exempt "information of a personal nature where public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion."

The bill came out of committee earlier this week and is expected to be voted on by the House this week and then it goes onto the Senate.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said attempts to amend the FOIA are routine. In the legislature for 26 years, Geake was in the House when the bill was passed in 1976 and has "jealously guarded" it ever since.

"I have generally opposed those bills," said Geake, Tuesday. "The government is the largest employer in Michigan... So to exempt all personnel files of everyone working in government would seriously weaken the Freedom of Information Act. At first glance, I would be opposed to this."

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, said she hasn't read an analysis of the bill and would need to know the general intent of closing off access. She said there are many protections included in the current FOIA.

"What is its intent? What is its purpose? Who all would it affect? I would want to know all this," Cassis said. "I am a supporter of the FOIA."

The Michigan Press Association is opposing the bill saying public employees are paid by the public, which has a right to know. The group also points out that if parents have a problem with a child's teacher they won't be able to look at personnel records.

In addition, the public has had the right for many years and there have been no examples of spurious or negligent use of personnel records, the MPA states.

CONTACTS

House Bill 5615 seeks to exempt from disclosure public personnel files, medical files, and similar information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. How do you feel about the bill? Are you in support or do you want more information?

To contact your legislators call:
State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-
Novi, at (517) 373-0827; fax
(517) 373-0256.
State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, at (517) 373-3816; fax (517) 373-5919.
State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, at (517) 373-1707; fax (517) 373-3935.
State Sen. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Highland, at (517) 373-1758; fax (517) 373-0938.

Drivers stuck in goop during traffic slow down

If a two-hour traffic jam caused by two accidents on I-96 near Old Plank Road weren't enough, drivers passing between the Novi Road and Kensington Park exits on May 20 found their cars enmeshed in goop.

A Michigan Department of Transportation spokesperson said the melted sealant, used to patch cracks in the pavement, was laid down as long ago as 1993 and 1994.

But the massive traffic jam from about 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. that day, the heat from the catalytic converters of the sitting vehicles and a temperature in the eighties caused the material to melt.

"It was like a parking lot," she said. "You know how it is when you step in chewing gum. It happened out there."

Drivers seeking to evade the situation crowded onto roads in Novi, such as Grand River Avenue.

MDOT found out about the scenario when a homeward-bound administrator was caught in the traffic jam.

The Oakland County Road Commission poured sand over the glop. A tar remover will take the non-corrosive material off cars, the spokesperson said.

"You know how it is when you step in chewing gum. It happened out there."

An MDOT spokesperson

City to fill three seats this summer

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Three positions on the Novi Planning Commission are up for reappointment this summer. Dr. Arthur Vrettas and Michelle Bononi have each served three years on the commission which reviews site plans, zoning and master planning issues and gives recommendations to the Novi City Council. Commissioner Peter Hoadley has served since September of 1994.

Bononi said this week she is unsure if she will submit an application for reappointment. Hoadley

could not be reached.

Vrettas attended his last meeting, May 20. He told the commissioners he needed to spend more time with his family and his term is up.

"It's been an interesting four years," Vrettas told the commission. "I met some people it saddens me I won't see. But the family is cited."

Chair Ed Weddington commended Vrettas for his dedication.

"It's been a pleasure serving with you... Even though we don't always

agree I think it's important to have all these opinions brought forth," Weddington said.

Vrettas will be replaced this summer by an appointment made by Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen and approved by the city council.

To fill out an application for a three-year commission position please call the Novi City Clerk's Office at 347-0456. Interviews take place in June.

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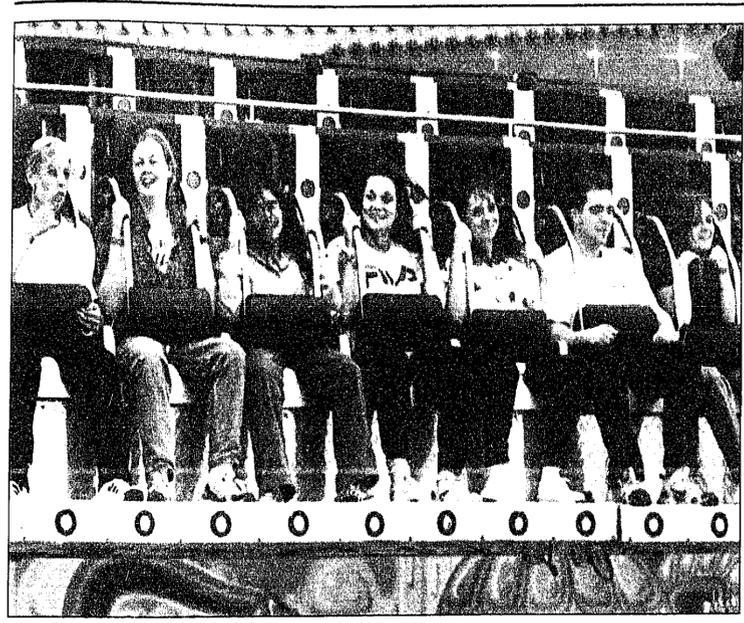
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Student take 'Scars and Stripes' production on road

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Sam Cole is taking his show on the road.

Besides performing "Scars and Stripes" tonight in the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road beginning at 7:30, the Novi High School senior will take his performance to the International Thespian Conference at the University of Nebraska this summer.

"It's worked very hard on this," said Joan Arrick, drama teacher at Novi High. "It's been a rich and rewarding experience for all of us."

"Scars and Stripes," a short play by African-American writer Thomas Cawaleiler Jones explores the feelings of a young man and woman each who lost a father in the Vietnam War. They meet one day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and work hard to get past their racial differences. Ultimately, they reach a level of friendship that goes beyond racial diversity and explore the unbreakable family relationships brought on by war.

"Since Memorial Day, with it's commemoration of America's military sacrifices, (was near) we thought it would be especially appropriate to perform this play at this time," said Arrick. "We hope to share it with an audience of Novi parents, students and interested community members - including local veterans and their families."

Cole is joined by Zakyiah Brown, a student at Pontiac North High School. Brown stepped in at the spur of the moment at the State of Michigan Thespian Conference in Kalamazoo in March when Cole's original partner from Novi High, Kialae Brown, fell ill. The pair performed the 75-minute drama together and will do so again tonight and at the international conference in June.

Cole's younger sister, Jessica, is the student director. She is a freshman at Novi High.

The play is the result of an independent study project for the high schooler, who plans to attend Michigan State University in the Fall.

Novi's proposed Taft Road extension driving ahead

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Bids for what is now estimated as a \$7 million Taft Road extension will be opened within the next two weeks.

The mile-long road project running north of Twelve Mile Road includes sewer and water lines, as well as 17 acres of wetlands mitigation. Work is expected to begin this summer, with a completion date of fall 1999 anticipated.

Dave Potter, vice president of the city's engineers, JCK & Associates, said that for the purposes of routing traffic, the goal is to coordinate the construction of the voter-approved extension with the state's plans to tear down and rebuild the Grand River bridge and the Oakland County Road Commission's improvement plans for Novi Road between Eight Mile and Ten Mile roads.

Potter met with city officials and a group visiting from Rochester Hills as part of Mayor's Exchange Day last week.

Wetlands lost to the Taft Extension will be mitigated at the city's wastewater treatment plant property on West Road. Using soil from the wetlands to fill for the road building should save the city \$1 million to \$1.5 million, Potter said.

"At least on paper, we think it's a good idea," he added.

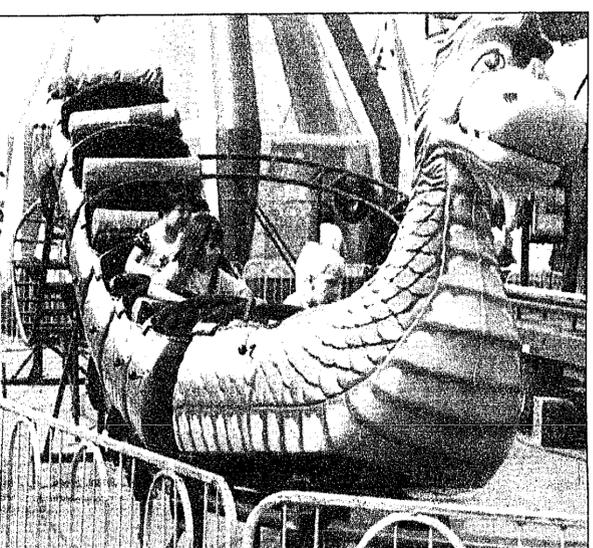
A north/south extension of Taft Road, which would connect Twelve Mile Road with West Road, was first approved as a \$2 million job by voters in a 1990 bond package, but was too expensive to be achieved then due to the need to bridge wetlands in the area.

The project was then included in the 1996 bond proposal and would be an alternative route to the freeway for commuter traffic now jamming the residential South Lake Drive.

Included in the construction will be reconstruction of West Road and new construction of Taft Road as a three-to-two-lane road, with some sidewalks. In 1996, the price tag was estimated at \$6.281 million, with another \$1.28 million for resurfacing and improving West Road.

It's a carnival

Above, Memorial Day weekend Novi Expo Center carnival-goers enjoy a ride that spins them around in high, arching circles Friday afternoon. At left, children ride a mini roller coaster Friday afternoon at the annual Memorial weekend carnival at the Novi Expo Center.



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Kite day
Orchard Hills third-grader Kimberly Sankovic, above, tries to get her hand-made Japanese boxkite airborne during last Thursday's annual kite day at the school. At right, second-grader Kyle Baird looks heavenward for his hand-made boxkite. With the wind's help, the sky was filled with close to a hundred kites during the late afternoon hours.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Ethan Allan plans move to new store on Twelve Mile

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Ethan Allen Furniture, currently inside Twelve Oaks mall, will move outside to a new store to be built near McDonald's on Twelve Mile Road.

Novi Planning Commissioners unanimously approved a positive recommendation for the preliminary plan for the 19,000-square-foot store on 1.5 vacant acres at its May 20 meeting. The store is expected to be two-stories tall but store it will be on the same level as the McDonald's it set down from Twelve Mile Road.

The store will resemble current Ethan Allen stores in Birmingham and Sterling Heights. The facade plans show a light, cream colored store with blue accent awnings. The architect for Ethan Allen said he would dress up the Twelve Mile Road side after commissioners commented on the design. Commissioner Chair Eda Weddington called it "plain."

The store will be accessible from the Twelve Oaks ring road, not from the main road. The ring road is carrying 5,801 vehicles per day, according to city consultants, and the store can be expected to generate 98 trips during the average weekday.

City consultant Brandon Rogers said the location was approved several years ago for a Gorman's Furniture store, but the company instead bought the building at the corner of Twelve Mile and Novi Road instead.

The store is one of many major furniture stores in the Town Center area, including McLaughlin's Thomasville, Baby & Kids Bedrooms, Scott Shaptrine, Art Van, Gorman's, Workbench, Newton, Grandma's Loft and La-Z-Boy.

Traffic fatalities drop by 4% statewide

Michigan's traffic fatalities declined in 1997, down nearly 4 percentage points from 1996. Just-released data shows Michigan recorded 1,446 traffic fatalities, down from 1,505 in 1996, according to the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Traffic safety experts at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute said that it is normal to expect a 2-5 percent variation in fatalities overall from year to year. Any change beyond this would be cause for further investigation.

"A decrease in fatalities is always good news," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "While we view every traffic related death as a tragedy, this positive trend is encouraging and should motivate us to continue in our efforts to further reduce traffic fatalities."

Mercer added, "As safety belt use inches upward, fewer people will die in traffic crashes. It's that simple. The other part of the equation is sober driving."

In 1997, Michigan's safety belt use rate stood at 70.1 percent, down from a record-high 70.8 percent in 1996.

OHSP programs are aimed at reducing traffic-related deaths and injuries. Among the 1997 OHSP-funded initiatives were programs targeting increased enforcement of the state's drunk driving laws through saturation patrols; Safe and Sober, an education and enforcement program in high-crash areas; and "niche" safety belt campaigns aimed at groups with the lowest belt use.

Oakland County traffic fatalities for 1996 were 87; for 1997, 93. Wayne County fatalities registered 243 in 1996. For 1997, the count was 261.

Total fatalities for the state of Michigan in 1996 were 1,505; for 1997, there were 1,446 fatalities.

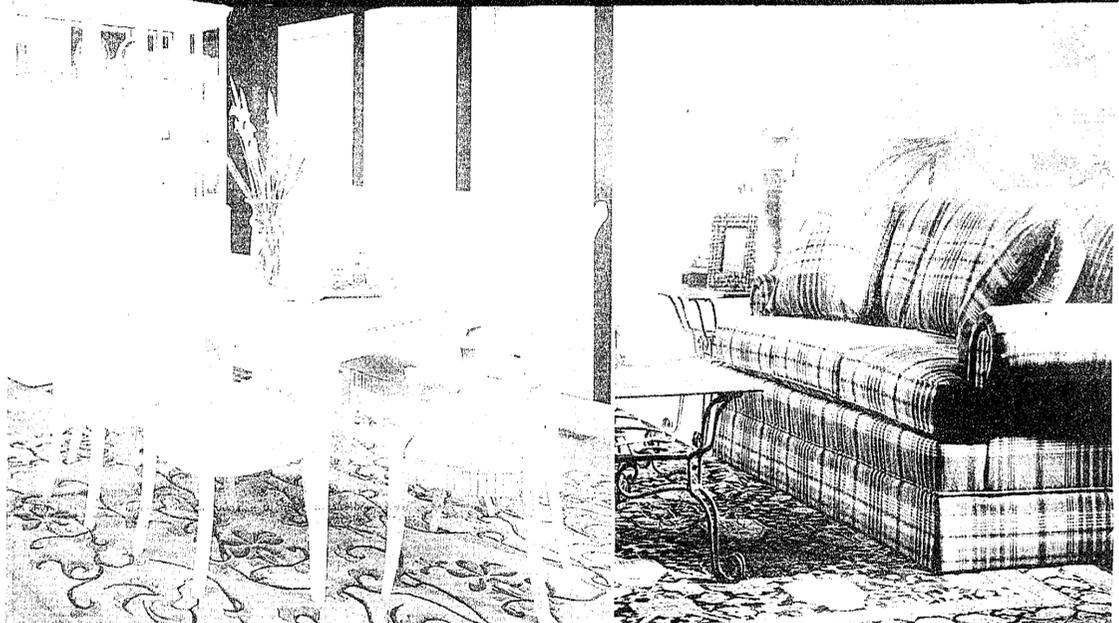
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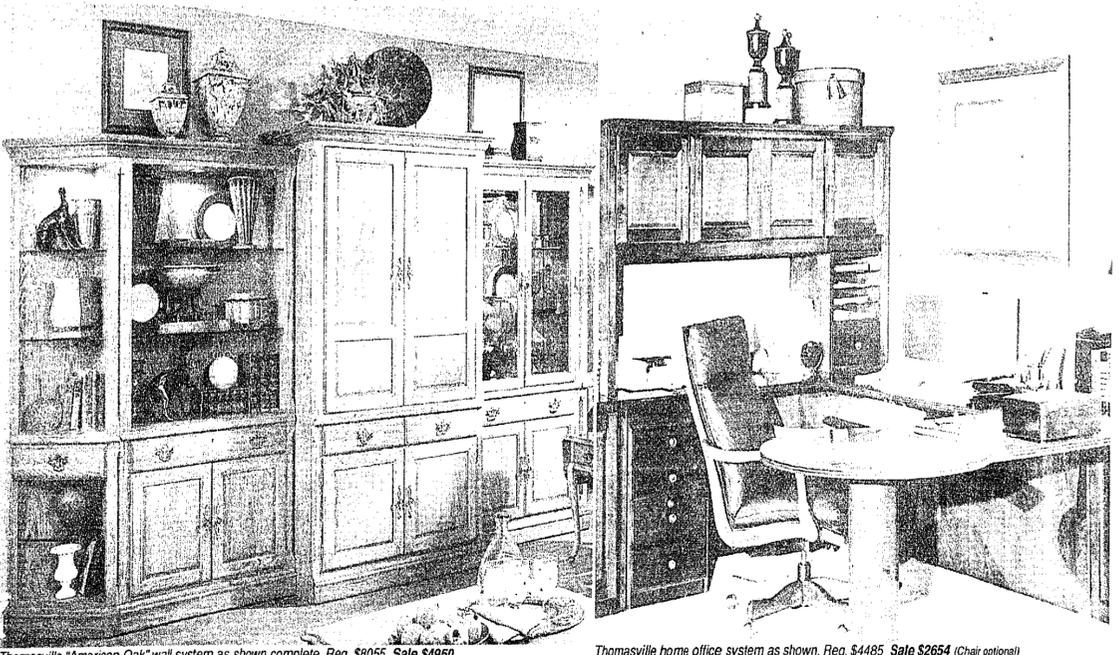
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Obituaries

LEE PIERCE JAMESON
Lee Pierce Jameson, 43, of Novi died May 16, 1998. He was born June 14, 1954, in Berea, Ohio, to James and Thelma Marie (Levi) Jameson.

Mr. Jameson had been a resident of Novi since 1958. He graduated in 1973 from South Lyon High School and attended Kalamazoo Community College and Oakland Community College. He was a machinist at Michigan Seamless Tube.

Mr. Jameson is survived by his father, James (Zona) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother, James R. (Louise) of Kalamazoo; sisters, Linda (Norm) MacLeod of Jacksonville, Fla., and Donna (Walt) Ruesch of Durand; stepbrothers, Orbin, Michael, and Archie Hall and families; nephews, Michael Hall Jr., James R. Jameson III, Jeffrey Jameson, and Christopher MacLeod; and a niece, Eliza Beth Ruesch, and special friends, Kent and Carrie Anderson of Brighton.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 23, at First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon. The Rev. Pauline S. Hart of the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon officiated.

Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home Inc. of South Lyon.
Memorial contributions to Alcoholics Anonymous or the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon would be appreciated.

Betty Simon and sister, Candace Simon, both of Northville.
Services were held on Wednesday, May 27, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Denis Theroux from Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

FAYE STAFFORD
Faye Stafford, 69, of Novi died May 20 in Detroit. She was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Hartselle, Ala.

In 1967, Mrs. Stafford moved to the Novi community from Madison Heights. She was employed at the Wilson plant, Ford Motor Co., before her retirement in 1992. Mrs. Stafford was devoted to her grandchildren and enjoyed shopping and going to movies.

She is survived by daughters, Kathie Stafford of Plymouth and Terri (Dell) Pichat of Mooresville, N.C.; son, Mike of Northville; and two grandchildren, Katy and Terri.

Mrs. Stafford was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick.

A memorial service was held on Friday, May 22 at the Schraeder-Bowell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Drew Morton officiating.

BRUNO J. MORIANTI
Bruno J. Morianti, 77, died May 17 in Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born April 6, 1921.

Mr. Morianti was prior owner of Venetian State Co. of Hazel Park and retired in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Darina C., whom he married in June 1946; sons, Steve of Novi, Larry (Katherine) of West Bloomfield, and Raymond of South Lyon; daughter, Diane of Northville; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Morianti was preceded in death by three brothers.
Services were conducted on Wednesday, May 20 at Church of the Holy Family in Novi. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

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

STUART J. SIMON III
Stuart J. Simon III, age 49, died May 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Clinton Township. Mr. Simon was born May 6, 1949, in Detroit to Betty Saries and the late Stuart J. Simon Jr.

Mr. Simon was a graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in engineering. He was employed as an emissions engineer in the Pontiac Power Train Division of General Motors. Mr. Simon was an avid golfer and baseball player.

He is survived by two children, Christina and Jonathan Simon of Clinton Township; and mother,

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some reason an applicant is unable to apply electronically for a posted position, Schram suggests contacting the Human Resource Office at (248) 449-1200.

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Motorsports Hall of Fame preps for 1998 inductions

By ERIC DOBSON
Special Writer

For the past five years the Novi Expo Center has been home to the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America. While the centerpiece of the 10,000-square-foot museum is the 1946 Novi Special Indy car in the museum houses over 40 vehicles from fifty cars, stock cars, dragsters and funny cars, to motorcycles and boats. Preparations are underway to add a plane to the roster of racing machines.

Corporate patrons get to associate themselves with a mega-party that is bringing in as 1998's major acts Sixties beach music crooners Jan and Dean ("Little Old Lady From Pasadena"), "Dead Man's Curve" and Singer Lou Christy ("Lightening Strikes Again.")

One sponsor that was new last year and is coming in a big way this year is Local Color Brewing Company. Last year, Local Color had the fortunate concession. This year, the beverage is more seasonal. "We're proud as a local brewer to be able to do wonderful things for the city with incredible new sponsors," she said.

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"They want added exposure and visibility," Thomas explained. "They get to spread their name, plus they're associated with the event."

Some 200,000 frequented last year's bash and as many as 300,000 are expected this year. All those eyes will come to scan the corporate advertising signs strewn about the event.

"We estimate that the impact on the local economy is over \$1 million," he added. "But it also brings in money for all the service groups that take turns at tasks like serving in the beer tents."

"We have given away thousands and thousands of dollars to service groups over the past ten years," McCann said. "Nobody's jumped into the event with more enthusiasm than

McCann, regional manager with Time Warner Cable has. He was lured in during the second year and this year is his fifth as board president.

McCann gets through the festival on the power of adrenalin. "Last year in seven days, I slept 19 hours. In three 21 hours a day, Wednesday through Saturday," he said.

"It's too much fun, there's always something to do, so many things that happen. I try to sneak away and take a 20 minute nap, but I'm usually so wired I can't do that anyway."

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plans for this happening. "We're trying to work something out so we can get more space within the Expo Center," said Watson. "We'll be here for at least another year."

On June 3, the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame will host its tenth annual induction ceremony honoring several legends of speed at the State Theater in Detroit. "We have 84 inductees right now in the Hall of Fame," said Heidi Schreitmuller, public relations manager for the Motorsports Museum. "We're about to induct another ten."

Ron Watson, the Hall of Fame's president, calls it one of the state's top motorsports attractions. "The Motorsports Hall of Fame is one of the best anywhere in the world," said Watson. "There are hands-on displays that include a real NASCAR racing stock car that you can sit in, a four-lane slot car track, and we also have a school tour program that teaches children science and technology the using motor racing as a backdrop."

In addition to the various vehicles on display the museum showcases exhibits and photographs of motorsport professionals, driver uniforms, artifacts, memorabilia displays, driving simulation games, a guest speaker series and a gift and collectibles shop.

When the museum first opened, it was located in the Novi City Civic Center but the collection grew in size and was transferred to the Expo Center. Once again space for displaying the collection is shrinking. While there has been talk of moving the museum to a larger location, Watson of the Novi Area, Watson said there are no immediate

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Commission endorses reenacting state formula

Faced with the potential of losing 20 percent of state road funds, the Road Commission for Oakland County has joined with the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties and the Michigan Public Transit Association in endorsing a legislative proposal to reenact the state road funding distribution formula.

If the formula, as spelled out in state Act 51, is not reenacted into law by September, the act calls for state and local governments to lose 20 percent of their current state road funds. In addition, the loss of these funds this could jeopardize local matching funds for federal grants, potentially costing Michigan hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding.

"The current state road funding formula is set to expire on Sept. 30 - just four months from now," explained Brent Bate, road commission managing director. "If the state legislature doesn't enact a formula, not only will federal transportation funding be at risk, but the ability of local and state road agencies to do maintenance and repairs will be severely hindered."

The proposal was introduced in Lansing on Tuesday, May 19. "The County Road Association of Michigan proposal gives the local road commissions more money, allowing us to repair the worst road commission roads," Bate said.

Key elements of the proposal include:

- Enacting a distribution formula that simplifies the funding process and provides a more equitable distribution of funds.
- Providing a guaranteed minimum 25 percent of federal funds for local agencies.
- Requiring the state legislature to appoint an independent needs study committee. This committee will determine the priorities for a new road funding formula.
- Reauthorizing of the distribution of \$36.75 million to the Transportation Economic Development Fund, which provides funding to the state, counties and municipalities for road projects.
- Continuing the 10 percent allocation for the Comprehensive Transportation Fund and continuing state operating assistance for Public Transit at the current 50/50 percent levels (urban counties are reimbursed for 50 percent of transit operating expenses, rural counties for 60 percent).
- Ensuring that a portion of the funds from the 1997 gasoline tax increase is added to the state's Critical Bridge Fund.
- Giving small cities and rural counties greater control over the federal funds they receive.
- Increasing the diesel tax to 19 cents per gallon - the same as the gasoline tax.
- Permitting local agencies to bid on state road projects.
- Creating a program that matches funds with townships and allows townships to control the money for projects on local roads.

Requiring that annual audits be performed on the Michigan Department of Transportation at its own expense and by an independent agency.

"This plan is proactive, includes reforms, and will account for every dollar and ensure that local governments can repair those roads which need help the most," said County Road Association of Michigan President and Kalamazoo County Road Commission Managing Director Ronald E. Reid during the introduction of the proposal in Lansing.

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Novi Rotarians supply support to Bangladesh

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housed by Bob and Carol Linnbright. The two women on the Bangladesh team, Mahtab Javed, assistant manager of Citibank in Dhaka and schoolteacher Rehana Choudhury stayed with Dr. Sanghui and his wife, Komol.
While in Novi, the guests met with Mayor Kathleen McAllen and were given the blue ribbon city tour - the Novi Civic Center, Novi schools, Twelve Oaks Mall, Rotary Park.
"It's a nice city. It's a very clean city with a lot of facilities for the citizens that are not available in our country," Hafizulla said last week.
"We are enjoying it like anything. People are very hospitable and very friendly."
He said he was impressed with the local schools and their ability to spend \$7,000 per student, plus keep the classrooms stocked with computers, technology not available to children in Bangladesh. Hafizulla also liked the Novi Civic Center.
"Very nice. Unimaginable in our country. I was very much amazed to see it. I was fascinated by the senior center," he said.
The Bangladesh team toured the Novi Police Department and the Michigan State Police Academy.
"I found your police are a real friend of the good citizens in your country. That will benefit us to share with our citizens," Hafizulla said.
At Twelve Oaks Mall, Mohammad Mehdiuzzaman purchased cosmetics for women back home. Hafizulla is waiting to do his shopping when he visits relatives in Houston; he has a suitcase full of gifts from Bangladesh.
"I must dump it out first and then I shall buy," he said.
But the highlight so far, he added, was a visit to State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, and the State House of Representatives. The Bangladesh visitors were introduced on the House floor.
"We are so happy that the name of Bangladesh is on record in the proceedings of the House. We are a very small nation, but a great nation," he explained.
"Your system is very interesting. You have developed a system that is running quite nicely. It is fascinating politically."
They arrived in the U.S. on April 30. Stops on their route include Frankmunth, Ann Arbor, Rochester and Niagara Falls, Ontario.
"While awaiting his visitors," Dr. Sanghui confessed he had some trepidation about how he would match the overwhelming hospitality he and the Michigan/Ontario

Northville Rotary also has global ties

By JAN JEFFREY
Staff Writer
Two far flung members of the global village have swapped addresses - the nation of Ghana and Northville.
While many may view the Northville Rotary Club as a hometown service group, members are part of the global community world as well.
"People think of it as stuff we do locally, but we do sponsor a lot of international programs," President Traci Sincor said.
For the Northville Rotary, the link is to Ghana. The city club is part of a larger district, including Detroit and Windsor, that has adopted Ghana as the developing nation they wish to help out. Novi is in a different district from Northville.
Assistance to Ghana includes visits by doctors, money to build classrooms and to help grow crops, as well as a visit by an eye doctor and shipments of eyeglasses.
"It's pretty neat. We donated \$2,000 for the building of wells last year," Sincor said.
At Northville High School, a youth division of the Rotary, last year sent 8,000 books to a school in Ghana.
While no one from Northville has visited Ghana, others from the district have. For the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program, Rotarians come to town from Ghana.
Sincor met the guests at a district conference, but they did not have time to visit Northville.
An international organization with one million members, the Rotary Club has chapters in more than 25,000 communities in 172 countries.
The Northville Rotary Club also supports a high school exchange student each year. This year, the student is Matthais Eggert, from Switzerland.

BANGLADESH

- 86 percent of the residents are Moslem.
- Dhaka is the capital city.
- Population is 124.3 million, 63.9 million males, 60.4 million females.
- Smaller in size than Wisconsin, this is the most densely populated country in the world.
- 85 percent of the people live in rural areas.
- Life expectancy: males, 58.2 years; females, 57.9 years.
- Literacy rate: 46 percent (males, 52 percent, females, 33 percent).
- There are 4,955 people per each doctor.
- Principal exports: ready-to-wear clothes, jute, tea and fish.
- The form of government is parliamentary.

(Source: Rotary International District 3280, Bangladesh.)

Rotary team met with in Bangladesh.
"The poorer the people, the richer they are at heart. They had nothing, but they offered to us what they had. I will never forget that," Dr. Sanghui said.
A native of India's Gujarat Province, his family is related to Mahatma Gandhi.
The North Americans arrived with a total donation of \$20,000 for the Grameen Bank, including money from Rotary International, and personally distributed the loans to the women.
The micro-banks were created as an alternative to loan sharks, who charge poor village people exorbitant interest rates. As of 1997, the micro-bank system is lending out \$350 million annually and has a loan default rate of only two percent. More than one-third of the women who have taken out loans have raised themselves from poverty and, another one-third are on their way up.
Dr. Sanghui said some of the women are purchasing cell phones to set up a rural telephone service in a country with few roads and telephone lines.
"This Grameen Bank has revolutionized the villages all through Bangladesh," he said.
"There is so much energy. The people work so hard. We can't imagine the amount of energy the people put out just to earn a living."
Baby boomers may recall Beate George Harrison's charity concert for Bangladesh. In 1947, when the British pulled out of India, the boundaries were drawn for two nations. Along with the present



Visiting Novi's Dr. Mav Sanghui, center, are Bangladesh Rotarians Mohammed Hafizulla, left, and Mohammed Mishabuddaza. The pair are in the middle of a trip to the United States to gather support in order to build medical clinics in their country.

India, East and West Pakistan were created as a Moslem state, separated by language, culture and 1,000 miles. One key issue was language. Leaders in West Pakistan attempted to ban the use of Bangla, the language of what is now Bangladesh. In 1971, East Pakistan broke away in a nine-month war of liberation. Thirteen million refugees fled to India. Three million were killed in the war, Hafizulla said.
His country is struggling to develop economically, he added, but both the Novi and Narayanganj Rotary Clubs are seeking to raise the status of the impoverished women of Bangladesh.
"This is the beauty of Rotary, that we could see your country for international understanding and to create good will among two cultures," Hafizulla said.

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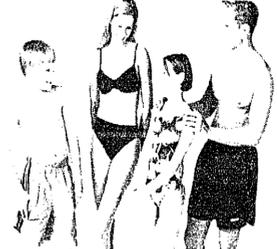
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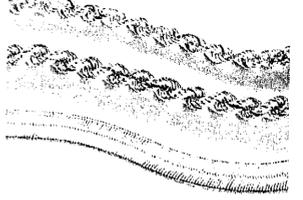
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Drunken driving, larcenies rise in Novi

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But in the past two years, changes to the CLEMIS system have resulted in unreliable statistics, Shaeffer said.
However, with the new system installed earlier this year at the Novi department, the numbers will come from within and be more trustworthy, Shaeffer said. They will most likely be higher, too, he said.
"We think our numbers will take a big jump," he said.
Last year, Novi police saw an additional 2,000 complaints from the previous year, but they are not attributed to a rise in one specific category. Moreso, it's an increase in population and visitors to the city for retail shopping or business reasons.
"As you bring more people into the town it does have an affect on crime," Shaeffer said. "It's not necessarily one to one but people and crime are strongly related."
Shaeffer said an increase in retail development with the proposed Main Street shopping district and the West Oaks Galleria project on Twelve Mile will likely result in an increase in retail crime.
The year 1997 saw little change

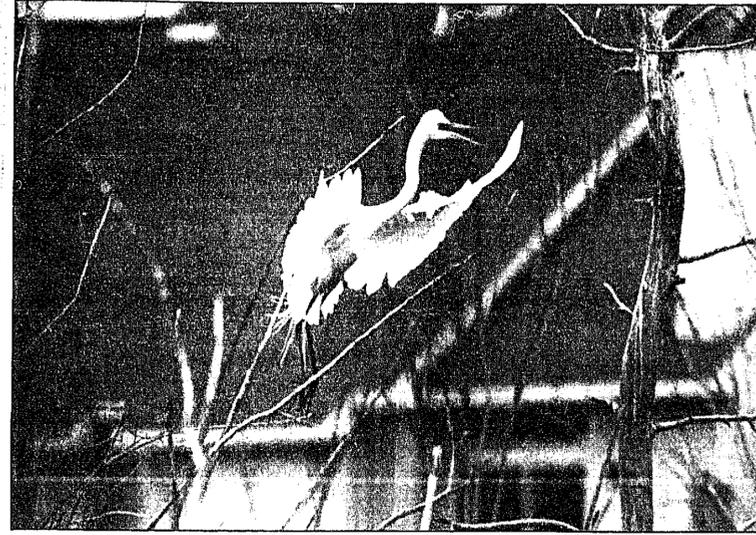
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Disorderly Conduct	648	697	-7.0%
Animal Complaints	423	375	+12.8%

*Numbers do not include a handful of late reports from December 1997

from 1996 in the area of home burglaries. There were 201 in 1996 and 204 last year.
Novi's only murder last year remains unsolved as does a murder from 1996. Charges in the deaths of Verna Brown, a Detroit woman found strangled in a Novi field, and Tamara Pittso, of Novi, have yet to be filed.
Police said one detective remains on the November 1997 Pittso case, following up on leads and questions from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.
Juvenile offenses amounted to approximately 350 reported incidents. There were 72 reported run-arounds in 1997, compared to 117 in 1996.
Traffic offenses make up a large part of the complaints for last year, over 3,000 not including drunk driving. Of those, the majority are traffic accident related.
In 1997, almost 2,100 adult and 240 juvenile arrests were made in relation to Novi crimes. Juveniles were arrested mostly for larcenies and liquor and drug law violations.
The largest number of adult arrests were done in connection with larcenies, driving under the influence and traffic offenses.
According to Reuters news service, the United States crime rate

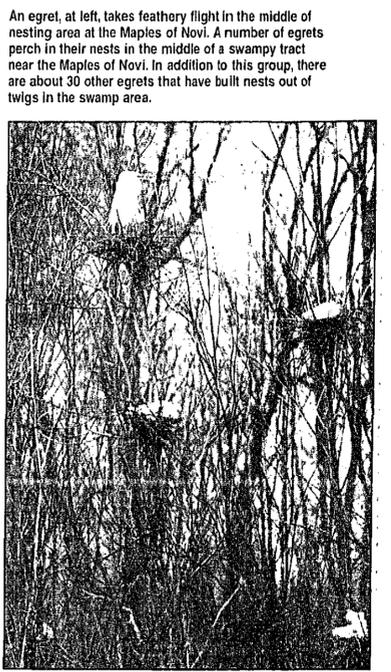
Police departments combat crime by enforcing curfew

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer
Area police are watching for local kids out past their bedtimes now that school is almost out and summer vacation is on the way.
"Juvenile crime is growing, especially at this time of year up until August when school starts," said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer.
To combat it, Novi and Northville city and township have curfew ordinances in effect for teens after dark.
"We don't use it very often but we do on occasion," said Shaeffer. "It makes sure parents know what their children are doing and where they are."
In Novi, minors under age 15 are not to loiter, idle or congregate in or on any public street, highway, grounds, place or building between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. without an adult. Minors under age 17 must not be out between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. unless supervised by an adult.
According to the Novi ordinance, parents are held responsible. Any minor found in violation of the curfew shall be dealt with in accordance with juvenile law. Any minor over 17 and any parent or guardian shall be convicted of a misdemeanor and be punished on first offense with a fine of no more than \$25 or imprisonment in the county jail for a period no more than ten days. A second offense nets parents \$100 or 30 days.
In the City of Northville and in the township, the ordinance says minors under 12 must not be out unsupervised from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and anyone under 17 years-of-age must be in by midnight.
There are exceptions to the rule. A minor may be out during the curfew if on an errand or other legitimate business directed by a parent or guardian or if the minor is helping during an emergency.



Egrets find a home in Maples

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center and across the golf course, the trees will completely die, Lemke explained, and topple over with the large nests in them. The drainage plan is expected to raise the water level by about one foot and could impact the water quality and vegetation in the wetlands.
"They are not a protected species but they are not real common, either. They were about on the verge of extinction at the turn of the century when the Victorians were putting the feathers in their hat," Lemke said.
"They are still pretty rare up here."
Egrets almost disappeared from Michigan in the 1930s and 1940s, but in the past few years have returned to some degree.
A couple of other Novi wetlands support egrets, but not many, she added. The birds eat small fish.
"It's one of those strange evolutionary things that they move into the trees as the trees are dying," Lemke said.
Developer John Damico was not available for comment. He asked to grant a variance on a setback of the strip mall from a tennis court.
Maples golfers and nearby residents would hate to see the egrets depart if their environment is no longer livable for them, Gerhart said. He'd like to see a drainage plan drawn up that wouldn't send all the run-off water cascading into the egrets' territory.
"All the storm water and everything that goes off that ten acres will run off the golf course into the wetlands. We're concerned over the flooding of the egrets. If there's a huge storm, not only do they have that water, but the run-off," Gerhart said.
In Novi, the water birds are nested away, safe from intruders.
"Few predators can get at them. They are pretty well protected," he said.
"It's sort of like they have a honing device. That's the only place they go back to. They'll come back and use the same nest."
Typically, after raising their young, the egrets leave The Maples each summer in mid-August.
Maples resident Rich D'Andrea sees the local egret colony as a great way for people and wildlife to co-exist, while the birds offer an educational opportunity to the human species.
"Egrets are nice attraction. They bring people in to view them. Schoolchildren come over. It gives them a chance to see things in their habitat that they won't see anywhere else," D'Andrea explained.



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Public Access

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MONDAY, JUNE 1
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
12:00 p.m. - On Target: Concealed Weapons
12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Brate Pete
1:30 p.m. - Welcome to the New Millennium
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Cincinnati
3:00 p.m. - Farmington Hills Ice Show
3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. - (cont'd)
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. - Where Do We Go From Here?
6:00 p.m. - Home for Life
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. - Battle of the Books
8:30 p.m. - Community Comments: Ben Marks
9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. - Groove Session

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Walter Olson the Excuse Factory
11:30 a.m. - (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. - Summit University
12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. - Drafting Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. - Virginia's Story Hour
3:00 p.m. - The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy
3:30 p.m. - Stage Door Canteen
4:00 p.m. - (cont'd)
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. - Out in the Open
6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators: Interval Training with Weights
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. - Personal Safety in the '90s: Fire Prevention

9:00 a.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Ginojolis
9:30 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
10:00 a.m. - Up Close Today
10:30 a.m. - MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. - Huntington's Disease Update
11:30 a.m. - Community Living Centers
12:00 p.m. - Dance with Virginia Junior Dancers
12:30 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and the Life
1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. - Back 2 Back
2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. - Personal Safety in the '90s: Fire Prevention
3:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Ya Ta

11:30 a.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. - Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. - Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. - That's Italian
2:00 p.m. - Rock Soup: Will Harlan
2:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. - The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. - Adventures with Brate Pete
4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Walter Olson the Excuse Factory
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - Shearby Zeck
5:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. - Detroit Radio Reunion
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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patterson Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer at 31275 Haggerty Road for use during the remodeling of the Speedway Station from June 3, 1998 through August 3, 1998. The Speedway Station is located on the southwest corner of Haggerty and Fourteen Mile Roads.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to June 3, 1998.

GERRIE HUBBS
PERMIT ANALYST
(248) 347-0415

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI CUSTODIAL SERVICES - NOVI ICE ARENA PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND INSPECTION TOUR

A pre-bid Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time. Bidders are to meet at the City of Novi Administrative Offices at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Michigan 48375.

All bidders MUST participate in the walk-through inspection tour of the sites conducted by Risk Management personnel and the City of Novi on the day and time of such pre-bid conference, and familiarize themselves with any conditions which may affect performance and bid prices. The walk-through tour will begin immediately following the pre-bid conference.

Bids submitted for locations on which the scheduled walk-through inspection has not been performed will be considered as non-responsive and rejected by the City.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446

CORRECTED NOTICE CITY OF NOVI ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 592

CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE:
PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 592 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 28, 1998.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 11th day of May, 1998. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.

KATHLEEN MCGILLIEN, MAYOR
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

To rezone a part of the East 1/2 of Section 13, T1N, R4E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 13 (nominal C.L. of Haggerty Road), said point being N01°48'30"W 546.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 13, thence S07°02'12"W 115.00 feet; thence S04°09'50"E 546.00 feet to the E-W 1/4 line of Section 13; thence Westerly along said E-W 1/4 line 222.13 feet to the East line of the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13; also being the NW corner of Parcel 22-13-011-002; thence Southerly 891.88 feet along said East line to its intersection with the Eastern R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Eastern R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway to its intersection with the Southern R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road; thence N03°04'24"W 188.51 feet to the North line of Section 13 (nominal C.L. of Twelve Mile Road); thence N86°55'30"E 148.71 feet along said North line; thence S02°25'05"E 458.35 feet; thence N68°53'05"E 760.30 feet to the East line of Section 13 (nominal C.L. of Haggerty Road); thence Southerly along said East line to the point of beginning.

FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
R-A RESIDENTIAL ACPRE
TO: QST OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT
B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18-592
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 592
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL May 11, 1998
KATHLEEN MCGILLIEN, MAYOR
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1998-1999 BUDGET & DURANT SETTLEMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 4, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 1998-1999 budget and the disposition of the Durant Settlement Funds.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 1998-1999 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Education Services Building, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.
CAROL ELFRING, SECRETARY
(5-28-98 NN 828283)

NOTICE - NOVI ICE ARENA REQUEST FOR BIDS CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Novi until 3:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern time on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at the City of Novi Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Michigan 48375 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bid Packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

The City of Novi/City Ice Management seeks proposals for the following:
CUSTODIAL SERVICES
FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS

NOVI ICE ARENA
42400 ARENA DRIVE,
NOVI, MICHIGAN 48375

Proposals, contract forms and specifications under which the work will be done are on file and may be obtained at the MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE to be held Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Novi Administrative Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024.

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Envelopes must be plainly marked, "CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT", and must bear the name of the bidder.

ADDRESS ALL BIDS TO:
CITY OF NOVI
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
Novi, MI 48375-3024

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder; to waive any irregularities or informals or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City of Novi, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Novi Ice Park.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 8, 1998

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 8, 1998.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2002.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

George F. Kortlandt
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 8, 1998, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected three (3) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS
(NOTE: FOR NOT MORE THAN 3)
Rochelle Heyniger Mel Vaara
Anne Scott Judith Wiser
Janice Simmons

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 25425 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41800 Quince, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
CAROL ELFRING
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION
(5-28-98 NN 828283)

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REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 8, 1998

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THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2002.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

THOMAS M. GUORITZ
MARTHA L. NIELD

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom homestead and non-qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00 on taxable valuation for a period of 5 years, 1998 to 2002, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 1998 calendar year is approximately \$4,772,630 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1997 tax levy)?

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 8, 1998, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in this school district.

SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN MACOMB COUNTY TO NOT QUALIFY TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected three (3) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2004.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS
(NOTE: FOR NOT MORE THAN 3)
Rochelle Heyniger Mel Vaara
Anne Scott Judith Wiser
Janice Simmons

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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Voting Place: Northville Recreation Department, 303 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Silver Springs School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Winchester School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 4
Voting Place: Armerman Elementary School, 847 North Center, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 5
Voting Place: Northville Recreation Department, 303 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 6
Voting Place: Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 7
Voting Place: Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 8
Voting Place: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Annuating the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of April 15, 1998, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

LOCAL UNIT	DATE OF INCREASE	INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan	August 7, 1990	1 mill	1998 and 1999 inclusive
Wayne County Regional Educational Service	August 6, 1974	1 mill	1998 indefinitely
Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	1998 indefinitely

By the School District: None
Dated: April 15, 1998

RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1993

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of April 13, 1998, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1962 affecting taxable property in the Northville Public Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Northville Public Schools	None	Unlimited
Township of Novi	1.00	Unlimited
Township of Lyon	2.5257	Unlimited
County of Oakland	1.00	1992 to 2016 Incl.
C. HUGH DOHANY, TREASURER OAKLAND COUNTY	25 mill (HCMA)	1992 to 2001 Incl.

By: PATRICK M. DOHANY, CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER
County Treasurer's Statement

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 23, 1998, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Northville Public School System, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	DATE	INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Washtenaw County:	25 mill (paris)	1998 future	
	25 mill (paris)	1997-2006	
	25 mill (HCMA)	1991-2000	
	0.18997 (drams)	indefinite	

Salem Township
Northville Public Schools
Wayne Regional-Intermediate
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None
1.0 (charter)
1.0 (charter)
0.77 (charter)
0.50 (charter)

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indefinite
1965-indefinite
1966-indef.
1986-indefinite

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Tuition raises, 'sim city' delayed in OCC budget

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

It's not in the \$106 million budget, but it was the central topic of discussion for the Oakland Community College board.

It's jokingly called "Sim City" (not "sin"). That's short for "simulation." It's an idea for a joint police and fire training facility that simulates a real public safety emergency.

"I saw nothing on Sim City in the budget. I made a promise to voters," said trustee Anne Scott of Royal Oak. She and board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield were on the short end of a 5-2 vote May 18 as the board approved a budget for the fiscal year beginning

July 1.

"We voted for this eight years ago, and it didn't happen," added Wiser.

Trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford recalled the 1990 vote differently. She said the board merely approved a concept, not an actual plan or budget.

Chancellor Richard Thompson said, "I would hesitate to move forward on Sim City without a business plan."

Added vice-chancellor Clarence Brantley: "We have not budgeted to build it. We need to do a business plan to seek funds from the community."

That was the sticking point —

who should pay for a complex training facility for police and fire? OCC as an educational institution has no duty to provide public safety service beyond campus borders. It does run a training academy on the Auburn Hills Campus for public safety officers from Oakland and neighboring counties.

But the prevailing view is that either the federal government, the benefiting agencies or business should pay for capital equipment.

TUITION RAISED

There was no discussion of the big change in fiscal year 1998-99 budget: a student tuition increase. In-district students will pay \$47

per credit hour, up \$1 or 2.2 percent; out-of-district Michigan residents \$79.50, up \$1.50 or 1.9 percent; and non-Michigan residents \$111.50, up \$2.50 or 2.3 percent. Since the rates are below consumer price inflation, students' families will be eligible for state personal income tax credits.

It was OCC's first tuition hike in four years.

The biggest single source of income will be property taxes — 0.85 mills approved in perpetuity when the college was founded in the 1960s, and 0.8 mills for seven years approved by voters in 1995. It will cost property owners about \$1.65 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Asked what would happen if college enrollment continued to decline, Brantley said costs would be pared, and the board would be asked to dip into the year's budget surplus.

Brantley budgeted on the basis of 432,000 credit hours being taken — the same as for the current year.

State aid was budgeted at the \$19 million, zero-increase figure recommended in February by Gov. John Engler. But the Legislature is expected to increase that. If so, it will be added to the year-end surplus.

CONTRACTS LET

In other business, the board: Awarded E&I Cooperative Services a \$37,707 contract for furnishing B Building on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. E&I is a cooperative buying group for college and health care facilities.

Awarded low bidder Dell Computers Inc. a contract for \$36,292 to furnish 10 laptop computers for the Business & Professional Services Department's Saturn program. BPS is training Saturn Corp. employees under a contract with the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Lawmakers catch up on high tech legislation

Catching up on high-tech legislation in Lansing:

NO TO PREDATORS

The state Senate moved toward curbing use of the Internet by sexual predators to solicit children when it unanimously passed bills by Sens. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, and Mike Roger, R-Brighton.

The action became urgent when a 13-year-old Michigan girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by a father and son whom she met over Internet. The men have been ordered to stand trial.

"The Internet is an important educational tool," said Hart, who recently took part in a link between seven schools on one district. "We cannot let predators use it for their own ends."

"Unfortunately parents must continue to be vigilant in monitoring their children's activity. But now, law enforcement officers have the tools they need to prosecute Internet predators."

The bills go to the House for action. If passed in the spring session, they could become law about Sept. 1. They are tie-barred, meaning both must pass for either to become law.

Rogers' SB 1091 defines the crime. It would prohibit use of Internet to even attempt to commit the solicitation of a minor for sexual abuse, kidnapping, stalking or assault with intent to commit a sex crime. It also would prohibit use of Internet to kidnap a child under 14.

"Internet" is defined as the worldwide interconnection of individual computers and networks. A "minor" is defined as someone under age 18.

Hart's SB 785 sets out the punishments: two years and \$2,000 for a first offense; five years and \$5,000 for a second. The prison terms would be served preceding any term for the underlying offense (the actual rape or kidnapping).

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated costs of the bills at \$2.3 million a year. Its calculation was based on \$18,000 a year to lock up an inmate. It assumed 5 percent of the 1996 criminal cases with prison terms involved minors.

Refer to Senate Bills 785 and 1091 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

YES TO LAWMAKERS

The Senate put the finishing touches on three House bills to require more legislative material to be placed on the Internet. The bills go back to the House for concurrence in amendments.

The lead measure, House Bill 4884 by tech guru Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, would require the Legislative Council to place on the Internet, at no cost to users, the text of every bill introduced in the House and Senate beginning July 1, 1999.

"Why do we need this when it's already on the Internet?" demanded Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

"We want future legislature to be bound by this," answered Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, who handled the bill in his Senate committee. The delay, he added, was due to some equipment not being available for a couple of years.

HB 4875 would cover the status of every bill — that is, what committee it was sent to, committee action, floor action and so on. It would take effect July 1, 1999. The sponsor is Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield.

HB 4886 would apply to the legislative calendar, notices of committee meetings and agendas, beginning Jan. 1, 2001. Sponsor is Patricia Birkholz, R-Holland.

HB 5006 covers the Michigan Compiled Laws search and retrieval system. It would take effect July 1, 1999. Sponsor is Lingg Brewer, D-Okemos.

LONG LIST

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Above: From the raised wooden dock at the man-made pond in Maybury State Park, visitors have fishing opportunities for bluegill, largemouth bass and other types of fish species. Right: Kim and Ted Grimes are among the increasing number of mountain bikers taking advantage of the trails at Maybury State Park.

Pick your adventure

The popular Maybury State Park offers a variety of outdoor activities

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Maybury State Park can proudly say they are No. 1.

Out of 94 state parks in Michigan, and the only state park in Wayne County, Maybury was ranked first in annual and daily motor vehicle permit sales during the six month period that ended in April.

"We've just had a very good year all around," said Anna Sylvester, park supervisor. "It says we've either been busy collecting fees or been really busy, one of the two. We will expect to see about 500,000 people at the park this year."

Located on Beck Road just south of Eight Mile in Northville Township, hikers, bikers, and horseback riders are already making good use of the many trails the park has to offer.

"We've seen a large increase in mountain bikers using the trails," she said.

Mountain bikers have discovered that there are benefits of having a four mile intermediate-level trail in Northville Township.

"We're so close to where they come home from work they can ride it once or twice and get their miles in," Sylvester said. "Some of the other trails are 10 or 17 miles but you can do this one twice and haven't spent so much time in the car with the stress of driving farther away."

There are 11 miles of horseback riding trails at Maybury.

Horseback riding is available Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 on weekdays and \$18 on weekends for a one-hour guided trail ride. For information, call (810) 347-1088.

National Trails Day will be celebrated at Maybury on June 6 with a group of up to 75 volunteers who will clear the trail of stumps, regrade where necessary, and build a few boardwalks. Coordinated by Northville REI, volunteers include

scouts, Friends of Maybury and SOLAR (School for Outdoor Leadership Adventure and Recreation).

"This is the first time they are coming here," she said. "We are pretty excited about it."

Of the six miles of hiking trails the volunteers will concentrate on one particular area where it gets confusing.

"The horseback riding trail and the hiking trail needs better signage in that area," she said. "Even though this park is only 1,000 acres, it is amazing how many people can get turned around."

In past years, 50 to 100 people have attended the Family Fishing Program which coincides with Michigan's annual "Free Fishing Weekend." Staff interpreters will present the two-hour program beginning at 1 p.m. on June 6.

"There is a limited supply of bait and poles for those that don't have them," said Sylvester.

Children and family summer programs are also available at Maybury. Registration begins on June 1 and programs have nature or farm themes. For children ages 3 to 6 with adult, the program is one hour and children 6 to 12 on their own have a two hour program. In order to offer a quality program, there are a limited number of slots available.

Strolls for Seniors are held the first Tuesday of June, July and August at 9 a.m. Led by naturalists, or park interpreters, the 3/4 mile walk is at a very leisurely pace.

"We talk about vegetation in the park, whatever happens to come across their path," she said.

There are also four miles of hilly, paved trails which are still popular for a variety of activities, according to Sylvester.

And the baseball diamond and soccer field are not just for sports. When not in use, they are great



Photo by HAL GOULD



Photo by HAL GOULD

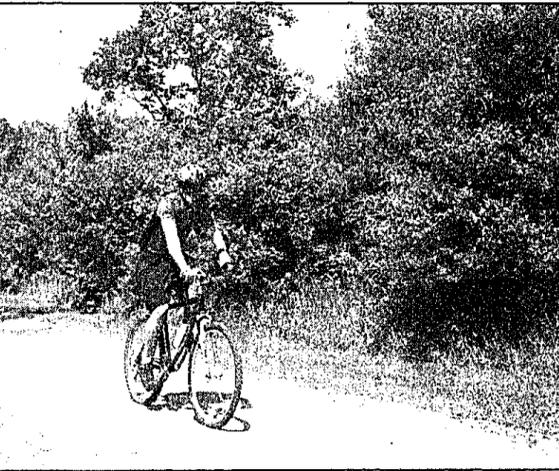


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Above: Visitors from Scotland, Suzanne Walker, left, and daughter Charlotte, 3, and Glenda and Alistair Douglas and their daughter Amy, had a chance to cool off on the swings on a bright sunny day. Left: The stables at Maybury State Park offer guided horseback trail riding for visitors from April to October.

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Maybury State Park Adventures

Senior Stroll

A park interpreter will lead the nature hike at a leisurely pace on the 3/4 mile wheelchair-accessible trail for senior citizens on the first Tuesday in June, July and August beginning June 2 at 9 a.m. Meet in the main parking area.

Farm Stories

The topic for the month of June is "We Love Horses." Several stories about farm horses will be read followed by a short craft activity. Story time begins on Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., and is repeated on Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. Meet in the farm's Demonstration Building.

Trail Service Project

In conjunction with National Trails Day, there will be a trail maintenance day at Maybury State Park on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Volunteers will be helping with maintenance projects on the park's hiking trails, and each

volunteer will receive a free six-month membership in the American Hiking Society. This community service project is sponsored by REI, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and solar (School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation). For details or to volunteer, call Northville REI at (248) 347-2100.

Michigan Free Fishing Weekend

In celebration of Michigan's annual "Free Fishing Weekend," Maybury State Park will host a Family Fishing program on Saturday, June 6, from 1- until p.m. A park interpreter will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques, equipment, and help you in getting started. A limited amount of bait and equipment is available, however, bring your own supplies if you have them. No fishing license is required on this special weekend. Meet at the fishing pond near the riding stable

on Beck Road.

Dairy Day

June is National Dairy Month and to celebrate Maybury Farm and Maybury State Park will host a Dairy Day on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m. Hands-on projects include churning butter and making ice cream. There will also be discussions on dairy products and how they are made. Dairy Day will be held in the farm's Demonstration Building. Maybury State Park is located on Eight Mile Road.

Summer Bird Hikes

Each month, Maybury State Park hosts a bird identification hike. This gives us a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations, and trends from year to year. A variety of habitats will be explored throughout the park during the one to two hour hike. These hikes are open to all, regardless of birding experience. Dress for the weather, and bring

along binoculars if you have them.

Bird hikes will be held:

• **July 11, 8 a.m.** - meet at the riding stable parking area, Beck Road, one-quarter mile south of Eight Mile Road.

• **June 13, 8 a.m.** - meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road.

Kids' Hike

A Kids' Hike, Creepy-Crawlies will be held on Saturday, June 20, beginning at 11 a.m. Meet in the farm's Demonstration Building for a brief presentation followed by a walk through the park in search of critters that hop, slither, and crawl. This program is especially suitable for kids under 12 and their families.

Summer Evening Series

Maybury State Park will once again feature the Summer Evening Series of hikes and explorations beginning June 11. These programs, offered every Thursday dur-

ing the summer months, begin at 7 p.m. and cover a different topic each week.

Programs for the month of June include:

• **June 11, Michigan Trees.** Meet at 7 p.m. at the Concession Building. Use the main park entrance on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road.

• **June 18, Summer Wildflowers.** Meet at 7 p.m. at the farm's Demonstration Building. Use the main park entrance on Eight Mile Road.

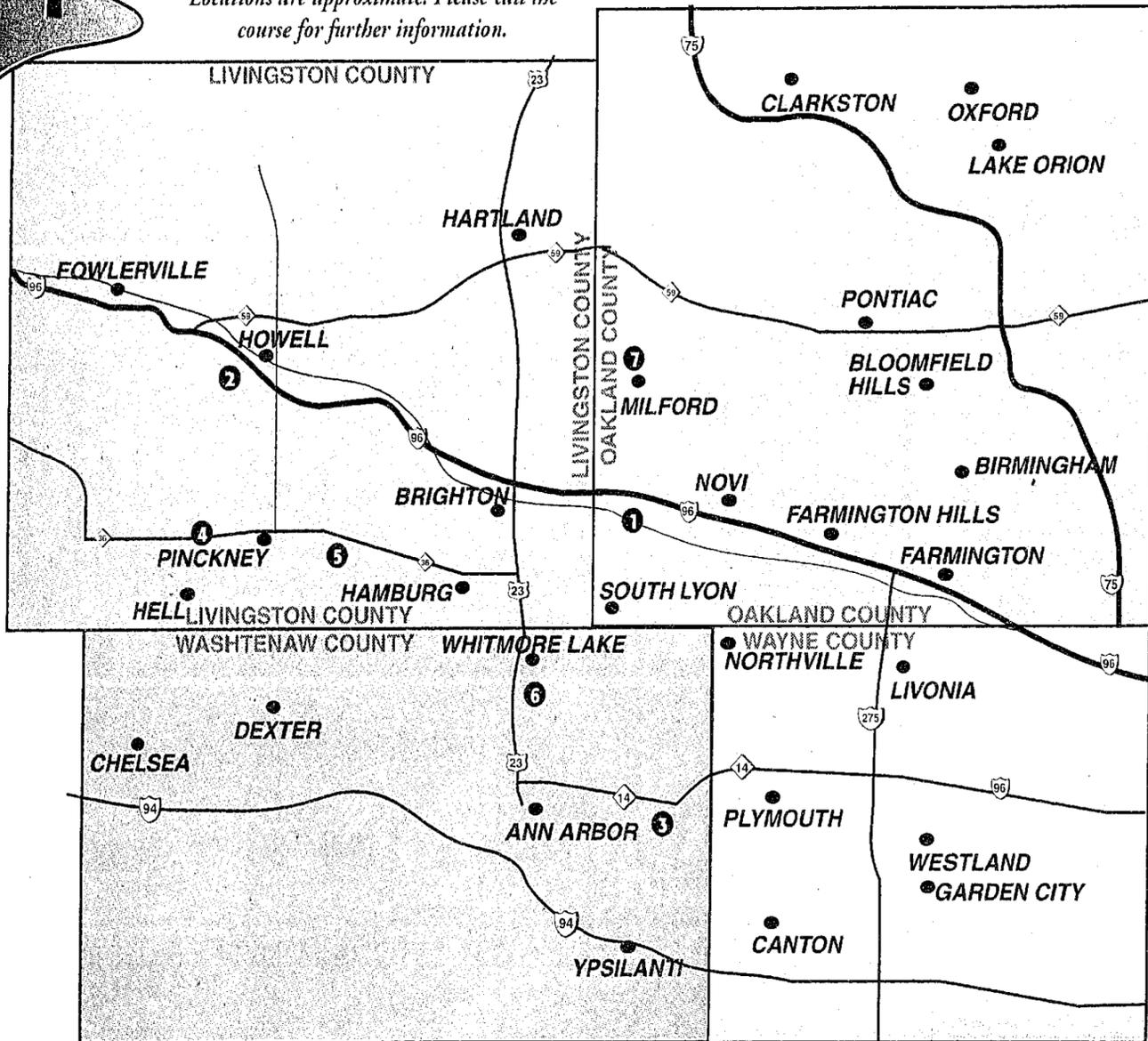
• **June 25, Wetland Wander.** Meet at 7 p.m. at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road, one-quarter south of Eight Mile Road.

These activities are free, but a state park permit is required. For more information on these or other park programs, call the park office at (248) 349-8390. Maybury State Park is located at Eight Mile and Beck Road in Northville Township.

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