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Library back in business after state shutdown

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

This month, The Library Pub & Grill was packed once again with hockey fans for Detroit Red Wings games.

But back in April during the playoffs, fans had to find another hangout to watch the games. At the request of the Liquor Control Commission, Novi Police shut the popular Grand River bar down for ten days at the end of April citing too many liquor violations.

Manager Alan Barnett, however, wouldn't comment directly on the incident.

"We just want to be good members of the community and serve alcohol responsibly," he said.

He did say the shutdown allowed time for some renovation.

"It's a great gathering place," he said.

On April 2, 1998 the LCC met with the Library Pub for a penalty hearing on three liquor violations. According to the LCC, three of those violations within a two year period means a penalty hearing and possible suspension of the license for a period of time.

According to Chief Douglas Shaeffer the suspensions and penalties are enforced by the LCC. The police department turns over an infractions to that body.

According to Shaeffer, some of the violations came during decoy stings where police send in underage decoys to see if establishments in the community are selling to minors. Shaeffer said officers can also go into bars to check if drunk patrons are being served.

It is against the law to serve an intoxicated person. The same blood alcohol content standard for drunk driving, .10 percent, is used to determine whether someone is too intoxicated at a bar to be served.

According to Shaeffer, the Library Pub is one of several establishments in Novi that police keep an eye on.

"We make periodic sweeps of all the liquor holders in town and keep records of where drunk drivers are coming from," said Shaeffer. "For example, in a sting operation with underage decoys if (an establishment) gets a violation

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Scotty Russell, 10, takes a spin in his new Red Wings blazoned go-cart with Cougar parts and service manager Rick Bingley.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Riding high Ailing child's dream comes true

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some kids ask their mom for the car keys.

In this case, a 10-year-old is giving his mom the keys to his own new wheels. One of the two sets of keys, that is.

Monday, Scotty Russell of South Lyon was all smiles and dimples when he took his fire engine red Dirt Dog Jeep by Ken-Bar for a first run at Cougar Cut-

ting Products and Supply Inc. in Novi.

When Scotty was invited to make a wish by The Rainbow Connection, this was it. His own mini-jeep that travels up to 15 miles per hour.

"They offered the Disney trip for the whole family. He said no, he's too short to go on any of the good rides," said his mother, Kathy Russell.

While the Russells prefer that

the boy's health problems not be publicized, they will say that he has had between 60 and 70 surgeries in his young life. Last year, medication caused an irreparable hearing loss for him and he must now wear a hearing aid.

"He's in the hospital more than he's home," Kathy Russell said.

Cougar tailored the vehicle, which has a modified Honda engine, to Scotty's needs and tastes. At almost 11, Scotty, is 3

feet, six inches tall, so the pedals had to be moved up so his feet can reach them. He's a big league Red Wings fan, so naturally he needed to fly a Red Wings flag and sport stickers showing his support, including a bumper sticker that says: "My other car's a Zamboni."

After Scotty saw a picture of a similar vehicle in a magazine, he dreamed of owning one.

"I don't have a bike. I don't like

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Program matches kids with mentors

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Every child deserves a friend. That's the simple message guiding the Novi Youth Assistance Mentors Plus program, which matches children with adults in an effort to foster positive role models.

"We want to give them someone to depend on and encourage the development of a positive self image," explained Mentors Plus chairwoman Deb McFarland. "To give children a feeling of acceptance and inspire potential."

Mentors Plus is back on the upswing in Novi after several years of remaining dormant.

"We are slowly but surely coming alive," McFarland said.

Claudia Walter, youth assistance counselor, resurrected the program in Novi after she was given a full-time position.

"This is a worthwhile program," she explained. "This is important to the county. Novi has a large population of kids. And a lot of kids out there, as in every community, Novi's no different, could benefit from a positive adult role model."

"I think, too, in today's atmosphere of volunteerism this is a way for an adult to give back to his or her community," Walter added.

McFarland is already trained



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Deb McFarland, Mentors chair

and waiting for a young girl to pair up with. Another five people are in the process of applications and training. Three or four more are getting ready to begin the process.

"We have a really strong committee and enthusiastic new volunteers," said Walter. "We've had more parents call, too, regarding getting their child matched."

The program can't get up and running fast enough, according to organizers who have several

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Residents sign up for new Sports Club

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

While The Sports Club of Novi won't open until October, 800 memberships have already been sold.

One was to Mystic Forest resident Jackie Castelli and her family. About a year and a half ago, she toured The Sports Club of West Bloomfield and liked what she saw, especially the pools and tennis courts.

"The only thing that was miss-

ing was the location," said Castelli, who is a swimmer and tennis player.

But that's not missing anymore. Ground was broken for the \$7.5 million, 125,000 square foot complex in April on Arcata Drive, next to the Novi Ice Arena and near the corner of Novi Road and Ten Mile. At present the roofs are now being built on several of the buildings. Owner Glen Healey said an October opening appears very likely.

Among the attractions at the

club will be summer swimming memberships, now being sold for the season opening in 1999.

"We already signed on for the pool next year, too. I was so disappointed when the public pool didn't pass last year," Castelli said, referring to the failed city pool proposal.

Healey donated \$2,700 to a campaign to defeat the \$4.5 million pool bond, but the legwork was done in fall 1997 by a well-organized group of residents

opposed to the Lower Park site.

But what the public sector won't be offering, the private sector is. Along with The Sports Club, Life Time Fitness is coming to an Eight Mile and Haggerty Road site and will also feature a pool.

However, Life Time Fitness's first metro area facility is slated for Troy and that does not open until December. The two businesses will be competing, Healey said, but Life Time's Haggerty

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Looking back on hockey and Hollywood stars

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Okay, the Red Wings didn't win the Stanley Cup.

The Chicago Blackhawks did. The year was 1934 and Detroiters were still celebrating the fact that their hockey team made it to the championship play-offs.

At the time, Jean McLain was a starstruck 18-year-old with a dream job - temporary secretary to movie stars Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, who were playing the Michigan Theater that April.

It was a moment in time when hockey fever, Hollywood and her hometown came together for Jean McLain.

McLain, an 82-year-old Novi resident, still has the original letter inviting Daniels to a banquet for the Detroit Red Wings, then the National League champions, at the Palais d'Or on Joy Road, April 11, 1934.

As a recent graduate of the Detroit High School of Commerce, McLain got the job through an employment agency.

"I was so happy. All my friends were so envious of me," she said.

"They were wonderful."

At a Novi Senior Center birthday last week, some people of the older generation remembered Bebe

Daniels and Ben Lyon - and some didn't. But the pair were stars who successfully made the transition from silent films to talkies.

McLain doesn't recall if Daniels attended the Red Wings dinner, but she'd like to give the letter and a yellowed picture of Daniels to Mike Hiteh, the current owner of the team.

Daniels was asked to drop in at the banquet hosted by the Naval Post American Legion of Detroit, as a guest of honor. If only for a few minutes.

An actress and singer, Daniels started out her film career in 1916 at age 15 and is most well-known for "Forty-Second Street" (1933), in which she played the role of a star who twisted her ankle before the show and had to be replaced by her understudy, Ruby Keeler. Among Daniels' 28 movies was the first film adaptation of "The Maltese Falcon" (1931.)

She was a leading comedienne when she married Ben Lyon in 1930, who got his start on stage at age 17. His many film and TV credits include "Hell's Angels" (1930) and "I Cover The Waterfront" (1933).

In the 1930s, the couple toured the U.S. on the Vaudeville circuit.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jean McLain shows her 1930s film star photos and letters.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, June 18

Novi schools

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

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumborg at 390-6500.

Ordinance Review Committee

The Novi Ordinance Review Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Sounds of Summer

Novi's annual summer concert series, The Sounds of Summer, begins at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, June 22

Arts Council

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

City Council

The Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. For more information call Janet at (810) 476-5534.

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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. (810) 344-2167.

Tuesday, June 23

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. at Kerby's Roney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9639.

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol

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

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Camera Club

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

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, June 24

Business Network International

The Greater Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9639.

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

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



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pull!

Novi Woods Elementary School student Robby Kneurk, far right, and others strain and stress against a group of fellow students during the tug-of-war contest at last Thursday's field day.

Many of the schools celebrated the end of the year with special field day events and picnics. School let out for the summer Friday, June 12.

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Westmont developer will preserve woods

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Residents of Westmont subdivision endorsed a new plan last week that leaves most of the remaining woodlands around them intact.

The Novi Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval, June 10, for developer Richard Lewiston's plans to build 11 homes on the 4.5-acre left in Westmont.

Commissioners Kim Capello, Arthur Vreitas and Robert Churel were absent.

Lewiston agreed publicly to dedicate the remaining 30 acres as a preservation easement and turn it over to the city or a conservatory so it could remain in its natural state.

"I'm very pleased with the two new subdivision plans Mr. Lewiston has proposed," said Marilyn Greer. "It could be an asset to our subdivision."

Commissioner Pete Handley commended Lewiston for working with the residents.

"It just goes to show you the process doesn't work when people get involved," he said.

Last October nearly 40 residents packed a Novi Planning Commission meeting to protest Lewiston's first plan for 18 homes on eight acres of land they said they were told would be wooded lots for all time.

An estimated 150 people from Westmont and nearby subs like Addington Park signed a petition in protest.

Lewiston said at the time it was the builders that misrepresented the lots to the homeowners, but after being turned down by both the commission and the Novi City Council, he went back to the drawing board.

The new plan is scaled down and includes nearly 30 acres to be donated to the city or a conservatory. But commissioner Michelle Bononi questioned Lewiston's sever, at times about his intentions for that remaining property, wanting assurance he would never build on it.

"It will be left in its natural state... it will remain in perpetuity," Lewiston assured.

City attorney Paul Weisberger explained the offer is voluntary on the developer's part and cannot be held as a condition of approval.

"It is voluntary," Lewiston explained. "But nevertheless it's a public act."

Residents who attended this month's meeting also questioned the open lots at each of two red-dens. Is it simply an way to keep the option of connecting them? they asked.

"The one-sided red-dens is not a decision plan to introduce a construction. We have no other intention of using the land," Lewiston said.

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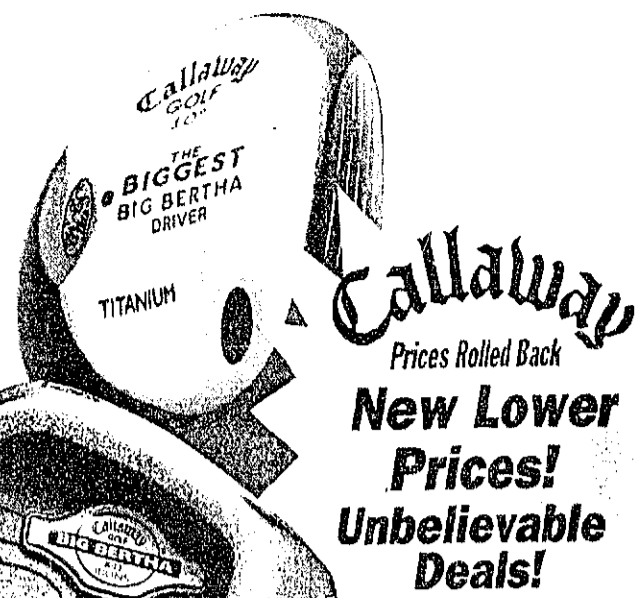
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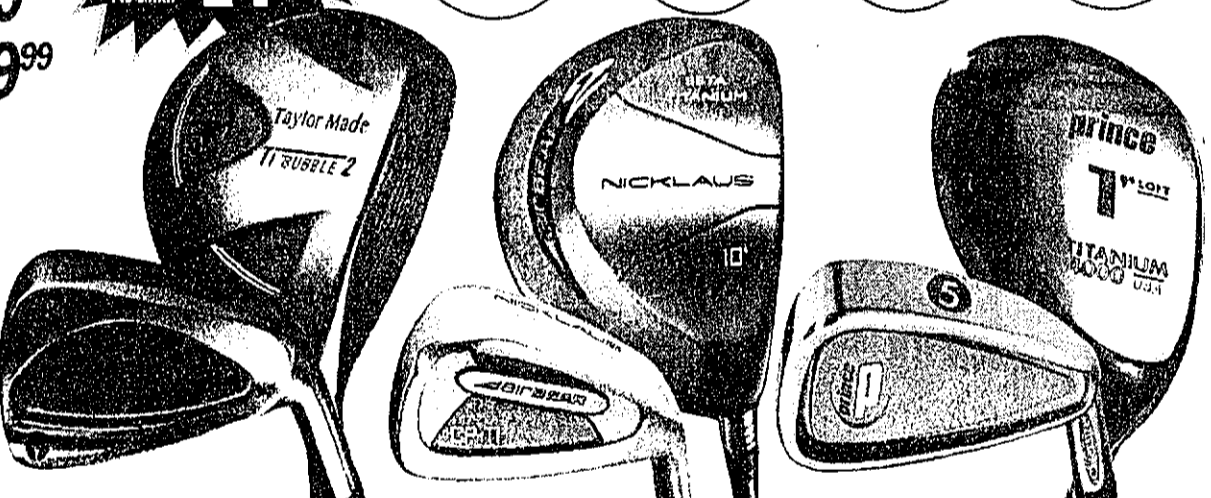
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Old-timer sees Grand River gain speed

This is the first in a series of articles profiling the people who watched Grand River Avenue grow and prosper during the last 20 years.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Jo Polissano was a man ahead of his time. As owner and broker for J.P. Realty Co. in the 1970s and early 80s, Polissano foresaw the Grand River Avenue corridor as a hot commodity. Unfortunately, the recession got in his way. And land deals and development planned for the area were slowed or stopped.

"I was coming down Grand River today and saw a couple of parcels I had on the market are sold," Polissano said, sitting in one of his many Novi hangouts, Vic's coffee bar. "Things you couldn't give away because of the flood plain are built on ... I couldn't give that stuff away."

Diagnosed with cancer last year, Polissano was "forced" into retirement and makes his way through each week on a routine of breakfasts at Coney Island and Guessey's, dinners at China Cafe and Saturdays at Vic's Market.

He chats often with other longtime residents and newcomers about life when Novi began taking shape.

In 1982, on property about where he sat earlier this week, Polissano began negotiating a deal for a major headquarters for Starr Cutter Tool at Grand River and Novi Road. But the deal fell through because of high interest rates and other recession problems.

"I was too early, ahead of my time," he said. Now, however, a strong economy and location, location, location is putting the corridor on the map as ripe for redevelopment.

In fact, the corridor is seeing so much development Novi city officials met last month to talk about creating a new image that could include wrought-iron lampposts, increased landscaping and maybe a widening of the road.

Polissano said Grand River looks now about the way he imagined. "This area is developed pretty much like I envisioned it, although I was thinking a little more office," he said.

The traffic doesn't surprise him either. "They didn't want a main thoroughfare," he explained. "The city wanted to control the traffic, but I couldn't see how they could do that."

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said Polissano was instrumental in helping the city get the land for the Grand River Avenue fire station property. "He worked with me to get that property gifted from the longtime owner," Kriewall said. "He was active around town."

Polissano said he worked often with city officials to help plan the city, bring wanted development to the area and "direct undesirable to another location."

For instance, he recalls a time when a prospective buyer wanted to build a junkyard in Novi with 700 cars and he directed him to another town.

"Could you imagine if I had come into the planning board or city council and asked them to put that in?" Polissano said.

"There was a little lying and cheating going on to keep people out of here," he added.

Memories



Vic's World Class Market regular, Joe Polissano gets a hug from his niece Jacqueline Rhodes during a recent visit to the Grand River Avenue store.

Fuerst awards presented

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The Novi Education Foundation awarded eight scholarships this year in memory of Ruby Fuerst.

Fuerst left \$350,000 to the Novi Community School District after her death in 1991. She stipulated the funding should be made available not only to graduating seniors but to older residents who wish to go back to school or attend trade school or community college.

The main criteria for the Fuerst Scholarship is financial need. The responsibility for the scholarship was turned over to the foundation. Each year the foundation offers scholarships totaling \$20,000 to district residents. One of the scholarships can be up to \$10,000 over four years providing the recipient earns a 2.5 grade point average each year.

"We had applications from seniors to people in their 40s so it's working very well in that respect," said member Robert Schram.

The following residents received the scholarship this year:

- Steven Chang, a University of Michigan student, received \$2,000.
- Deborah Franz is a Western Michigan University student who received a \$2,000 check.
- Alex Lowery is a University of Michigan-Dearborn student. He received a \$4,000 scholarship.
- Joshua Melton is a Novi High School graduate and will attend Vanderbilt or Northern Michigan with his \$4,000 award.
- Recent grad Julie Slayton was awarded \$2,000 to attend Michigan State University.
- Rosabel Chang, a 1998 Novi High graduate, received \$2,000 to attend the University of Michigan.
- Lecann O'Keefe received \$2,000 to attend Case Western Reserve or the University of Pennsylvania. She is a 1998 Novi High graduate.
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Committee to explore options for brain injury rehab center

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A Farmington Hills company that sets up rehabilitative work for closed head injury patients is looking to move into Novi, but some concerns from city planning commissioners have the owners encouraging people to learn more before making any decisions about its fate.

According to co-owner Bruce Cassell, Cassell & Associates of Farmington Hills takes patients with closed head injuries and gives them tasks like small parts assembling or packaging to both give them purpose and a way to further rehabilitation.

"It's designed for the clients to gain self-worth and dignity," he explained.

The Novi Planning Commission discussed the company, June 10,

at its regular meeting. The problem with the proposal is it may not fit into Novi's ordinances as currently written.

"Nowhere in our ordinance is that actually allowed," said Eda Weddington, chair of the commission.

Cassell said they have an option on the land but wanted to know if they could locate in Novi before submitting costly site plans.

He and his wife and partner, Marika, have no ideas about raising goats or large animals, he explained this week. But adding gardening and pets to their rehabilitation program was part of the reason they wanted to move to ten acres on Thirteen Mile near Hagerty Road.

"We're looking to keep the site residential and rural," he said, but pointed out there would be no on-site living arrangements.

"My nucleus is this an industrial project," Cassell explained. "That's exactly the opposite of what we're trying to do. We're trying to get the quality of life and serenity."

While the company does make a profit it's really not from the labor, Cassell said. Instead, auto insurance pays for most of the programming. Currently, 45 clients come to the Farmington Hills site at a variety of times during the day.

He said meetings with city officials were positive and enthusiastic.

"We felt this was a good thing for the community at a conceptual level," said Planning Director Jim Wahl. He noted criticism from the community that the planning department became more proactive and said that's what he's trying to do.

Infant found in parking lot, dad faces charges

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Whom man will face charges of child neglect at Novi's 52-1 District Court June 23, after his one-year-old child was found wandering in the Village Apartments in Whom last week.

Tommy West Jr. told television news crews he was in another room when the child must have sneaked out of the first floor window. He said he assumed the child was asleep.

Whom Police said an apartment resident found the little girl in a parking lot about 11 p.m. June 9 and called police.

She was "told to the touch and apparently wet from the rainfall," police said. She wore a dirty, yellow dress. Her arms, legs and feet were bare.

She was taken to Huron Valley Hospital for evaluation and to Children's Village in Pontiac after police were unable to locate her parents.

About 2 a.m., police said the infant's mother called to report she arrived home from work to find her child missing.

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Road work ahead

Novi residents to see six years of road improvements

By JAN JEFFERS Staff Writer

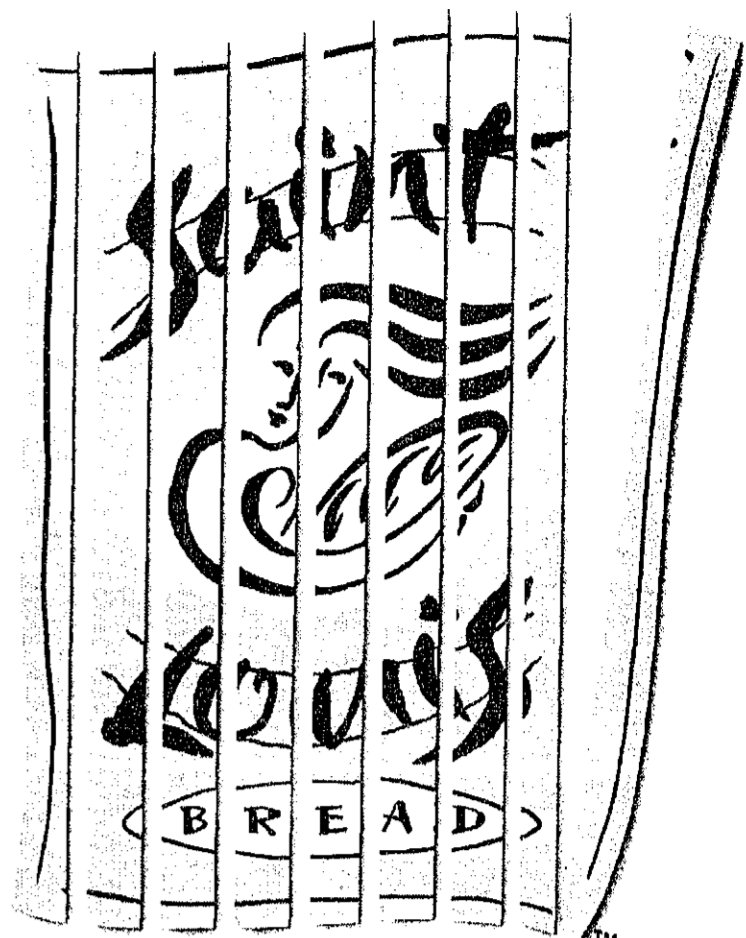
Novi's just-adopted six-year road program includes work on both subdivision streets and more major thoroughfares.

Money from the program comes from the Local Street Fund, the Major Street Fund and the Municipal Street Fund.

The program is revised by the city each year. Budgeted for 1998 is \$1,435 million worth of projects and a balance of unspent funds of \$675,000.

Included in the plan, as approved by the Novi City Council last week, are:

- Year One 1998-1999**
- Design and engineering:**
- South Lake Drive, \$50,000.
 - Meadowbrook Road between Eleven Mile and Twelve Mile, \$50,000.
 - Various subdivision maintenance programs, \$50,000.
 - Vincent Drive, \$7,500.
 - Bridge inspections, \$7,500.
- Construction:**
- East Lake Drive, bituminous resurfacing, \$300,000.
 - Taft Road, bituminous resurfacing between Eight and A Half Mile and Ten Mile, \$300,000.
 - \$500,000 of sub-pavement repairs to streets in these subdivisions: Meadowbrook Glens, Willowbrook One and Three, Dunbarton Two and Three, Country Place and Villagewood.
- Traffic Control Systems:**
- At Novi Road/Decker Road, \$6,000.
 - At Novi Road/Thirteen Mile Road, \$6,000.
- A Consultant's Study:**
- Ten-year transportation improvement plan update, \$7,900.
- Debt Service:**
- Transportation bond fund, \$109,000.
 - Fees to Traffic Improvements Association of Oakland County, \$8,000.
 - Share of Grand River Avenue Bridge replacement, \$79,000.
- Revenues:**
- Fund balance: \$157 million
 - Revenue: \$998,000
 - Total available: \$2,155 million
- Expenditures: \$1.48 million**
New fund balance: \$675,000
- Year Two 1999-2000**
- Design and engineering:**
- Taft Road resurfacing, Ten Mile to Grand River, \$300,000.
 - Subdivision maintenance programs, \$50,000.
 - Town Center and Eleven Mile roads, \$100,000.
- Construction:**
- South Lake Drive, bituminous paving, \$250,000.
 - Meadowbrook Road paving between Eleven Mile and Twelve Mile, \$250,000.
 - Vincent Drive, bituminous paving, \$100,000.
 - Bridge deck resurfacing, \$25,000.
 - Bituminous and concrete repairs for \$400,000 to these subdivisions: Country Place, Villagewood, Jamestowne, Yorkshire and Westridge Downs.
- Traffic Control Systems:**
- Heavy traffic routing analysis study, \$5,000.
- Debt Service:**
- Traffic Improvement Association fees, \$8,000.
 - Grand River Road bridge replacement share, \$84,000.
- Revenues:**
- Fund balance: \$674,000
 - Revenue: \$1,028 million
 - Total available: \$1.7 million
- Expenditures: \$1,192 million**
New fund balance: \$510,000
- Year Three 2000-2001**
- Design and engineering:**
- Meadowbrook Road, Nine Mile to Ten Mile, \$50,000.
 - Subdivision maintenance, \$30,000.
 - West Oaks, \$15,000.
- Construction:**
- Taft Road, bituminous resurfacing Ten Mile to Grand River, \$400,000.
 - Town Center and Eleven Mile Road paving, \$100,000.
 - Bituminous and concrete repairs to these subdivision roads for \$400,000: Jamestowne, Yorkshire, Westridge Downs and Cedar Springs.
- Traffic Control Systems:**
- Crosswalk improvements, \$5,000.
- Debt Service:**
- Traffic Improvement Association fees, \$8,000.
 - Grand River Avenue Bridge replacement, \$84,000.
- Revenues:**
- Fund balance: \$510,000
 - Revenue: \$1,069 million
 - Total available: \$1,569 million
- Expenditures: \$1,042 million**
New fund balance: \$527,800
- Year Four 2001-2002**
- Design and engineering:**
- Beck Road Ten Mile to Grand River spot repairs, \$50,000.
 - Subdivision road maintenance, \$30,000.
 - Repairs to Roethel, Heslop, Catherine and Trans-X drives, \$15,000.
- Construction:**
- South Lake Drive, bituminous paving, \$250,000.
 - Meadowbrook Road, Eight Mile to Ten Mile, \$250,000.
 - Bituminous and concrete repairs to these subdivisions for \$500,000: Lexington Green One and Two and Applegate.
- Revenues:**
- Fund balance: \$636,000
 - Revenue: \$1,06 million
 - Total available: \$1,696 million
- Expenditures: \$845,000**
New fund balance: \$851,000
- Year Six 2003-2004**
- Design and engineering:**
- Meadowbrook Road, Eight Mile to Nine Mile, \$50,000.
 - Maintenance to subdivision streets, \$30,000.
 - Maintenance to retail district streets, \$15,000.
- Construction:**
- Spot repairs to Beck Road from Eight Mile to Ten Mile and Seelye Road, \$250,000.
 - Bituminous and concrete repairs to these subdivisions for \$500,000: Lexington Green One and Two and Applegate.
- Revenues:**
- Fund balance: \$636,000
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Senate bills would require three-fifths vote to raise taxes

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

It will look good on Senate candidates' literature to say "no tax hikes without a 60 percent vote of the Legislature," but in practice it's unlikely to happen.

The Republican-run state Senate June 11 approved four bills that would require a three-fifths vote of each chamber to raise the income, sales, use and single business taxes. They're doomed in the Democrat-run House.

"The bills don't give taxpayers any protection," said Democrat Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, summing up the opposition. "To override the 60 percent requirement, all you need is a majority vote."

Republicans, led by Gov. John Engler, want to amend the Michigan Constitution to require a 60 percent vote instead of a simple majority on tax increases. But to put it on the ballot, they need a two-thirds vote in both the Senate and House, and so far they have been unable to get it even in the Senate, where the GOP has 22-15 control.

So Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, reported four bills from the Finance Committee that would amend laws to require a 60 percent vote - 23 out of 38 in the Senate, 66 out of 110 in the House.

"This is so a future Legislature cannot undo the gains we've made," said Bullard, citing 24 tax cuts during the Engler years.

But Republicans suffered two major defections - John Schwarz of Battle Creek and Jon Cisky of Saginaw - who voted No. The GOP passed the bills 21-14 when two

Democrats defected to the yes column - George Z. Hart of Dearborn and Ken DeBeaussart of Macomb County.

Here's how area senators voted:

YES - Republicans Mike Bouchard of Birmingham, Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford, Mat Dunaskis of Lake Orion, Loren Bennett of Canton, Bob Geake of Northville, Mike Rogers of Brighton and Democrat George Z. Hart of Dearborn.

NO - Democrats Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, John Cherry of Clio, Alma Smith of Salem, and Republican John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

The usual conversational buzz on the Senate floor halted when Schwarz, who is president pro tem, denounced the bills as "ill-advised. They put power in the hands of 15 (a minority that would vote no instead of 20) to a simple majority voting yes."

"I can't think of a tax increase I'd support, but that's not the point. We denigrate ourselves, we denigrate the chamber," he said supporters are "blind to anything but their own machinations. This is a mere gesture. It's unconstitutional," Schwarz finished, predicting the bills will die in the House.

Several Democrats, including Alma Smith of Salem and Art Miller of Warren, sought to embarrass Republican leader Dick Posthumus by printing Schwarz's remarks in the permanent Senate Journal as their reasons for voting no.

Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, replied to Democratic criticisms by saying the tax cuts of the 1990s are endangered because "a future Legislature could overturn

this decision. We are not afraid at all of today. It's tomorrow."

"This (the bills) is not to look good in ads. This is our heartfelt view," Bouchard said.

Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, warned that it's difficult enough to get a simple majority for a tax increase. "It took the governor many weeks to put together a gas tax increase," she said, noting Engler got only 19 of 22 Republican votes in 1997 to do it.

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, said the Legislature, far from being tough on taxes, has voted 70 tax and fee increases and doubled the state debt in the last eight years.

The package would affect the Senate would affect only income and single business taxes, even if approved by the House. The sales and use taxes could not be raised beyond 6 percent unless voters first approved a constitutional amendment; only then could the Legislature raise rates.

The Senate bills would have no effect on the unemployment compensation tax, gas and oil severance taxes, foreign insurance company reinsurance tax, and tobacco products taxes; beer, wine and liquor taxes; gasoline, diesel fuel, liquefied petroleum, aviation, marine vessel and motor carrier fuel taxes; motor vehicle weight and aircraft weight taxes; watercraft registration taxes; or any license fees.

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Whether you plan to purchase or lease a new car, you'll want to be sure your dealer is a full-service concern who can provide you with quality service after the sale! In this area, motorists have found a dealer who offers a wide selection of quality automobiles and just as importantly, expert service by factory-trained professionals. That dealership is Varsity Lincoln Mercury located at 49251 Grand River in Novi, phone 248-305-5300 or 1-800-850-6684.

As your authorized dealer for the full line of Varsity Lincoln Mercury automobiles, they have the size, style and model you want at a competitive price.

We are pleased to suggest you stop by Varsity Lincoln Mercury soon and test drive the model of your choice, make your best deal and rely with confidence on this same dealer for expert service when you need it. Varsity Lincoln Mercury would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving you in the future. Stop by their used truck center located on 12 Mile.

Fordyce Certified Massage

People are looking for a more effective way to deal with the stress of today's busy world. The ancient art of massage may be just what the doctor ordered to relieve pain, encourage healing, and even just to relax a stressed-out body.

Fordyce Certified Massage, locally owned and operated by Lyn Watson, CMT, prides themselves in being able to deliver the finest massage and relaxation service in this area. They specialize in improved health and well-being. Six certified therapists are on staff and the facility can accommodate three clients at one time. Their therapists have training in various massage techniques so that Fordyce Certified Massage is able to meet the varying needs of their clients. They feature Swedish massage, Myofascial massage, Neuro-muscular therapy, Aromatherapy and Relaxation Face Lift Massage. Four of their therapists are working on certification for pregnancy massage.

Fordyce Certified Massage is located at 18600 Northville Road in Northville Township, phone 248-347-8830. This facility is designed to provide you with professional service in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

Massage therapy is fitting comfortably into the nation's healthcare system, and is currently the fastest growing health field in the country. Call 248-347-8830 for more information or an appointment.

Red Carpet Keim Reliable

With all the real estate agencies in the area, just exactly what makes the friendly professionals at Red Carpet Keim Reliable stand out among them all? Experience, quality service and a large variety of listings are three good reasons you can think of to rely on Red Carpet Keim Reliable whether you're seeking to buy or sell your existing property.

Located at 3989 Grand River in Novi, phone 248-476-6540, this full service agency has specialists in all phases of real estate to give you the professional, personalized service you deserve. Red Carpet Keim Reliable is a family owned and operated business and they are life long residents of Novi.

Whatever transaction you seek, contact Red Carpet Keim Reliable. Contractors, homeowners, and businesspeople throughout the area are glad they deal with these "people-oriented" experts. So give them a call today. Red Carpet Keim Reliable would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future. Red Carpet Keim Reliable is expanding and is offering opportunities for a new career in Real Estate.

Great Lakes Disposal

Formerly known as Laidlaw Waste Specialists

As consumers become more aware in terms of the environmental and ecological impact of waste removal, they realize that a need for proper collection and disposal does exist. In this area, Great Lakes Disposal is leading the way in both facets of disposal work.

Great Lakes Disposal specializes in residential, industrial and commercial waste removal. They have equipment to offer competent and reliable services at affordable prices throughout this entire area. Complete consultation services are also available.

Great Lakes Disposal features commercial, institutional and industrial container service in several states, as well as construction site service and service to the trades. Industrial containers are available to industry on either a purchase or lease program. But, of course, the true picture in waste removal doesn't end with collection. Great Lakes Disposal makes efforts to remain current in the field of disposal as well. They have kept abreast of all the modern methods of disposal designed to help improve our environment. Great Lakes Disposal also offers recycling. This service helps make our future brighter by recycling products for tomorrow's needs.

To find out more information about the many cost effective services provided by Great Lakes Disposal call 248-358-4626.

PHILIP F. GRECO TITLE COMPANY

What is title insurance? It is peace of mind, a written assurance that your new home is all yours and that there are no claims or legal defects that can interfere with your usage and enjoyment of your property. PHILIP F. GRECO TITLE COMPANY experts in our area. Their wealth of experience and knowledgeable staff will insure that your closing is smooth and efficient.

There is great satisfaction in knowing that when you consult GRECO TITLE, you are in conference with an authority on the matter of abstracts and titles. We wish to refer our readers to PHILIP F. GRECO TITLE COMPANY located at 340 North Main Street, Suite 101 in Plymouth, phone (313) 201-9500. Contact GRECO TITLE COMPANY for all of your closing and title insurance needs.

PHILIP F. GRECO TITLE COMPANY would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

LIVONIA'S LARGEST SINCE 1881 LIVONIA HOME IMPROVEMENT INC.

Now is the time to stop thinking about remodeling your home or business and just pick up the phone and call 248-421-3590. This company is well known throughout the area for their highly skilled work and realistic rates. No matter what you need to have done, whether it's a new kitchen, or bath, a room addition, basement remodeling or you need your entire home or business remodeled, they have the experience and professionalism to handle the job correctly. Livonia Home Improvement makes a point of only hiring well qualified workers. You can be certain of a beautifully finished job, carried out with only high quality materials and completed in the shortest time at reasonable, honest prices. This family owned firm is fully licensed and insured and offers free estimates. Call Livonia Home Improvement at 248-421-3590 or 734-421-3590 for a job well done. Livonia Home Improvement would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

ARTISANS JEWELERS

It is the gift of jewelry. Artisans Jewelers carries a complete stock of the quality jewelry that is bought for a lifetime of use and beauty, then handed on to the future generations. Our community is fortunate in having Artisans Jewelers because here the buyer can be assured of the best value and fairest price. They carry a fine line of diamond rings, and all offer you great value and fine quality. Paul Teterian is a certified gemologist, who has over 20 years of experience. Artisans Jewelers offers custom remounts, and specializes in unusual settings of diamonds and platinum. They also feature jewelry and watch repair. They have jewelry at a variety of prices including a beautiful selection of watches, platinum jewelry, lasting beautiful gifts that will bring happiness for years to come. So if you are looking for a special gift that will be treasured for a lifetime, then stop by Artisans Jewelers soon. Artisans Jewelers is located in the Twelve Oaks Mall, in the upper level near Lord & Taylor, phone 374-7000. Everyone at Artisans Jewelers looks forward to seeing you soon!

ANNE E JACKSON, PhD

Psychological Services

It is becoming more important every day for us to learn how to deal with the problems and pressures of everyday living. However, it is not always possible to handle these problems comfortably without the assistance of new knowledge about ourselves and how or why we think, feel or behave the way we do.

ANNE E. JACKSON, PhD offers psychological services for those of us looking for these answers. She offers comprehensive psychological services for adults, adolescents, and children, including testing and therapy, evaluation and consultation, with a particular focus on adults and children. Individual therapy, relationship problems, parent/child problems, work and school issues, depression and anxiety, as well as psychological assessments are just a few of the services available. Dr. Jackson offers expertise in a confidential setting to help you, and your child cope with your particular needs.

We suggest you contact ANNE E. JACKSON, PhD located at 196 East Main in Northville, phone 248-374-1055 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

ABSOTEMP CLIMATE CONTROL INC.

We suggest to the people of this area who are having heating & cooling problems that you let the experts at Absotemp Climate Control Inc. handle the job.

Absotemp Climate Control specializes in the heating and cooling field and through years of experience has developed a reputation for quality work at reasonable, honest prices. When you need their services for your home or business, Absotemp Climate Control Inc. will be more than happy to look over your individual needs and recommend an economical system to keep you comfortable year-round.

Their showroom is located at 3011 Haggerty Road in Walled Lake, phone 960-3100. You will be satisfied with all work Absotemp Climate Control Inc. does for you and will be glad to recommend them to your friends just as we are suggesting Absotemp Climate Control and TRANE products to you. Just call 960-3100 for all of your residential, commercial, and industrial needs. Absotemp Climate Control Inc. would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.



HADLEY'S TOWING & RECOVERY, INC.

When your car or truck breaks down at 2:00 a.m. it's comforting to know there is such a reputable towing firm as HADLEY'S TOWING & RECOVERY just a phone call away. Whatever time of the day, wherever you are, if you have car trouble just call 471-5763.

Located at 24825 Hathaway in Farmington Hills, this towing firm offers prompt, 24 hour wheel lift and flat bed towing as well as road service. HADLEY'S TOWING is locally owned and operated and has been proudly serving the area for many years. HADLEY'S TOWING features state-of-the-art fully equipped vehicles with wheel lifts to ensure damage free towing. With today's cars and trucks having plastic or fiberglass over much of the front and rear ends of the car and, in the unfortunate case of becoming stuck in the snow, mud or even in a ditch, one wrong attempt at recovery could result in damage. This is why it is very important to rely on a towing firm that has the proper equipment to recover your vehicle. HADLEY'S equipment is especially designed to handle these and other problems involving the transportation or recovery of any vehicle on the road today. They also tow for the Farmington and Farmington Hills Police departments. For these reasons and many more, rely on HADLEY'S TOWING for all of your towing and recovery needs.

Pavillion Court Apartments

Over the past few years, the living habits of Americans have changed dramatically. One of the major factors in this change is the emergence of the modern apartment community. Many people, turned off by the continual maintenance problems and the visible and hidden costs of home ownership, have opted for the carefree style of apartments like those owned and managed by Marquette Management, Inc., Pavillion Court Apartments.

Located at 21675 Pavillion Drive in Novi, phone 248-1120, Pavillion Court Apartments is a prime example of high quality living geared to the carefree and convenient life-styles of the 90's. At Pavillion Court Apartments, the entire staff is totally dedicated to pleasing their residents. Well planned, soundly constructed and professionally managed two bedroom apartments are available.

Now is the opportune time to visit Pavillion Court Apartments and begin living in a "Five Star" property that is conveniently located to everything and an incredible value. Contact Kim at 248-1120 for a tour of the community.

ENTECH PERSONNEL SERVICES, INC.

If you are dissatisfied with your job or currently don't hold a position, contact ENTECH PERSONNEL SERVICES. Many staffing services are satisfied only to get you employed, regardless if the position fits your qualifications or aspirations. They want to get you into a position satisfactory to both you and your new employer. ENTECH PERSONNEL SERVICES has access to managers, corporate officials and company owners throughout the area, who have openings for full-time or part-time positions. ENTECH PERSONNEL SERVICES offers placement in clerical, secretarial, data entry, medical services, technical/engineering design, administrative, bank tellers, meter readers and light industrial labor. They have 12 locations to serve you of people who have found jobs through their excellent service, but that of employers who have secured dedicated employees from them as well. Call the ENTECH PERSONNEL SERVICES office nearest you: Auburn Hills, 248-377-4980; Chicago, 847-236-0500; Detroit/Dearborn, 313-964-1703; Grand Blanc, 810-695-9777; Livonia, 313-464-0196; Southfield, 248-354-1600; Toledo, 419-893-9007; Walled Lake, 248-960-9909; Managed Services, 248-528-8092; Medical Division, 313-964-1713; Technical Division, 248-528-8091; and Troy/Warren, 248-528-8090 or toll free 1-800-33ENTECH.

Progressive Construction Management, Inc.

Thinking of a new home? Many people in this area have been relying on Progressive Construction Management, for their extra measure of service. Known as "the builder who cares," Progressive Construction Management's homes are not built with tangibles alone, they are built with foresight and planning as well as pride in craftsmanship. Their hand-crafted homes provide distinctive residences to reflect your personal tastes and lifestyles.

From the initial planning, to complete on-the-job supervision, Progressive Construction Management maintains their high standards of excellence while using only top-grade building materials. Their experienced workers recognize quality and they are quite proud to be able to offer it to you. Featuring a unique selection of homes, they also have the flexibility to work with you in planning and designing for your individual needs.

You can contact Progressive Construction Management located at 41500 Varenant Court in Novi, phone 248-474-5703 for all the details concerning your needs. We feel once you've seen their homes you'll understand why Progressive Construction Management has become synonymous with quality craftsmanship throughout the area.



Serman & Leh, P.C.

Accidental Injury Law Firm

A sudden injury or accident may have unexpected long-term effects. Often, such an event is through no fault of the injured party. These individuals may incur high medical bills, as well as the financial burden of loss of income due to extended time away from their jobs.

Serman & Leh, P.C., located at 17117 W. 9 Mile Road in Southfield, phone 248-559-5620 and at 1238 Randolph in Detroit, phone 313-964-1455 and at 3677 North Lapeer Road in Lake Orion, phone 248-391-2292, is fully experienced in dealing with all phases of personal injury, wrongful death, work related accidents and medical malpractice. Their lawyers are fully experienced with all aspects of local and state laws regarding all injury cases. Jeffrey S. Serman is a past president of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association. "This law firm is the right size to give personal attention and understanding to", says many of their clients. Their knowledge and experience has been a key factor in their success for over 26 years. THEY GET RESULTS! Serman & Leh offers a free initial consultation to enable you to clearly understand your legal options and to help them determine the best possible procedure, for your individual circumstances.

If you or a loved one has been injured by a fall or an auto accident, a work-related accident or medical malpractice, Serman & Leh, P.C. invites your inquiries. They are available to provide professional legal services and counseling to help ease the financial burden of an unexpected injury.

Southeast Michigan's Leading Lighting Distributor

RAY Lighting

RAY Lighting Company's purpose is to serve your lighting needs with high quality products and fixtures. They provide a range of professional services from designing home lighting plans to interpreting your builder's blueprints. Whether you're redecorating a room or working with an allowance from your builder they can help you in many ways. See your world in a whole new light and be sure to ask about their special lighting packages for whole house jobs.

Fan displays, chime from a broad selection of lighting fixtures, lamps, outdoor lanterns, ceiling fans, landscape lighting systems, featuring brand names such as Soffel, Casablanca, Quoizel, Kichler, Hinkley, Bradford, Ramond and many more. Their sales people are trained and certified in the latest innovations and technological advances in lighting.

RAY Lighting Centers has over 60 years experience in the lighting business. Visit their new Novi lighting showroom located at 25673 Meadowbrook Rd just north of Grand River, or call them at 248-494-4500.

Susan H. Carron, D.D.S., M.S. & Claire L. Cullen, D.M.D.

Pediatric Dentistry

Pediatric Dentists are dental specialists who have a minimum of two years additional education and training beyond the basic dental degree, and are dedicated to the oral health of children from infancy through teenage years. The pediatric dentist is experienced in treating children who may be fearful, young, have a lot of decay or are medically compromised. Pediatric dentists have special training in preventive dental care and strive to obtain and maintain the highest possible level of oral health. "Since 1986, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry has recommended dental check-ups by age one, similar to well baby check-ups," says Dr. Susan H. Carron. "Like the pediatrician, we can examine even very young babies."

Dr. Carron and associate, Dr. Claire L. Cullen, dedicate a large portion of their practice to teaching parents to prevent cavities. Up to 36% of three-year-olds have decay. "Parents are often surprised to find that the food they thought was a healthy alternative to candy, actually contributes to cavities," says Dr. Carron. "Fruit based snacks such as raisins or popular roll-up brands, are loaded with sugars. Fruit juice, milk and pop in a baby bottle can be devastating if the baby is put to bed with a bottle. Your child should visit the dentist every 6 months for preventive care."

With children of their own, Dr. Carron and Cullen recognize the importance of personal involvement and welcome parents into their treatment rooms. They provide personalized attention in a comfortable environment. Both doctors became pediatric dental specialists in 1979, and are active members of the Michigan Dental Association and the Cranio-Facial/Cleft Palate team at Providence Hospital. For more information call the office at 248-478-5232. They are conveniently located at 39555 Ton Mile Road.

Northville Collision

Collision Repair at It's Finest, Customer Service at It's Best

Have you been in an accident lately? You'll be comforted to know as a citizen of the state of Michigan you have the right to choose your collision repair facility. Many insurance companies will try to direct you to whom shop on choice... but the decision is ultimately yours. We suggest that you contact the experts at Northville Collision located at 700 Doherty Drive in Northville, phone 349-1090. The law further provides for your car to be restored to "pre-accident" condition, and the "actual cost" paid by the person, or the insurance company covering your loss. Today cars cost a bundle and improper repairs can spell disaster to you at the time of sale or trade in.

Northville Collision has been serving the area since 1960. They have a long standing reputation in our community for quality workmanship and technical expertise. Their attention to detail protects the equity value of your investment when you need it the most. We are pleased to bring to your attention Northville Collision. So, if you have had the misfortune of having an accident turn your "visibility" back into asset and call the professionals at Northville Collision.

The Diederich Agency

For all kinds of insurance call The Diederich Agency, your total NATIONWIDE INSURANCE agent in Novi. Located at 4174 W 10 Mile Road, phone 248-347-3630, Mark Diederich is looked to for insurance service by a large number of people in our community because he represents NATIONWIDE INSURANCE.

Mark Diederich, your NATIONWIDE INSURANCE agent, has made a study of insurance problems and will help you determine what your needs is and how best you can meet that need at a minimum cost.

We are pleased to suggest Mark Diederich and NATIONWIDE for insurance of all kinds including auto, life, tenant, homeowners, health and estate planning, as well as mutual funds and tax deferred investments. Through NATIONWIDE INSURANCE, he also has a complete line of commercial insurance.

We feel Mark Diederich is an expert in the insurance field, as well as an asset to our community. Call this NATIONWIDE agent today at 347-3630 and inquire about NATIONWIDE's Home & Car Discount Program.

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Norwest Mortgage Inc.

America's Largest Home Loan Lender

Today, there is more to home mortgages than meets the eye. All one has to do is read the ads to become totally confused; and ultimately, we're at the mercy of the institution with whom we're dealing. From variable to fixed rates, to closing costs and points to pay, how do we know for sure we're getting the best service? People in Livonia have come to realize one thing: when it comes to home mortgages, it's straight talk that keeps them coming back time and time again.

Norwest Mortgage, located at 24255 Novi Road in Novi, phone 248-374-0137 or 1-800-783-3974, can be relied upon for honesty, integrity, and an all-around fair deal when purchasing or refinancing your home. They have built a good reputation in this area by not only offering a competitive rate, but also by using the average person can understand. They will carefully explain to you the best method of financing or refinancing your home. Norwest Mortgage operates the largest mortgage lending network in the country and provides funding for approximately one of every twelve homes financed in the United States. Their loan professionals are skilled in financing and make every effort to put you at ease from the first meeting to the actual settlement. Norwest Mortgage has many different program packages that can greatly benefit the community.

Make no mistake, there is a difference in mortgage companies. Rely on the experts at Norwest Mortgage and you'll see first hand why so many homeowners in this area have turned to them for their financing and refinancing needs.

Whitehall Healthcare Center of Novi

Americans are not merely living longer lives - they are living more useful and productive ones. As a result, an increasing number of today's older adults require a professionally operated facility, other than a hospital or residing in their home.

At Whitehall Healthcare Center of Novi you can be certain your loved one will be given the personal care, round-the-clock attention, and the chance to live their lives with the meaning and dignity they are entitled.

Located at 43455 10 Mile Road in Novi, phone 248-349-2200, they feature such services as 24 hour skilled professional nursing care, Alzheimer's/Dementia special care units, physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapy services, as well home-like environment.

All the people at Whitehall Healthcare Center of Novi care about your loved one. They're interested in his or her well-being and work diligently to make all residents as comfortable and content as possible. So please remember, when choosing a nursing home for your loved one to inspect the services and all the many benefits at Whitehall Healthcare Center of Novi has to offer.

Public Access

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim Eaton
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. — Consumer and Industry Services
12:30 p.m. — Yoga Relaxation and You
1:00 p.m. — Adventurers with Prate
1:30 p.m. — Where Do We Go from Here: A Post Graduate Documentary
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Beverly Hill
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Paul Gonnio
3:00 p.m. — Day to Remember: Aug. 28, 1963
3:30 p.m. — Family Solidarity: Cheryl Mooradian
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Headwaters: The Life-line of a River
6:00 p.m. — Native American Magazine
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. — Michigan Living: Car/Deer Crashes
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Sports Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: David Soverly
12:00 p.m. — Summit University Today: Tim Eaton
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Schools: Restructuring Curriculum
4:00 p.m. — Travel: Our American West
4:30 p.m. — Rynal's Motortown Cafe
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — A New and Improved: Your Gift of Life
6:30 p.m. — The Winners Circle: The Importance of Living
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: High Law Impact
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Beverly Hill
8:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Domestic Violence
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Paul Gonnio
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
10:00 a.m. — Up Close Today
10:30 a.m. — HD007 Today
11:00 a.m. — HD007: Disease Update

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: High and Low Impact
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
8:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk

9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Birds of Prey

11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Thundering Hope
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim Eaton
3:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Domestic Violence
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Birds of Prey
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — Ready or Not: Sub-stance Abuse
5:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Linda Johnson
6:00 p.m. — Consumer and Industry Services
6:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Landscape Edging
7:00 p.m. — Adventurers with Prate
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. — Not! Street Beat
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Wise Guys: Stereotypes
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup: Fast Eddy

Commissioners get off the fence

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

It all came down to the fence. Back with a resubmission for preliminary approval, Children's World needed to add another Daycare center, almost 100,000 square feet of space, the commissioners noticed the chain link fence could be visible from Ten Mile Road.

It was only after designers agreed to replace it with a "tubular steel" fence that approval was granted. "We're down to a minor detail," said architect John Finnore. "If there's something we can do here... I'll agree to the tubular fence if we can get this passed."

The 8,850 square foot center, proposed for the north side of Ten Mile Road west of Tall Road, is to be built with a perimeter of fencing for the children's safety while on the playground. But when first proposed in January, commissioners were unhappy about the use of a six-foot high chain-link fence. It would detract from the residential character of the area and look unsightly from the road.

Instead, they requested a wrought-iron type fence be installed, and the designers complied.

However, last week, when Children's World needed to add another 300 square feet of space, the commissioners noticed the chain link fence could be visible from Ten Mile Road.

"We were very specific about not seeing that chain link fence," said Commissioner Pete Headley. "We were very adamant about what that would look like," pointed out Commissioner Brent Camp. It should head into the residential properties around it and "a chain link fence, especially six foot high doesn't do that."

Commissioners also imposed a restriction that the center cannot rent out the facility to parents for birthday parties or other uses, because it wouldn't be compatible to the area.

Children's World is expected to serve 158 children.

Novi Schools join AOL in Internet partnership

There is yet another way for Novi Community School District residents to stay connected with their school district - through America Online Inc. (AOL). AOL and FamilyEducation Co. announced recently that they entered into a major strategic partnership. AOL will provide promotion for FamilyEducation Network's (FEN) school web sites and carry FCN in its "Research and Learn" and "Family" channels. AOL will also support FEN sites through a customized local parental awareness campaign designed to drive parents who are members of AOL directly to their child's district and school FEN site. In addition, each school participating in the FamilyEducation Network will eventually be assigned an AOL Keyword that will allow AOL users yet another way to navigate directly to a specific school's FamilyEducation Network site.

Novi Community School District has a web site with FamilyEducation Network since September 1997. The web site offers schools free customized web sites to create a home-school connection, creating online communities to support parent-teacher communications, groups discussions of school policies and programs, updates on school activities, schedules and lunch menus and other convenient and interesting uses. FEN also provides parents and teaching professionals with online educational resources on its web site which has been rated the nation's No. 1 family web site by parents (Family PC 1997). In just 12 months, 337 school districts - representing a total of 2,855 schools - have signed onto the FamilyEducation Network's initiative.

If you would like to know more about Novi Community School District, visit us online at <http://www.familyeducation.com/novi>.

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Use energy conservatively in summer

The effects of El Nino are expected to bring a hot summer and a high demand for electricity in Southeastern Michigan, but Detroit Edison says customers can keep cool and control their energy costs by following some energy-saving tips.

Closing blinds, shades and draperies keeps the sun out and helps fans and air conditioners cool more efficiently. If you use a window fan, make sure draperies are secured for better air circulation and safety.

Set the thermostat for the central air conditioner at the highest comfortable setting, but when leaving for five hours or more, raise the setting five to 10 degrees.

Raising the temperature just two degrees will reduce cooling costs by 5 percent.

Refrigerators work harder to keep food cold in warm weather.

If you have an extra refrigerator in your garage, consider unplugging it or using it only when necessary. A refrigerator in an uncooled space uses more energy.

Insulation not only keeps cold winds outside but also prevents warm outside air from entering spaces you cool in the summer.

Check window-stripping and caulk around doors and windows, and close storm windows and doors to keep hot air out and cold air in.

Other tips include:

- Regular maintenance will help air conditioners last longer and work better. But before doing any maintenance work, remember to disconnect the electrical power. Keep the outside of air conditioners free of dust and debris, clean fan blades annually and clean or change air filters every 90 days during the cooling season. Seal any leaks in air ducts and basement registers.
- When using a window air conditioner, close doors leading to uncooled parts of your home for more efficient cooling. Eliminate air leaks between the air conditioner and the window with foam insulation or weather-stripping.
- If you use fans for cooling, blades should rotate clockwise in the summer months. Most ceiling fans have a switch that controls the direction of the blades. Use fans to draw cooler air inside during the night and circulate air during the day.
- Control humidity in your home by doing chores that produce moisture - like dish washing and laundry - early in the morning or late in the evening.
- On hot days, minimize the use of appliances that generate heat such as stoves and clothes dryers.

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As We See It

Grand River widening has need for speed

The City of Novi look a step in the right direction last month when it met to discuss the Grand River Corridor study.

The two-year study by consultants was long overdue, in our opinion. The road that spans from Detroit to Lansing should have received attention a long time ago.

The study, with a \$60,000 limit for the consultant's price tag, netted a recommendation to widen the road to five lanes, improve landscaping and parking and improve consistency along the road through the center of the city.

We couldn't agree more. In fact, we've recommended the widening of Grand River as an alternative to widening all of Ten Mile Road for some time.

What bothers us, however, is some of the local business owners' reactions to the \$40 million project. Lower the speed limit to 25 m.p.h., they said. Don't widen the road, it will take away from downtown Novi, others lamented.

In the end, a committee was formed to talk about varying the widths of the road in certain stretches. Three lanes here, four lanes there. And so on, depending on the character of the road.

We think that's a bad idea, frankly. Grand River Avenue is a major thoroughfare. Even Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen acknowledges it as "the major corridor, major gateway road."

As the city (and those west of it) grow, so will the need for the avenue to expand. Anything less than five lanes is ineffective. Traffic volumes are at capacity, said consultants hired for the study, and in some cases fuller than capacity. We think, if you're going to pay thousands of dollars for this study, take a listen.

The other argument we don't buy is that the road should remain small through "downtown Novi." Without a smaller road, people won't walk and drivers won't stop at the businesses, some at the meeting argued.

Happy 30th birthday to the City of Novi

Novi officials are inviting anyone who has a dream of being the hostess (or host) with the mostest to join in and help plan the city's birthday party.

While Novi's been around for a lot more than 30 years, the former township incorporated as a city in 1969.

Now, Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Council Members Kathy Mutch and Ed Kramer are eager to get plans rolling for a year-long celebration - which happens to coincide with the turn of the millennium. It'll be a time to applaud Novi's uniqueness, the mayor said.

A mob of volunteers will need to put everything together, she added. Under discussion are a series of events, rather than just one big party of community picnic. But we've got to say, the idea of a huge picnic at the North Novi and Lakeshore parks complex sounds like fun. Since the Downtown Merchants Association won't be doing the annual Michigan 50s Festival Ice Cream Social at the Novi Civic Center, some of the spirit of that popular event could be redirected to the picnic.

However, now is the time for new residents to jump on the bandwagon and not leave all the work to long-time stalwarts such as Tom and Thelma Marcus.



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lane roads. Those cities are pedestrian friendly and business is thriving.

In Novi, people already avoid the Grand River congestion. Slowing it down and making it smaller could only serve to drive more potential customers away.

As for the comparison to nearby Northville, Novi's Grand River is in no way anything like downtown Northville's quaint two-lane Center and Main Streets. Traffic jams are a common occurrence at rush hour there, too.

Which brings us to the topic of reality. Grand River Avenue is already four to five lanes in some sections, even through the Novi Road intersection. Changing the configuration of the road in places takes away from the conformity and consistency the report encouraged.

We think Grand River could be beautifully enhanced with the plan. A large road doesn't necessarily transcend to a bad road. Many other cities are taking their business corridors and enhancing them to some degree.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall and Assistant Manager Craig Klaver don't seem overly optimistic about funding for the plan, however, and want to wait for the state to accept responsibility for the road. Yet the study included options like special taxing districts, grant funding and bonding.

The biggest focus of the special road committee should be on the funding. And real numbers for a variety of the options need to be brought to the table by the end of the summer.

We feel there's a way to improve the look and traffic flow locally, that's the road to take. And step on it.

Let the school work begin



Robert Jackson

An open letter to the Northville Township Board of Trustees and the Northville Public School Board.

Where do we go from here? It has been less than one week since Circuit Court Judge Kathleen MacDonald ruled against the township's request for an injunction to halt construction of the new high school.

Although the ruling was swift and sure, it seems this issue will be heading back to a higher court. This evening township officials will discuss that possibility, and with that in mind, I'd like to offer a few words of caution and advice.

Don't make the same mistake twice. I was extremely critical of your initial decision to seek litigation. I believed that taking the school district to court was a horrible waste of taxpayer dollars, and would sever professional ties with various community leaders, and would cause a division within our community.

I still believe that today. You see, I was always fearful that to settle disputes you sit down and hash things out. Sure you might lose your temper, and yes you might even have to compromise on a few points, but you walk away with a solution that satisfies just about everyone.

That's what you, our elected township representatives, should be talking about in your meeting tonight - not whether you are going to continue on this litigious path.

School board members should be thinking the same thing, just because MacDonald ruled in your favor does not relieve you of the responsibility to continue negotiating in good faith.

Now is not the time to thumb your noses over your victory. Instead you, our elected school board representatives, should be seriously considering alternatives to alleviate the perceived hardships of residents living

close to the new high school.

If there are only a few parking points - like light trespass from soccer and track stadium lights or concerns over groundwater damage - then you, the board of education, need to address them fairly and honestly.

That would require sitting down, face to face, without the rhetoric, loss of the attitude, and definitely check the egos at the door.

That's how I'd like to see this problem solved. No warring our taxdollars, no attorneys arguing interpretation, just community members trying to solve a problem.

And I'm not the only one who feels that way. When this whole thing started a few months back, I began hearing hushed whispers of recall efforts in the schools - those whispers included both township and school board members.

As the problem has worsened the whispers have become louder. That's a shame, because recall drives do nothing more than split a community, and in case many of you haven't noticed, there are quite a few other issues that should be occupying our time and energies. New development has arrived, tax increases are being sought, parks need to be repaired, and an effort to secure new roads and recreational space is well underway.

With that on our plates we don't have time for a protracted court battle, and we definitely don't have the taxdollars to waste on that effort.

So what is it going to be? Are taxpayers to be subjected to another round in court, or can you, township trustees and school board members, find some middle ground on this issue?

Whatever the decision, keep in mind that your actions are going to effect this community for a long time to come. I am hopeful you will all do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Robert Jackson
Robert Jackson is the editor of the Northville Record you can reach him at 349-1700 or send a message to his new e-mail address: jackson@ht.hcom.com.net.

In Focus

By John Heider



High note

Novi High School students sang loud and clear last month with the Metropolitan Opera Theatre.

Missed one along the way



Wendy White

There simply aren't enough hours in the day to tell all of the stories that go on in this school district.

Education encompasses so many things. Politics, budgets, curriculums, families, human development, entertainment, unions and every academic subject under the sun.

During my first year reporting on the education beat, I have covered stories as personal as how a suspension affected one student's hopes for a sports scholarship, and as broad as how President Clinton proposed to reduce classroom sizes across the nation.

Now, finals are over and summer vacation has begun and I realize there's one Northville school I didn't visit a single time.

Perhaps that's because it's located outside Northville's boundaries, or perhaps it's because the students there don't use traditional methods of communication.

In either case, I met some of the teachers and students from the Bryant Center for the first time when they presented their program at the June 8 school board meeting.

The center is run by Northville Public Schools, but due to space constraints, it's physically located on Meridian Road in Livonia.

Many of the emotionally and mentally impaired students at the Bryant Center can't verbalize their feelings. They aren't the students who bring home national academic awards or instrumental music honors. They don't attend prom at the Dearborn Hyatt or become stars on the high school football team.

But 17 Bryant Center students who make up the

schools' "Signations" group got recognition of an equal important sort at the recent meeting.

They received a standing ovation after they performed a rendition of Michael Bolton's song "Going the Distance" in sign language.

Under the direction of teachers Anne O'Donnell, Jan Nagle and Kathy Brady, the group practiced signing the song from the Disney movie Hercules for two months before performing it for the board.

O'Donnell said that by signing the lyrics that relate to their personal struggles, the students learned new vocabulary, like the words "embrace" and "fate." They also learned to focus their attention on a task and relate to concepts like fast and slow, big and small, near and far.

Some of them, O'Donnell said, improved their fine motor skills and gained a better understanding of their own body image.

From the teary-eyed ovation of the full house at the school board meeting, I think the students also learned that they have the power to embrace others with their message of hope and achievement against the odds of fate.

The silent grace of sign language allowed their voices to be heard above the soundtrack that played behind their performance.

In the fall of 2000, after Northville's new high school is built and Cooke Middle School takes over the old site on the hill, the Bryant Center will move into Cooke and be housed in the district for the first time in its history.

Maybe then people in our community will learn about the wonderful programs and people at the center.

Though still located outside our boundaries it's not too soon to start Bryant's heartfelt stories make up an important part of the Northville public educational system.

Wendy White is a staff writer for the Northville Record.

Northwest woes need closure



Phil Power

Second only to rooting for the Red Wings hockey team, Michigan's current favorite parlor sport is bashing Northwest Airlines.

There's plenty to bash: • Innumerable flights delayed, often without explanation or any clear information about when passengers can expect to be on their way.

• Many flights canceled outright, some under circumstances that lead reasonable people to conclude that the airlines simply has decided the load factor on a particular flight is too low to bother with flying.

• Presciently poor labor relations, accompanied by the usual positional harassment associated with labor disputes, such as mechanics' working to rule and polling the plug on lights for want of batteries on a flashlight.

• Monopolistic pricing practices that persuade passengers with a sense of history why anti-trust legislation still is important. Northwest controls more than 70.7 percent of the gates at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and so uses that market power to inflict possibly the highest per-mile prices in the nation on area passengers.

When flying to the Washington, D.C. area, for instance, I had the option of buying a round trip ticket on Northwest to Reagan National Airport for \$788 or flying

another carrier to less monopolized Baltimore for \$166.

Not surprisingly, Northwest is in bad trouble. Passengers are doing everything possible to avoid looking Northwest flights. Chrysler and GM are negotiating cheap fares with upstart ProAir, which has been stung to compete with Northwest's predatory pricing practices.

Northwest's stock is way down. For a company in the service industry, the long-term damage to Northwest's reputation could be incalculable.

But before we let ourselves get carried away in a frenzy of Northwest bashing, we should pause to reflect that the long-term health of southeastern Michigan's major air carrier is of considerable importance to the economic health of the region.

A terminally diminished Northwest Airlines is in nobody's long-term interest, because much of the forward economic progress of our region depends on healthy, efficient, cost-effective air transit.

Some of Northwest's problems are relatively short-term. Labor negotiations with the mechanics, complicated by an upstart union threatening the Machinists Union, will someday be resolved. And even negotiations with the Airline Pilots Association, frozen number by the terms of the federal Railway Labor Act, will someday get sorted out.

Many of Northwest's problems are the direct consequence of aged and inadequate facilities at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. These should be resolved in 2001, when the new mid-field terminal now under construction goes into service.

So what about Northwest's effective monopoly control over flights to and from the "fortress hub" it has established at Detroit?

Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan told me last week that CEO Ed McNamara has that problem well in mind.

When Northwest moves to the new terminal in 2001, it will get 70 new gates it helped finance. But that will leave 30-50 refurbished gates in the old Smith and Davey terminals up for reallocation to other airlines, which might reduce Northwest's stranglehold on flights into and out of Detroit.

That sounds like good news, I suspect, however. That Northwest simply will try to engage in standard industry practice by leasing/buying gates in the Smith and Davey terminals from other airlines to reestablish its monopoly control, offering to scratch the backs of competitors in other fortress hubs by selling gates in return.

The fundamental reason Northwest has been able to get away with all these shenanigans is that deregulation of the air travel industry allowed individual airlines to establish monopoly control over intrastate hubs.

The ultimate solution is to craft legislation holding that single airline dominance over a hub of, say, 60 percent of flights is presumptive evidence of monopoly control, triggering a forced redistribution of gates.

That, plus sensible labor negotiations and expedited construction of the new terminal at Detroit Metro, should make things better for long-suffering local passengers.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice-mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com

Library cannot restrict access

To the editor:

You expressed concern about the use of computers at Novi Public Library to access images that you consider indecent.

The Novi Public Library Board passed an Internet access policy in August 1996. All of our policies must pass the test of legality under state and federal statutes.

Our Internet access policy was reviewed by the Novi city attorney and was also checked against the First Amendment, the Michigan Privacy Act, and the Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act to ensure compliance.

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We cannot invade individuals'

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To protect everyone's right to privacy, our Internet computers have filters screens installed. Our complete Internet access policy is posted on our web site (<http://www.novinet.lib.mi.us>) and copies are available for distribution at the library.

Brenda Evans, Director
Novi Public Library

Don't forget America's spirit

To the Editor:
Multiculturalism is big these days and it is important our kids about who he is. Knowledge, understanding, pride, and joy knowing one's heritage is important. Too many times curriculum developers have gone too far in implementing courses of study in culture, ethnicity, and race.

There is one culture that is more

important than all the rest. It is our American culture. It belongs to each of us, to all of us, or it should. The "Declaration of Independence," the Constitution, the "Bill of Rights," our system of laws, our democratic ideals and institutions, and our free market system belong to us all.

It would seem that those entrusted to teach about our heritage teach it honestly, correctly, truthfully. Those at Dartmouth and Stanford should put aside the one-world, collectivist socially engineered idea that all cultures are equal, that incomes must be shared that should answer in the same set of laws and rules everywhere in this world. Listening, Hillary?

Neil Goodbread

Northville lawyer had good heart



Barbara Louie

As late as 1885, Northville had only one lawyer in town and his name was Elias S. Woodman.

The son of Dr. Joseph and Sally Wright Woodman, Elias was born in Rotterdam, N.Y., in 1816. He traveled west with his family the same year Michigan became a state, in 1837.

They settled in Novi, but his father died the next year, making young Elias head of the large family. At age 22, Elias Woodman was suddenly the sole supporter of a family of five younger brothers, one sister, and their mother.

Shortly after his father's death, Elias borrowed \$1 from a neighbor to use for legal services to settle his father's estate. The nearest attorney was F.J. Drake of Pontiac. Drake

was so impressed by the determined young man, he waived his legal fee and helped him settle his affairs thus enabling Woodman to repay the dollar to his neighbor on his return.

The lawyer had much influence on young Woodman, and the study of law became Woodman's passion. Noted in his obituary as "a man of great force and determination," Woodman was successful in gaining admittance to the Michigan State Bar without ever having attended law school.

Elias Woodman was one of the youngest members to serve on the state Constitutional Convention of 1850, working with the Honorable J.D. Pierce and Isaac E. Cray, advocates and authors of the homestead Exemption Law and the free public school system.

Woodman had married Mary Jungferford of Plymouth in 1840. They raised four sons and one daughter before Mary died in 1868. Two years later, Elias married his sister-in-law, Lavina.

Woodman's obituary in 1894 praised him as "frank, open-hearted and genial, but firm in his convictions."

Part of these convictions prompted Woodman to give the first speech in Michigan urging participation in the War of the Rebellion, later known as the Civil War.

According to an 1890 history of Wayne County:

"When the news of the attack on Fort Sumter by the Southern Confederacy in 1861 reached Novi, a meeting of citizens being held at the schoolhouse, Mr. Woodman was called out and made a short speech on the situation, pledging himself to do all in his power to put down the rebellion... He kept his promise and, enlisted his own son and went twice in the seat of war and spent his time in camp and hospital, nursing sick and wounded soldiers."

His son's life was - fortunately - spared, and they both returned home to Novi.

Elias S. Woodman died in Northville in October 1894 at the age of 78, an honored and well-respected citizen of the community.

Barbara Louie is a local historian and author of *No. 1 On The Trail*.

Engler hurting public education



Tim Richard

George Romney, the former governor now dead two years, testified in court against incumbent John Engler the other day.

It tells you why the issue of Engler's effort to emasculate the State Board of Education is so hot, and why it probably will require the state Supreme Court to settle it.

Engler actually would like to abolish the State Board of Education, an eight-member body elected by us voters. It contains (right) four Democrats. Worse, its majority is pro-public schools.

Engler wants to create dozens more "charter schools, which are basically special-interest private schools reorganizing to feed at the tax trough. No wonder so many people say "Engler hates public schools."

In 1996 Engler issued two executive orders (EOs) transferring many powers of the State Board to the superintendent of public instruction, who just happens to be an Engler loyalist, former Commerce director Art Ellis. The EOs are as dull as the Drain Code, but a key element is that they shift supervision of charter schools from the State Board to Ellis.

Engler must have grinned with delight as he signed the EOs because he pointedly resented an order signed years before by the hated moderate, Gov. Bill Milliken. Romney's successor,

that, so they sued Engler in Ingham Circuit Court, where Judge Carolyn Stell issued injunctions against the governor's EOs.

Engler went to the Court of Appeals, which on June 9 ruled 2-1 in his favor. But we can tell it wasn't a strong win because of the recent dissenting opinion of Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald of Owosso. Clearly, the final decision will be up to the Supremes.

In Engler's defense, let it be said that most Michigan governors have bemoaned their lack of power to do what they think the public wants. Jim Blanchard, Romney himself, Soapy Williams, Alex Groesbeck, Chase Osborn, Fred Warner - most governors in the 20th Century and many in the 19th had the same complaint. Engler is no worse than anyone else. Just slicker.

The Michigan Constitution of 1963 got rid of the elected superintendent of public instruction, set up a more powerful State Board of Education that had constitutional powers, not merely statutory powers and made the superintendent a hired man.

Judge Fitzgerald, allegedly a Democrat in his private politics, dipped into the deliberations of the 1961-2 Constitutional Convention, quoting heavily from an Oakland County delegate named George Romney, who said:

"The third thing it does is to enlarge the function of the board. The new board of education is given leadership and supervision over education other than colleges and universities... (It) gives this board overall planning and coordinating responsibility for all education. This we have not had..."

(7) This enlargement of the board's activities does not increase the authority of the board beyond that now granted in the present constitution to the superintendent... The pre-

sent (1968) constitution gives the superintendent... very broad authority over education, but he is not properly equipped either from the standpoint of staff and department... This (new board) provides a more suitable means of discharging these important functions."

Romney was followed by D. Hale Brake, former state treasurer and as crusty a conservative as Gratiot County ever produced:

"My first premise is that the 8 members of the board should lay down the policy... They should make the decisions. They know what the problems are. They should be the dominant force."

"It seems to me that while Mr. Romney didn't say so, one of the principal objectives... is that of moving the department of education a little further away from the political arena," by which Brake meant the governor. Brake concluded:

"My first premise is that the board ought to run the show."

The opinions run 20 pages of small type, and they're hard to summarize. The majority opinion by Judge Peter O'Connell says Engler's EOs don't infringe on the board's constitutional powers, and that the board still employs the superintendent.

That's not politically accurate, as both Engler and former Gov. Jim Blanchard were able to maneuver their pals into the superintendent's office.

The outcome? I would wager the State Board, George Romney and D. Hale Brake will prevail in the Supreme Court in a 4-3 decision.

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Happy Birthday!

Bash for seniors over 80-years-old a success at Novi Civic Center

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some 4,469 years of lifetime experience was packed into the Novi Senior Center last week, as 55 people age 80 or older got together last week for a birthday bash.

The society's exclusive one, full of those who have survived the odds and achieved longevity. It's inspiring to the younger ones to see all the people who are 80 and over and how active they are," said Nov Parks and Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford.

"Years ago in Novi, people who were over 80, you didn't see them outside. They stayed in the home. Now, they're everywhere. Bowling, dancing, they're doing everything. Party goes through a spectrum of life's adventures to the celebration - plus an appetite for pork chops, scalloped potatoes and white-frosted birthday cake.

They came from Detroit, they came from Cleveland, they came from Ontario and even from China to live in Novi and the surrounding area. They did their bit for the population boom, most have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Before retiring these representatives of the older generation had careers ranging from featherweight boxer to mining engineer. Walt Cheney was only 16 when he came up north from Kentucky because he heard Henry Ford was paying workers good money.

A nurse by profession, Caroline Giese won a Civil Air Patrol contest that enabled her to get her pilot's license. She flew the plane while pregnant. "Were you pregnant when you got in the plane?" Crawford wondered.

"It could have been a long flight," Jean McLean, now 82, worked as an office manager at the J. Lee Hackett Company until she was 68.

"When I started to work, I took five years off my age, so when I retired, they said, why don't you stay until you're 65," McLean said. "I really enjoyed my life. I stay very active all the time."

Everyone was all dressed up and a photographer took their pictures. The last time the Novi Senior Center held an 80-plus birthday bash was in 1996. This one was co-sponsored by Providence Hospital-Providence Park.

"When you figure in their lifetimes, all the things that have happened, all the discoveries, appliances, television and automobile. There's hardly anything we use today that hasn't been invented in

their lifetimes," Crawford said. Each probably has his or own theory about how to live a long life. McLean suggests staying busy. "I'm a Canadian, good genes. My mother was 93 when she died," said Catherine Lahey.

Several couples were among those honored, including Charles and Mildred Holsberry, who have been married 63 years. "Give or take, it's about forgiveness," is what he calls the secret to staying married.

"I don't know. I guess we just worked at it. We were born in the Depression. We wouldn't afford a divorce," Mildred Holsberry chimed in.

After retirement, many of the seniors have developed new skills. Take Chuck Burke, who plays the false teeth in the Novi Senior Center band. Burke wasn't performing at the party - he needed the teeth for the luncheon.

"You'd be surprised at how many women you can get with those false teeth," Crawford said.

Not listed in the birthday book published by the Novi Senior Center were Ray Owersky, 84 and Fern Neumann, 92, who showed up for the party.

Here's a brief look at the guests of the Novi Senior Center's Eighty-Plus Birthday Party.

Anne Berchem - 82, born in Lake Orion, retired Holiday Inn executive housekeeper.
Chuck Burke - 81, born in Nova Scotia, formerly owned a painting contracting business.
Genevieve Burke - 80, born in Cleveland, housewife to Chuck for 54 years.

Joseph Butler - 84, born in Edwardsville, PA. WWII Army veteran and trophy-winning featherweight boxer. Retired barber.
Nancy Cameron - 89, born in Brydialbank, Ontario, served as secretary to the manager of an investment firm for 40 years. Resident of Novi for 23 years.

Irene Campbell - 80, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, a homemaker.
Christina Charles - 83, born in Detroit. A retired registered nurse who graduate of Henry Ford School of Nursing and worked 22 years at Henry Ford Hospital.
Wallace Cheaney - 86, born in Kentucky. Worked at Ford Motor Company since age 16 before retiring.

Mu-Tsang Chen - 82, born in China. Came to U.S. in 1970.
Mei-Lin Chen - 80, born in China and came to the U.S. in 1979.
Joanne Cleland - 81, born in



Joe Butler, 84, a former featherweight division boxer and current resident of Novi, receives a corsage from the Reverend Louise Ott during last Wednesday's Over Eighty Birthday Bash.

Hamilton, Ontario, former secretary.
Evelyn Cotter - 84, born in Sylva, Tennessee and moved with her husband to Novi in the 1930s where they farmed and ran a gas station/restaurant. Past winner of Novi's Outstanding Citizen Award.
Mary Craig - 85, born in Cleveland, Ohio. Was a secretary to the Navy, worked at Hudson's, Sanders and Detroit News.

Frances Daleo - 82, born in Detroit. A housewife, lived in Novi for 52 years.
Katherine Drafta - 86, born in Chicago. Worked in sales at Hudson's, Demery's and Crowley's.
Everett Drake - 95, born in Lincoln, Illinois. Lived in Novi/Walled Lake for 20 years. Construction foreman, retired from Harmon & Zimmers Molding Company.
Mel Druding - 83, born in Gladstone, MI. Worked as lumberjack

and trapper before becoming a nurse, retiring from Henry Ford Hospital WWII Navy veteran. Novi resident 24 years.
Janice Fields - 80, born in Indiana. A homemaker, has lived in this area since 1951.
Sarah Flynn - 91, born in Illinois and resident in Novi for 37 years.

Caroline Giese - 84, born in Taylorville, Illinois. Graduated from nursing school and worked in a hospital. Has her pilot's license and with husband, George, was a 1996 winner of the state's Margaret Whitehead Senior Citizens of the Year Award.
Doris Gliencier - 80, born in Carsonville, Michigan. Retired executive dining room hostess from Ford Motor Company.
Eva Grace - 81, born in Detroit. Formerly a hair dresser, secretary at Ford Motor Company and

Thompson McCully Company.
Harold C. Hill - 86, born in Detroit. Staff sergeant in U.S. Marines during WWII, served in China. Retired from the U.S. Postal Service. For 25 years, he was a Tiger Stadium ticket taker.
Mary Catherine Hill - 82, born in Detroit. Worked as office manager at LaFont Printing Company in Detroit and earlier at the Internal Revenue Service. Walked the Mackinac Bridge on 18 different Labor Days.
Mildred Holsberry - 81, born in Albion. Was a school bus driver for over 23 years.
Charles Holsberry - 82, born in Jansenville, Michigan. Retired maintenance supervisor.
Elizabeth Knight - 91, born in Nine, Texas. A former telephone operator, owner of a Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio for 21 years, a licensed beautician and a rancher.
Anne Krause - 83, born in Michigan. Worked as a dressmaker, power machine sewer and made all the clothes for her three children.
Art Krause - 83, born in Detroit. Former photographer, musician and factory worker.
Kay Krupka - 92, born in Detroit, former saleslady at Hudson's and a seamstress.
Catherine Lahey - 87, born in Canada. A retired accountant.
Eleanor Lewis - 86, born in Detroit. Retired from General Motors.
Xiu-Fang Li - 80, born in China. Enjoys tai chi chuan and sword chuan.
Yung-Chen Li - 83, born in China. Graduate of Chang Chun University in northeast China. Retired mining engineer and Chinese acupuncture doctor. Teaches Tai Chi Chuan in the Wayne City School.
Clara Lutz - 83, born in Detroit. Formerly a Dodge Main secretary.
Eleanor Mathes - 81, born in Detroit. Former Hudson's saleswoman and Chrysler stenographer.
Lillie Mae Main - 80, born in Lapeer County and a Novi resident for 23 years. She is a retired Novi teacher who taught in local schools for 15 years.
Eleanor Malchuk - 84, born in Detroit. She's been line center instructor at the Novi Senior Center since 1992. Occupations include salesperson, officer worker, senior aide and center manager.
Jeanette Martin - 85, born in Bay City, Michigan. Former secretary, treasurer of Electro-Magic Corp. and sold real estate.
Jean McLean - 82, born in Cleveland. Former real estate bro-

ker and office manager.
Mary Mintier - 84, born in Knox County, Ohio. Graduated from business school and was a bookkeeper for a men's store for 17 years.
Eileen O'Brien - 81, born in Penzance, Cornwall, England. She came to America at age six. Went to business school and worked for Johnson Dairy. Former drug store clerk and she does clerical work at the Novi Senior Center.
Theresa Rucker - 92, born in Dunkirk, Kansas. Her occupations include being a housewife.
Margaret Russell - 89, born in New Rochelle, New York. Has a math degree from the University of Michigan and married her college sweetheart during a time when married women did not pursue careers. Her past occupations include assistant manager accounts payable at Kaufmann's Department Store in Pittsburgh.
Doris Schulte - 84, born in North Branch. A homemaker until her husband died at age 41, she then worked for 20 years as a Detroit Board of Education baker, serving 5,000 children. Past president of the Novi Senior Center.
Mary Sheedy - 90, born in Sylva, Pennsylvania. Retired, enjoys crocheting.
Bonnie Webb Simmons - 80, born in Palmersville, Tennessee. She was a homemaker but worked for Ford Motor during World War II. Her son, Ted, was a professional baseball player with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1967 to 1989.
Dorothy Speer - 86, born in Detroit. Retired clerk.
Millie Skoop - 88, born in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota. Former bank clerical worker.
Ruby Stewart - 83, born in Atlanta, Georgia. Enjoys bingo and traveling.
Betty Wade - 90, born in Brazil, Indiana. Retired executive secretary.

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The Oakland County parks invite grandparents to sample splash, splashing fun at Grandparents Day at the Waterparks on Wednesday, July 8.

Grandparents are entitled to free admission from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford when accompanied by a grandchild (must pay for admission).

Special activities planned at Red Oaks Waterpark include the Oakland County Parks Singstoppers performance at 11:30 a.m. and Oakland County parks Puppet Show (1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Waterford Oaks Waterpark will feature a disc jockey from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and a 2:30 p.m. Singstoppers performance.

Red Oaks Waterpark offers a wave-action pool and giant triple waterslide. Waterford Oaks Waterpark features The Big Bucket interactive children's water playground; Ragin' Rapids (group raft ride); The Wave (wave-action pool); and SlideWinder (giant double waterslide). Both waterparks are open seven days from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (until 8 p.m. in July).

Both waterparks offer modern bathhouses with showers and lockers, children's play equipment, sand volleyball courts, group picnic areas, grills plus free lounge chairs and parking.

Red Oaks Waterpark entrance fees are 89 regular rate (\$6.75 Oakland County resident discount rate); youth 30-43 inches tall are \$2.50 (\$2 resident discount rate); and children under 30 inches tall are admitted free.

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Child's dream drives at 15 m.ph. Library bar's open again for business

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did the work. Not many kids have a toy of this caliber. "Grown-ups buy these for camp sites up north," Bingley said. "They're so many sick kids out there."

Scoty said he plans to take his brother and sisters, as well as his best friend, for a spin. His brother Billy, 13, was there for one of the test drives.

Scoty had a big hug for Bingley after he got out of the little jeep, while Bingley had a driver's manual and a few pointers for Scoty.

"Remember, no more than one girl at a time and no drinking and driving, unless it's pop," Bingley teased him.

"This will go anywhere. You can ride this in the snow. You are going to be the boss."

The Rainbow Connection was contacted by one of Scoty's doctors four months ago. Children

referred to the organization must have a reference from their doctor. Abratowski said only one wish per child can be granted because "there are so many sick kids out there."

Other kids typically ask for computers, shopping sprees, vacations or their bedrooms redecorated.

Not Scoty.

"He was thrilled, it looks pretty darn cool...I think it's great, anything to get him outside. He's real small and he really doesn't walk much or do anything," Kathy Russell said.

"We have a couple of acres. I'm hoping that when I walk at night with my friends, he'll be able to come with us."

Or maybe speed right by them.

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we go back to that place to see if they're modifying their ways."

The LCC shows the following violations for the restaurant:

- On Jan. 18, 1996 the Novi Police cited the establishment for occupying the premises, selling alcohol and persons consuming alcohol after the legal hour. The case at the LCC was dismissed on the first count and fines of \$500 were paid.
- On May 3, 1996 the Novi Police cited Library Pub for selling to a minor. The pub was given a \$500 fine and paid it.
- On April 13 and April 19 1997 the Novi Police wrote up the pub for selling to an intoxicated person and allowing an intoxicated person to consume and enter. For both offenses the pub negotiated a settlement with the LCC for a five days suspension waived, a total of \$2,700 in fines which was paid.
- On April 25, 1997, Novi Police cited the establishment once again for selling to an intoxicated person and allowing an intoxicated person to consume and enter. That offense was dismissed for insufficient evidence, the LCC shows.
- On May 16, 1997, the pub was cited by Novi Police for selling alcohol to a minor and allowing a minor

to consume. It paid a total of \$1,300.

According to the LCC there are no other complaints pending.

"They were the (focus) of extra enforcement at some time because of the number of drunk drivers coming out of there," Shaeffer explained. "We have seen some improvement."

According to Barnett, policy changes for serving alcohol were implemented a "long time ago. There's no shots or pitchers at last. We cut people off, we check IDs. We do everything in accordance with the law."

"There are several training programs available it's up to the individual establishment to provide that," said Shaeffer. "The police department works to provide that training and is always happy to do so."

Shaeffer said it's not the first time a Novi business has closed its doors over liquor violations.

"I can remember a couple of party stores and a business that sold a lot of beer for consumption on the premises," he said.

Mentors nudge kids in right direction

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young boys in Novi waiting for a match. The Novi program focuses on middle school-aged children.

"Most are from single parent families and in that way they're mostly boys in need of a male mentor," McFarland explained.

Walter said the kids in the program are great kids, but need a little extra attention.

"The parent needs to want it and we look for a child who's interested in it. We're not going to match a child against their will," Walter said.

These kids need help, according to McFarland.

"They are our future citizens and I hope we can do a little something about it in growing Novi," McFarland said.

Anyone over the age of 18 who lives or works in Novi can become a

mentor. The process includes an application, criminal check, letters of reference and a day of training to help guide mentors into the role.

"You're expected to do a little bit of guidance and give them some time to look forward to, to depend on and have fun with," McFarland said.

It can take a couple hours a week or more, depending on the mentor's schedule.

According to the program coordinators at Oakland County, statistics say after only 18 months youngsters who met with mentors an average of three times per month were 46 percent less likely than a control group to start using drugs, 27 percent less likely to start drinking, 53 percent less likely to skip school and 37 percent less likely to skip a class.

For information call (248) 349-8398.

Golf benefit will aid Novi Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance is holding its first golf fundraiser, July 13 at the Links of Novi Golf Course.

The four-player scramble is \$100 per person. \$40 of that tax deductible. Fees include: greens fee, golf cart, lunch, dinner, beer, awards, door prizes and auction merchandise.

The event begins at 9 a.m. A shotgun start is set for 10 a.m. and dinner, cocktails and awards immediately follow at Local Color on Grand River Avenue.

Proceeds go to Novi Youth Assistance for counseling as well as tuition to court for young people referred by the schools, police or parents.

NYA also provides summer activities, scholarships and mentoring programs.

Corporate sponsorships are available for \$500 and \$150.

For information call Ken Fox at 248-349-2600 or Rodney Erb at 248-374-9418.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 98-37.19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 98-37.19 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SUBDIVISION VIII TO DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ESTABLISH WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION CHARGES FOR UTILIZATION OF THE MAIN STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 8, 1998. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Arbor Drug Store is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a sidewalk sale at Arbor Drug Store 45665 Pontiac Trail on July 27, 1998 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Arbor Drug Store is located on the south side of Pontiac Trail, west of West Road.

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

This request will be considered at 4:00 on Wednesday, June 24, 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 24, 1998.

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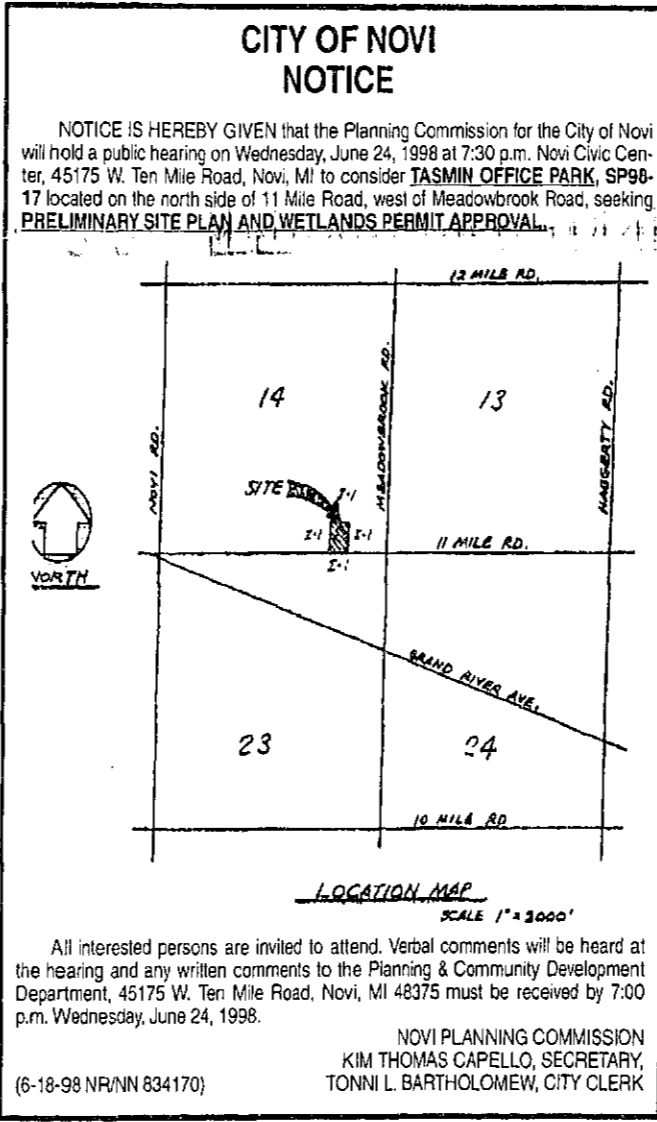
NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Stirling Builders, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a Hot Dog Cart outside of Builders Square, located at 43210 West Cass Drive, from June 1998 through October 1998. Builders Square is located on the west side of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile Road.

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 on Wednesday, June 24, 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 24, 1998.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 98-28.37

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 98-28.37 - AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SUBDIVISION XXVI TO DIVISION 3 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION CHARGE FOR THE MEADOWBROOK ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 8, 1998. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Las Vegas Golf & Tennis is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a tent for an outside sale from July 6, 1998 through July 12, 1998, at 42705 Grand River Avenue. Las Vegas Golf is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road.

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 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 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 24, 1998.

GERPIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider BABY & KIDS BEDROOM STORE, SP88-11A located at 42800 Grand River Avenue seeking PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 must be received by 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 1998.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY,
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOVI TREE WALKERS

A meeting of the Novi Tree Walkers will be held on Wednesday, 24, 1998 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

(6-18-98 NR/NN 834196)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 98-28.38

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Greg and Ellen Warner, 47622 Britany Court.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, 1998.

KAREN AMOLSCH, W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE (6-18-98 NR/NN 834195)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John M. Olson Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow an office trailer at the Summit Pointe Office Complex construction site from June 15, 1998 through June 15, 1999. Summit Pointe Office Complex is located on the west side of Haggerty Road, south of Nine Mile Road.

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.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi, on Wednesday, July 08, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI shall consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.374 FOR POSSIBLE REZONING FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-3) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of "Groll's Edgewater Subdivision", more particularly described as follows:

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FROM: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO: B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

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Police sweep Cooke Middle School for drugs

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Northville Police and K-9 drug dogs performed a locker sweep at Cooke Middle School June 3 in search of drugs after an eighth grader was caught with marijuana. Assistant principal Gail Weeks told police she was tipped off by an anonymous note from a student. When she called the term to her attention and asked him to empty his pockets, she found two packets of marijuana in his wallet. The student was suspended for the remainder of the year and charged with a misdemeanor for

possessing marijuana. He was quiet and his mother was visibly upset during a conference between Cooke principal Jeff Radwanski, Weeks and a Northville City police officer. Gail has the disciplinary role at the school. My job is to reinforce the decisions that she makes after reviewing the facts as presented. Basically the student is suspended for the rest of the year and I will be recommending at a hearing that the student be expelled from Northville public schools," Radwanski said. "This is a no-tolerance community."

After hearing reports that more controlled substances may have been present in the building, police arranged a locker sweep of the entire school the same afternoon. Students remained in class as two dogs from the Livonia Police K-9 unit were led through the halls to sniff for hidden drugs. "Usually at the middle school if there is something here that isn't supposed to be here will be in the lockers," Radwanski said. "We knew it was in the community but it's the first time it's infiltrated our walls. That disturbs me."

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Jeff Radwanski
principal

The student code of conduct mandates suspension or expulsion for any student found to be in possession of controlled substances

from public schools. "Whenever he ends up in school I imagine some counseling would follow," Radwanski said. 16.6 percent of Northville eighth graders admitted to using marijuana in their lifetime, 14.6 percent admitted using the drug in the past month, according to the 1998 Alcohol and Other Drug Survey. "That message has been sent loud and clear every year since I became principal in 1990," Radwanski said. The suspension and K-9 search were approved by school superintendent Leonard Reznierski. The student faces a hearing and Radwanski said he will recommend that the school board expel the stu-

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Schools set timing for construction

With the successful passage of a \$17.3 million bond election on March 28, Novi Community School District is ready to move forward with renovations, improvements and construction. The bond election addressed the community's needs for a new elementary school; improved traffic flow and expanded parking areas at all sites; new and improved playgrounds for all elementary schools; and new and improved athletic facilities. At the June 4 board of education meeting, architects Faney/Hovey Associates Inc. unveiled its building program schedule to the community.

First on the list will be improvements and construction of elementary school playgrounds (estimated construction completion by September) at Village Oaks, Orchard Hills and Parkview Elementary schools as well as Novi Meadows. Improvements and construction of Novi Woods' playground will be completed with the Taft Road campus improvements.) Improvements and construction of the Novi High school practice field and Novi Meadows soccer field will also begin this summer (estimated construction completion by August).

Next on the list is the construction of Novi High School stadium, field and concessions (estimated construction completion September 1999), followed by improvements to the Taft and Eleven Mile roads campus (estimated construction completion December 1999); Novi Meadows/Middle School conversion to a grades 5-6 building (estimated construction completion August 2000); then, the new elementary school (estimated construction completion August 2000) at the Eleven Mile and Wixom roads site.

The new middle school is expected to be completed by July 1999. "Because of the overwhelming support of our community, Novi schools has been able to go forward with making needed improvements to its infrastructure," said Jim Foster, assistant superintendent of business. "In addition, the new middle school and new elementary will serve the needs of students and community well into the 21st century." For more information about Novi Community School District or the building program schedule, please call (248) 449-1200.

Ash Gear moves to Nine Mile location

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Ash Gear will move the headquarters from Southfield to a new building in Novi. Construction is expected to begin next month. Ash Gear warehouses and distributes small gear parts and also performs some machine maintenance.

The company received final approval for a new 35,000 square foot office and warehouse from the Novi Planning Commission June 10. The vote was unanimous. Commissioners Kim Capello, Robert Chiorra and Arthur Vreata were absent.

"We looked around and wanted a good city such as Novi and found a place that we liked," said Brad Jerri, one of Ash Gear's owners.

The building is planned for 3.5 acres on the north side of Nine Mile Road, between Novi and Meadowbrook roads and east of the railroad tracks. The size is double what they have in Southfield, Jerri said.

"We need more room and everything that goes with it," he explained. Ash Gear now has 25 employees, but Jerri expects the numbers will grow once company moves to Novi.



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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Midwest-Based Life Time Fitness to Open 95,000 Square-Foot Novi Megacenter

By KIM RUSSEY

If you've promised yourself that this will be the year you make a change for better health, a new sports and fitness center in Novi can help you keep that promise.

Life Time Fitness is one of the fastest growing health and fitness companies in the country and, perhaps, the most forward-thinking company in the industry.

"Our mission," says founder and president, Bahram Akradi, "is to provide an educational, entertaining, friendly and inviting, functional and innovative environment of uncompromising quality that meets the health and fitness needs of the entire family."

The company's new 95,000 sq. ft. complex will be unrivaled in the Detroit area—and serves as an example of how diligently they carry out their mission.

Focus on the family

As part of its commitment to serve the health and fitness needs of the entire family, Life Time Fitness offers its members a variety of children's programs—including free child care services.

"Many of our members have children and we want those children to feel welcome," says Mark Zaebst, Vice President of Development.

The free childcare center is staffed seven days a week by certified professionals and features a variety of fun, educational activities for children aged 12 and under. Toddlers are entertained by special games and developmental toys.

Preschoolers enjoy space mazes, ball pits and junior sport courts. And older children can exercise their minds through the use of kid-friendly computers and a reading library. There's even a special surround-sound theatre for young members who would like to watch educational shows or family movies.

Another dimension of the company's focus on the family is its Life Time Kids educational program. Designed to provide young members with structured activities and safe instruction, Life Time Kids courses cover everything from swimming and tumbling to karate and rock climbing.

"We're committed to the well-being of the entire family," asserts Zaebst. "The Life Time Kids programs are one more way in which we help kids make early lifestyle choices and develop important skills."

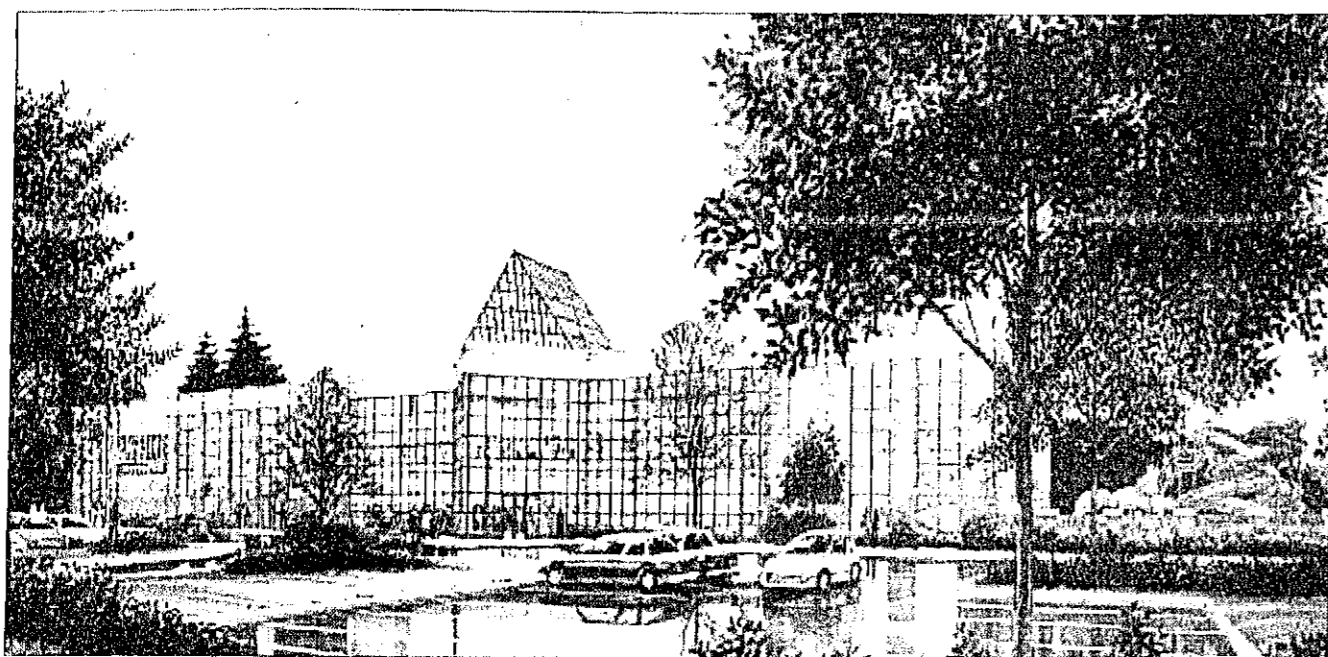
Fun and entertaining

In their effort to provide fitness that's fun—and something for everyone—the new Life Time Fitness of Novi features two floors and 95,000 sq. ft. of cutting-edge facilities.

The first floor's glass atrium lobby is surrounded by a variety of large-scale amenities that include an indoor/outdoor swimming pool complex with two-story waterslide, interconnected rock climbing walls, basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball and squash courts, whirlpools, dry saunas and immaculate locker rooms. Each locker room also features its own steam room, tanning room, hair dryers, and a lounge area with large-screen television and courtesy telephone. Every aspect seems dedicated to making each visit as entertaining as possible.

Upstairs, members will find a variety of aerobic, step aerobic and cycling studios surrounding an extensive selection of free weight systems and more than 400 resistance training and cardiovascular machines—all of which make any workout more enjoyable.

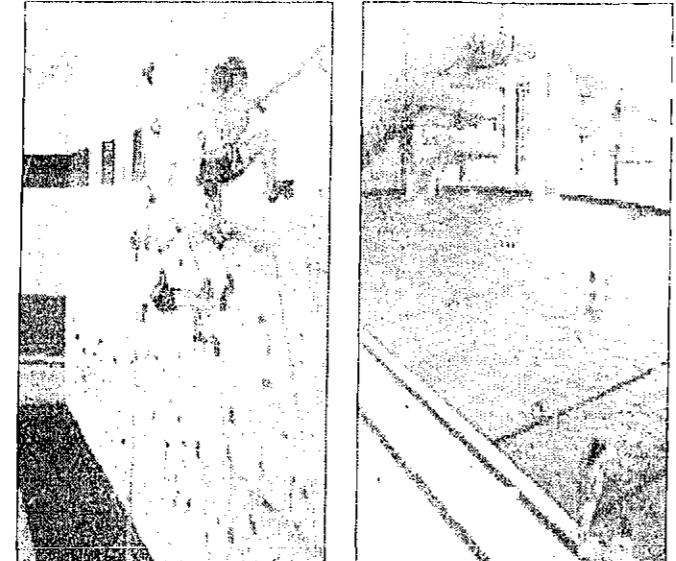
Perhaps most interesting is the company's trademarked Multivision Frequent-Sees entertainment system; an invention that allows members to workout while watching any of twenty 60-inch television screens and listening to the audio portion on the FM band of a personal headset stereo.



The new Life Time Fitness of Troy (above) features 95,000 square feet of facilities including an indoor/outdoor swimming pool complex with two-story waterslide (below right), climbing walls (below center), basketball, volleyball, racquetball, squash and free child care.



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N'ville school construction can go on

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

The township has no legal right to stop the school district from building the new Northville High School, according to a judge in Third District Wayne County Circuit Court.

Judge Kathleen MacDonald denied the township's request for an injunction on the grounds that building the school would not cause "immediate and irreparable harm."

The case hinged on whether the school site had to be built according to local or state zoning ordinances.

"We're glad to have it behind us and gratified that the judge spoke about the school district having a strong case," said school board president Joan Wadsworth. "We're really looking forward to building the building and finding ways to get back on track with the township."

Last month, the seven-member Northville Township Board voted unanimously to give attorney Jim Tamm authority to do "whatever was necessary" to make sure the district followed township ordinances when building the school.

He filed a motion for a preliminary injunction to stop construction of the \$50 million building.

Before the hearing June 12 residents of the abutting subdivision Woods of Edenderry hired attorney Susan Friedlaender to join the suit.

Officials for the district's architectural firm Fanning & Howey, which has overseen some 700 school construction projects throughout Michigan and the Midwest, said they designed the school based on state requirements, as required by state law.

However, residents and township officials disputed a soccer stadium staked out within 16 feet of neighboring backyard lot lines despite the township's requirement of a 200-foot setback. Also at odds with local requirements was the slope of a storm water detention pond and removal of trees from the 48-acre parcel located on the north side of Six Mile Road between Sheldon and Beek.

School officials maintained they needed the athletic facility and that meeting township woodlands ordinances would cost too much money. They said they did compromise on many other issues with the township.

They said the state regulates all aspects of the site plan of schools built in the state of Michigan.

Judge MacDonald agreed.

"It is clear that the sole and exclusive jurisdiction goes to the state superintendent of schools. Based on that fact alone, your request for injunction is denied," she said.

MacDonald cited a recent opinion by state attorney general Frank Kelley that was based on the state's Revised School Code.

"The superintendent of public instruction has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the review and approval of plans and specifications for the construction, reconstruction, or remodeling of school buildings used for instructional or non-instructional school purposes and of site plans for those school buildings," the school code states.

Northville schools superintendent Leonard Reznierski said he was pleased with MacDonald's decision.

"The court has accepted the district's position," he said. "We should be seeing bulldozers and clear cutting this week."

Although the judge said the wording of the ordinance leaves little room for another interpretation, the case isn't necessarily over.

The township has the option to appeal. Officials will meet in a closed-door session tonight to decide on their next move.

"My first reaction was let's talk as a board and see where we want to go with this. Either we control zoning or we don't. We just need to know," said township trustee Mark Abbo. "We have an opportunity to decide whether to appeal or not. Regardless of that I hope the school board is still willing to talk to some extent about the setback."

Attorney Tamm maintained that the wording of the school code applies to the school building, but not the grounds around it.

"I would say that we're disappointed," Tamm said. "In our view there's a distinction between construction and zoning and that's what we tried to impress upon the court. Judge MacDonald disagreed. I disagree with her decision."

And Friedlaender said she will meet with her clients from the Woods of Edenderry to discuss the case. Because of governmental immunity, it is unlikely that the residents could win any monetary compensation from the school district.

"I'm still steaming over this," Friedlaender said. "The schools clearly aren't subject to the construction code. To say it also means the schools aren't subject to zoning laws means they could do anything."

"It could be your house next." The school is set to open in the fall of 2000.

Get pampered at Northville's Pamplémousse

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

Shameless indulgence has waited its way into Northville.

Pamplémousse at 116 E. Main Street, carries bath products from around the world.

"We really like people to come in and play, try everything, relax. We've created a real welcoming environment so people can enjoy themselves," said Jane Williams, 27, who opened the shop with her mother, Laura.

"We're really going for a spa-like atmosphere."

The products, like White Mulberry hand cream (\$18) or Lime Flower shampoo (\$12.50) may cost a

few dollars more than drug store brands "but it's really worth it to splurge," Jane said.

For kids, Pamplémousse (the French word for "grapefruit") carries soaps shaped like teddy bears, ducks, frogs and alligators imported from New Zealand.

There are plenty of things on the shelves for men as well, like a Portuguese shaving set, heavenly almond shaving soap in a modern silver bowl or a trio of soaps created for past presidents by Caswell-Massey, the third oldest company in America.

Pamplémousse also carries Oprah Winfrey's favorite products, the Thornbury line from New

Zealand, which creates Tamarillo bathgel for \$10 or grapefruit soap for \$7.75.

Most of the products Pamplémousse carries can't be found anywhere else in Metro Detroit, they said, like the quirky Demeter sprays.

The fragrances mimic things found in nature, like Linden, Grass and Dirt.

"We thought it would be a fun thing, an attention-getter, but people are really getting into it. It's just a single note fragrance, evocative, scent being the most evocative sense," Jane said.

The owners modeled the store after similar shops in New York

City, where Jane has lived for the last ten years.

"She approached me with the idea last fall. In February, we went to trade shows and I got excited too. I think it was destiny," Laura said. "I came home from New York City and we went to lunch at Genji's and saw the 'for lease' sign. Everything came together so well that we thought it was meant to be so we went for it."

For the past two months, the mother-daughter team has worked non-stop to tear up carpet that was glued to the floor and replace it with finished hardwood. They also painted the walls white and designed a counter out of glass

bricks and marble.

Fresh flowers arch toward the ceiling from a clear glass vase and two yellow chairs offer a place for customers to relax to the French rap or world music filling the shop.

At the rear is a door leading to a small room where the Williams plan to make available \$1-per-minute hand massages and pedicures.

"It's an excuse to take time out of your day just to take care of yourself. I love to shop for these things. You take a half hour to think about what you might like," Jane said. "It's just a personal luxury. But it's addictive."



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galoreWalks will feature the best
in area horticultureBy CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

It's summer time, and the livin' is takin' place in the garden. The Country Garden Club of Northville will be having their fifth annual The Gardens of Northville garden walk on Wednesday, July 15. The Novi Beautification Commission in cooperation with Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center, will be having its first garden walk, on June 24.

Northville's walk includes six area gardens.

In Novi, the Beautification Commission's Summer Garden Walk will be held at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center at Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

The Tollgate Education Center, which is working in cooperation with the Beautification Commission, has 16 gardens for visitors to view.

The Hosta Garden has a collection of over 30 varieties of hostas while the Herb Garden includes an assortment of dye, medicinal and culinary herbs. There is also a garden that is self-sustaining with its natural surrounding climate and a low maintenance garden. For individuals with special physical needs, there is an Enabling Garden which provides a display of alternate garden methods.

The Tollgate Rose Garden has 350 roses including Old Garden Roses, David Austin English Roses, Shrubs, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, Climbers and Miniature Roses.

In the Americana Foundation Heritage Garden, plants under cultivation during the late 1800s have been included.

Educational lectures will be held beginning at noon. Advance tickets are \$5 and are available at



Photo by Thomas Hibbeln

Master Gardener Candidate Maryann Chupa from Wixom tends to the petunias and marigolds at Tollgate.

Brainer Greenhouse, 51701 Grand River in Wixom
Hosted by Country Garden Club of Northville,
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Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile; Novi Parks and Recreation Department, 45175 West Ten Mile; Brickscape Gardens, 21141 Brickscape Drive; Dinser's Greenhouse, 24501 Dinser Drive; ERA Rymal Symes Realtors, 22034 Novi Road; and Glenda's, 40799 Grand River Avenue.

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Wednesday, June 24; 12 to 4 p.m.

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Northville resident was born with green thumbs

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

One of the featured gardens on the fifth annual Gardens of Northville garden walk is Wendy Gutowski's Northville garden. Gutowski is a gardener from way back. Her mother was a gardener. Her father was a gardener. And her grandparents owned a farm in New Hampshire.

Her childhood gardening experience didn't amount to a whole lot but it was a start for the yard that came with the house she moved into 12 years ago.

"I refer to my garden as a working garden," Gutowski said. "There's always work to be done."

She describes the yard she saw a dozen years ago "as an overgrown jumble of Maple seedlings, Goldenrod and indescribable weeds."

Over the course of clearing her yard to make way for gardens, Gutowski discovered wonderful treasures.

"At one point someone had cared enough to plant Peonies, Tiger Lily, Primrose and Spiderwort which have been moved to happier homes in the yard," she said.

The rest, was practically a blank canvas.

"I think it is in my blood," she said. "During the course of working in my yard here I probably learned the most and had the opportunity to experiment the most."

Similar to a grandmother's backyard, Gutowski considers it a collector's garden.

"I want one of each," she said.

Gutowski started a spread sheet and discovered that she has over 200 species of plants. The more unusual include a Tulip from the 1620s, Hepatica, Rusty Foxglove, Woolly Foxglove, White Sage, variegated Jacob's Ladder and a Japanese Toad Lily. She also has a Jeffersonia Diphylla which she purchased from Monticello, in Virginia.

"(Jefferson) is one of my gardening idols," she said. "I think he was a collector as well because he wanted one of everything too."

Gutowski said her husband Bob, and their two children, Sarah, 17, and Phil, 15, are extremely tolerant of her obsession. She spends about 15 to 20 hours a week in the garden beginning as soon as the ground is thawed maybe in March, taking July and August off, and returning again in September and October to clean things up and figure out what to do next year.

"It's kind of my spiritual connection," she said.

Over 40 people have given Gutowski plants for the yard over the years including friends and relatives. A few cherished items are cast concrete critters. Another is her grandfather's 100 year old sprinkler from the New Hampshire farm she knew as a child.

"It is hypnotizing," she said. "It is wonderful."

She also has an authentic 19th century gazing ball from Austria.

"It channels the energy of the universe into my little point on the globe," she said.

Although Gutowski considers her garden a work in progress, it has been included in the Country Garden Club of Northville's Fifth Annual Garden Walk which will be on Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Gutowski's garden is one of six on the tour. This year's selection includes a pool-side garden which incorporates both shady and sunny conditions. East meets west in another garden influenced by Japanese landscaping and artifacts. Also included this year is an English cottage garden which has a hidden cove and a waterfall. Another garden has a shady brook which is a perfect setting for the wildflowers that flourish there. Original birdhouses are scattered throughout another garden and impeccably maintained lawns and lush borders is the outstanding feature in a garden selected for this year's walk.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased after June 15 from gardenviews, 202 Main Street, The Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 Main Street, and Brainer's Greenhouse, 51701 Grand River in Wixom.



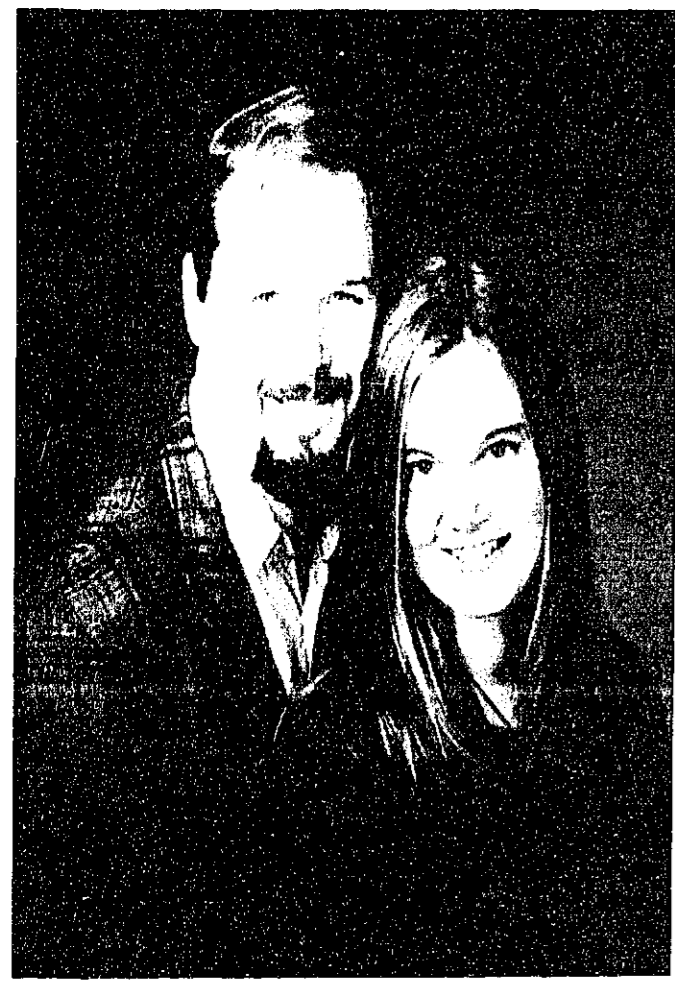
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Above: Wendy Gutowski is now working three to four hours a day preparing her garden for the Fifth Annual Gardens of Northville garden walk on July 15. Left: Volunteer Gail Barber from Southfield and Tollgate Farm Manager Roy Prentice build a boardwalk in preparation for Novi's Summer Garden Walk on June 24.

Engagements



Brian Arbogast/Andrea Schwandt



Michael McGuffin/Michelle Larue

Wedding



Michelle and Daniel Wille

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Schwandt of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Jacqueline, to Brian Scott Arbogast of Elkton, W.V.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School and a 1994 graduate of Kalamazoo College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in behavioral ecology at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The groom-elect, the son of John and Karen Arbogast, graduated in 1988 from Elkton High School. Brian received a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University in 1992, and a master's degree from Louisiana State University in 1995.

He is currently a Ph.D. student in evolutionary biology at Wake Forest University.

A July wedding is planned.

Karen and Brian Larue of Manchester are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynne, to Michael Campion McGuffin, the son of Dick and Kathy McGuffin, formerly of Novi.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Manchester High School. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and is now employed at Digital Data Solutions of Ann Arbor.

An October wedding is planned.

Michelle Lynn Patal and Daniel John Wille were married March 18 at the Fern Grotto on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii. The Rev. Stuart Greenberg officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brynne Patal. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Lanu-Smith's Tropical Paradise.

The bride is the daughter of Brynne and Patricia Patal of Novi. She is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She is currently affiliated with Jenner & Block Law Firm in Chicago, Ill.

The groom is the son of Donald and Joann Wille of Elgin, Ill. He graduated from Crown High School in Carpentersville, Ill., and received a degree in electrical engineering from Southern Illinois University. He is presently employed at Motorola in Schaumburg, Ill.

The couple visited the islands of Kauai and Maui for their honeymoon after which they made their home in Chicago.

Reunions

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion. Friday, Aug. 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call Carrie Hardin at (248) 349-2329 or see the web page at members.tripod.com/akalyan/reunion.html.

ST. HEDWIG: All graduates of St. Hedwig elementary and high schools, 95th Anniversary Alumni Mass and Reception, Saturday, June 27, 4 p.m. Mass, A Coffee and Cake Reception follows. For details, call (313) 894-5409.

DETROIT REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1958, 40-year reunion. Aug. 1, Meadowbrook Country Club. Call Donna Oberg (248) 685-1098.

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

There is no charge.

Birth

Michael and Katherine (Shuman) Burke of Pinckney announce the birth of their first child, **ASHTON MICHAEL**, born May 19 at Providence New Life Center in Novi. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

He is the first grandchild of Sue and Ken Shuman of Novi; first-time aunts are Kristy Shuman of Plymouth and Amy Lynn (Shuman) Nichols of Detroit; seventh great-grandchild of Bob and Millie Warner of Ocala, Fla.; formerly of New Hudson; and eighth great-grandchild of Ruth (Brown) Shuman of Farmington.

On Campus

Novi students at Schoolcraft College who were recognized for their academic achievement and named to the writer Dean's List are: **MATTHEW KENNETH CHRISTOPHERSON**, **CATHERINE LEE CHUBB**, **KATHLEEN E. KIMBLE**, **TAMARA P. KRAUSE**, **GLENN R. MacQUEEN**, **LYNDA DIANE MAMMEL**, **SHARON ANN MARTIN**, **LISA BETH PHILLIPS**, **HEATHER LEIGH SANDERS**, **LESLIE JEAN WALCZAK**, and **MICHAEL JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI**.

RYAN NAGORSEN of Novi was the recipient of the Principal's Award at a recently held honors convocation at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory.

Nagorsen was recognized for his station as class president for the past two years, and his involvement in playing hockey and lacrosse.

He will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall.

PATTI A. TUCK has been awarded the doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement and hooding ceremonies on campus May 8.

Tuck is the daughter of W. Harold Tuck of Novi and a 1974 graduate of Novi High School.

Graduates of the college of veterinary medicine have completed at least two years of college-level pre-veterinary requirements before entering the four-year professional program.

Army Reserve Pvt. **KEVIN P. MOONEY** has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic military training, trainees received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, the soldiers trained as military police specialists and learned to provide support to the battlefield by conducting battlefield circulation control, prisoner of war operations, and law and order operations.

Mooney was a distinguished honor graduate of the course. He is the son of William P. and Joan M. Mooney of Novi and a 1995 graduate of Northville High School.

Nominated by the administration and faculty at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, as All American Scholars were Novi students **DANIEL LEMAY**, a senior, and freshman **MAX SULLA**.

Hope College has awarded the Endowed Scholarship Award in social science to **KATHRYN MILLER** of Novi. These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who have an average grade point average of 3.85, an average ACT composite score of 28, and an average SAT combined score of 1240. These awards are worth \$6,000 and are renewable on a



Ryan Nagorsen receives the Principal's Award from Supt. Principal Larry Reeside.



Kathryn Miller

yearly basis for four years at Hope College.

Miller, daughter of Michael and Kathy Miller, is a senior at Novi High School.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll for winter semester at Walsh College were the following Novi students: **LEESA AMATO**, master's in finance; **ALAN CAILLOUETTE**, master's in management; **ROBERT ERWIN**, master's in management; **ALISON FLEMING**, bachelor of business administration, majoring in marketing; **JEFFREY KUZMA**, master's in finance; **JOSEPH MASTANDUNO**, master's in management; **LAURA TERZES**, master's in management; **DEREK WARTNER**, master's in finance; and **MICHAEL ZIELINSKI**, master's in management.



Photo by THOMAS HIBBELN

Bowling for charity

Marwin Lewis, Hartland, bowls in a wheelchair with his team "The Kingpins" during the 15th Annual Special Olympics and Canine Companions for Independence Bowl-A-Thon which was held at the Novi Bowl in April. The fund raiser brought in an estimated \$70,000. Special Olympics received \$60,000 while Canine Companions received \$10,000. The fund raising chairperson for Canine Companions is Fay Johnson, a former occupation therapist and 1974 Novi High School graduate who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1991 and became homebound four years ago. Last year's bowl-a-thon raised \$5,000 for Canine Companions. Special Olympics was back at Novi Bowl, which is owned by Johnson's brother Jerry Harris, for the first time in 15 years.

Church Notes

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present Space Mission, Vacation Bible School, on Sunday, July 26, through Thursday, July 30, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, June 21. Cost is \$8 per child or \$21 for 3 or more children.

If you are interested in having a class during Vacation Bible School, call the church.

For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

The second annual garage sale to benefit the Active Friends of the Homeless of **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will be Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 24161 Milan Drive in Novi. Donations of miscellaneous items including household, crafts, small appliances in good working order, small furniture items, and tools will be accepted beginning June 11. No clothing will be accepted.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-8947.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 217 N. Wing Street in Northville, is presenting the Vacation Bible School "Sunlight Island" June 22 through 26 from 9 a.m. until noon. Sunlight Island is an amazing tropical world for children ages four through sixth grade filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and skits that unlock the wonders of 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter of the Bible.

For more information, call (248) 348-1029.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, has scheduled Camp Meadowbrook Vacation Bible School for June 22 through 26. The camp runs Monday through Thursday from 9 until 11:30 a.m. and Friday from 9 until noon.

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Novi grad cast in 'Porgy and Bess'

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

When the curtain goes up at the Michigan Opera Theatre this weekend, Anthony Dixon will be waiting.

The 1994 Novi High School graduate is in the opening dance number of "Porgy and Bess" which is enjoying a three-week extension through this weekend.

"This is one of the biggest chorus shows in opera," Dixon said. "The chorus is consistently in the show from beginning to end. There are only a few scenes we're not in."

"Porgy and Bess" is the story of life and love on Catfish Row. The Gershwin score includes "Summertime," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" and "I Got Plenty of Kuttin'," which is considered to be some of the most popular and tuneful music ever composed for the stage.

The four years of jazz and ballet has paid off for Dixon, who is one of the featured dancers.

"Once your mouth and your feet start working at the same time, everything else falls into place," he said. "Every dancer number there is not in it, usually in the foreground. Not everyone has taken dance."

Dixon started music in elementary school and now plays guitar and composes.

To the dismay of his teachers, he began doing voices in the classroom while in middle school.

"I've always been acting up all my life," he said.

During a school dance, teacher Gary Kelly, now a social studies teacher at Novi High School, handed him the mike.

"Everybody was laughing and going crazy," Dixon said. "It was the only time I didn't get yelled at or put in detention for doing it."

But it was in high school that Dixon began to take things seriously.

Teachers who have encouraged Dixon along the way include

Richard Hendin, drama and English teacher at the high school who directed Dixon in "Diary of Ann Frank."

"He told me I had to get my act straight," Dixon said. "Most of the teachers there, even the ones I didn't do too well in their classes, they were encouraging."

He also received encouragement from Paula Joyner Chihard who directed him in "Little Alices" in 1992 at the high school.

Dixon is currently playing George W. Carver in "Wizard of Tuskegee" at Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum.

It was Janine Miller with whom he works at Greenfield Village, who encouraged him to audition for "Porgy and Bess."

"I was really nervous," he said. "I wasn't really secure about my singing voice. I had been doing pretty much straight theater."

Dixon said being in "Porgy and Bess" has been a great experience.

"This is work but it is work that I love so it doesn't seem hard to me in the way other things seem difficult," Dixon said.

Dixon began as a music theater major at Oakland University and then got sidetracked.

"Now I'm finally doing singing again," he said. "It reawakened that part of me and made me realize that I need to be more versatile."

The first two shows he was in were straight theater and then he landed jasper in "Four Way Stop" by Chicken City Films which was shot last summer in Fenton.

"When I did this movie last summer it was such a blast," he said. "It was a lot of work. I never thought that movies would be as much work as they are. One good thing about being on stage is that it was contradictory to what I believed. You had to be a stronger actor to be on stage and stay with



Anthony Dixon has been cast in 'Porgy and Bess.'

the character from beginning to end. They are equally as intense."

Oakland University teacher Kara Sheridan encouraged Dixon to work on his dialects which now include Liverpool, Hispanic, British Royal, South African and Southern United States.

Dixon has already auditioned for both Michigan Opera Theatre's and Meadowbrook Theatre's 1998-99 seasons. Michigan Opera Theatre has already responded offering him a chance to be in shows next season.

He also was a finalist in the American College Theatre Festival Regional Irene Ryan Scholarship competition.

"My ultimate dream role is to play Hamlet," he said. "The flip side is to play Dr. Frank N. Furter

in "Rocky Horror Picture Show. That show just looks like show much fun."

Dixon said the whole thing wouldn't have been possible without the encouragement of his parents Frank and Beatrice Dixon of Novi, and his half sister Latoya, who has loaned him her car so that he can get to and from rehearsals. He also has another half sister, Karen.

Tickets for "Porgy and Bess" may be purchased at the Detroit Opera House box office at 1526 Broadway, at the Michigan Theatre Ticket Services office at 104 Lothrop, both in Detroit, or at all TicketMaster outlets.

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Entertainment listing

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events include mellow jazz by Scan Harris on Friday, June 19, at 8 p.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center. For details, call (248) 347-0780.

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include Detroit author Elizabeth Atkins Bowman on Friday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m., signing copies of "White Chocolate," and a return visit by Mitch Albom to sign copies of "With Morrie" on Saturday, June 20, at 5 p.m.

Monthly book club discussions include the Mystery Book Club on Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m., discussing "Aunt Dimity's Death" by Nancy Atherton; and Oprah Book Club on Thursday, June 25, at 10 a.m. when the discussion will focus on "Breath, Eyes, Memory" by Edwidge Danticat.

Barnes & Noble is located at Six and Haggerty in Northville.

For additional information, call (248) 348-0609.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band will perform on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, during the "Art in the Sun" Art Fair in the Main Street Gazebo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

MAKE A TIE FOR DAD: White Rabbit Toys, in the Novi Town Center, will have two workshops for children on Saturday, June 20, where they can make a canvas tie for dad or grandpa. Workshops will be at noon for children ages 3 to 5 and at 1 p.m. for children ages 6 to 10. There is an \$8 materials fee. Parental assistance is necessary for children under 6.

For additional information, call 449-6000.

THEATER

GENITTS: The interactive comedy dinner theater at Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall is "I Do... I Think" which runs through October.

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

dinner.

For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show "Beanie Baby Capers."

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

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

MUSIC

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at 27155 Sheraton Drive on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96, hosts jazz groups Heidi Hepler and Michele Runo from 6 until 10 p.m. every Monday; and Louis Resto and David Murray every Friday from 7 until 11 p.m. on the patio throughout the summer (weather permitting). In the case of inclement weather, the groups will perform in the bar area of the restaurant.

For reservations, call (248) 348-5555.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit by Farmington Hills resident Pamela Giurlanda will run through July 14.

Giurlanda's art work currently reflects her interest in represent-

ing ideas and feelings through the use of bold imagery, application of paint, and use of color.

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

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

MUSEUMS

MILL RACE VILLAGE: The history of Northville is alive at the Mill Race Historical Village. Created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society, the village serves as a focal point for the Northville community while preserving architectural styles common to the area prior to 1900. The village consists of a church, gazebo, school, rustic wooden bridge, blacksmith shop, Interurban Station, and several homes reminiscent of an era gone by. The village's buildings will be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. during June through October.

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Spirited teens star in 'Can't Hardly Wait'

Is this a film set or a party? Writer/directors Deborah Kaplan and Harry Elfont sit cross-legged on the grass signing a fictitious Huntington Hills high yearbook featuring characters from "Can't Hardly Wait."

Laughter fills the cool night air as each crew member signs the book and recalls his or her own angst-filled adolescence, when entire reputations hinged on cool clothes, clear skin, and being a part of the right crowd. They reminisce about momentous parties like the one depicted in "Can't Hardly Wait"—a no-holds-barred bash that brings the popularity kings and queens to their knees, metamorphoses geeks into class heroes, and proves, with the help of a little twist of fate, that nice guys don't always finish last...all in a single, memorable night.

"Can't Hardly Wait" is the first production for Tall Trees Productions, headed by filmmakers Jemo Topping (executive producer of the upcoming "Doctor Dolittle") and co-producer of "The Brady Bunch Movie" and Betty Thomas (director of "Private Parts" and the upcoming "Doctor Dolittle"). Tall Trees productions joins forces with Columbia Pictures for "Can't Hardly Wait," written and directed by first-time helmers Deborah Kaplan and Harry Elfont.

This clever comic drama—echoing such teen classics as "Say Anything," "Dazed and Confused," and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"—stars and energetic ensemble cast including Ethan Embry ("That Thing You Do!"), Charlie Korsmo ("Men Don't Leave," "Hook"), Lauren Ambrose ("In & Out"), Peter Facinelli ("Dancer," "Texas," "Pop, 81"), Seth Green ("Buffy The Vampire Slayer," "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery") and Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Party of Five," "I Know What You Did Last Summer"), with appearances by Jenna Elfman ("Dharma & Greg"), Jerry O'Connell ("Jerry Maguire," "Scream 2"), and Melissa Joan Hart ("Sabrina The Teenage Witch").

Now that the graduation ceremony is over at Huntington Hills High, it's time for the real festi-



Now that graduation ceremonies are over at Huntington Hills High, the real fun begins for these teens at the graduation party in the Columbia Pictures presentation, "Can't Hardly Wait."

ties to begin at the graduation party, where an assortment of jocks, geeks, prom queens, bimboes, headbangers and misfits will unload four years' worth of emotional baggage.

Aspiring writer Preston Meyers (Embry) has been in love with beautiful class knockout Amanda Beckett (Hewitt) since the first time he laid eyes on her during their freshman year.

His tormented infatuation with Amanda has intensified throughout high school and culminates at the party, where Preston must now seize this final opportunity to proclaim his love for her before he leaves town for Boston the next day. Preston decided to make his move at some point during the party, a particularly auspicious occasion since Amanda has just been dumped by her super-jock boyfriend, Mike Dexter (Facinelli).

Mike broke up with his sweet Amanda so he could be free to pursue his testosterone-charged fantasies with college women.

Cringing at this ludicrous love triangle is Preston's introverted pal and confidante, Denise Fleming (Ambrose), who stumbles into an unlikely romantic situation with ex-childhood friend turned "homeboy" Kenny Fisher (Green).

Meanwhile, William Lichter (Korsmo), a sci-fi loving, honor-roll geek, has genius plans to ruin Mike's stud reputation and publicly humiliate him and his meat-head buddies—sweet revenge for four years of agony.

Also mulling about is Yearbook Girl (Hart), who desperately pleads with each guest to sign her cherished volume of memories, and Girl Who's Party It Is, who must bear common hostess headaches like carpet stains, petty theft, and

level graffiti on the family portrait.

Drawing from influences as diverse as "The X-Files" and Barry Manilow, these teenagers struggle to make a statement about their past...and plot their next move in an uncertain future.

"In the past several years, teen films have become so dark and angst-ridden," says Kaplan and Elfont, who felt fortunate to have movies such as "Say Anything" and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"—both of which used humor as a key element in portraying the true perils of growing up—to mirror their real-life experiences when they were teens.

"Although this is a reality for some kids, it's not true for all of them. We wanted to deal with something more universal in "Can't Hardly Wait," because teen-themed films are changing."



Class cynic Denise Fleming (Lauren Ambrose) and "homeboy" Kenny Fisher (Seth Green) make an unlikely romantic duo.

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Friendly SWF, 70, 5'8", N/S, enjoys meeting new people, playing cards, dining out, gardening, Big Band music and more, seeks an honest SWCM, 65-78, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1949

A MIRROR IMAGE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'9", brown hair, reserved, a professional, seeks a SWM, 53-70, to share friendship and laughter. Ad# 4847

FRESH START
Quiet and shy SWCF, 37, enjoys spending time with her children, dining out and long walks, seeking a drug-free, spiritual SWCM, 35-45. Ad# 1212

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Attractive SWF, 55, 5'2", outgoing, humorous, enjoys good conversation, cuddling and more, seeks an honest, loyal SWM, 64-70, to share life with. Ad# 1533

GET TO KNOW ME
Outgoing SWF, 73, 5'2", N/S, enjoys dating, bowling, dining out and playing cards, seeks an honest, humorous SWM, 65-80, with similar interests. Ad# 6037

SHARE MY TIME
Shy and reserved SWCF, 53, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, country music, fishing, reading, concerts and art fairs, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, N/S. Ad# 4269

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Shy DWf, 40, 4'11", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, golfing, gardening, cooking and the outdoors, seeks a SWM, 40+, who has a kind heart. Ad# 1261

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Outgoing SWCF, 23, 5'6", N/S, enjoys reading, family time, clubbing, movies, playing pool and spending time with friends, seeks a SWCM, 25-30. Ad# 7588

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

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

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

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

CONTACT ME
Sincere SW mom of one, 40, 5'8", enjoys long walks, arts and crafts, seeks a kind, considerate SWM, 35-49, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 5236

BE SERIOUS
SW mom, 35, 5'1", blondish-brown hair, green eyes, N/S, social drinker, employed, enjoys cooking and all outdoor activities, seeking a N/S, marriage-minded, honest SWM, 35-40, for a long-lasting relationship. Ad# 1142

GREAT QUALITIES
SWF, 19, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys going out with friends, the outdoors and more, seeks a SWM, 18-28, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4914

PROMISE ME
Attractive SWF, 55, 5'2", active, outgoing, enjoys traveling the outdoors, cooking and more, seeks a SWM, 50-66, with similar interests. Ad# 9137

END MY SEARCH
DWF, 31, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes, friendly, employed, enjoys movies, softball and rollerblading, looking for a SWCM, 23-38, with similar interests. Ad# 1313

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Friendly SWF, 55, 5'2", red hair, blue eyes, N/S, good sense of humor, likes romantic dinners, travel and movies, seeks a SWM, 50-63, with similar interests, to share time with. Ad# 9632

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

A RARE GEM
Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark hair/eyes, likes stimulating conversation, dining out and fun times, seeking a SWCM, 41-56, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 3865

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

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

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

STEAL MY HEART
Attractive SWC mom, 26, 5'4", full-figured, enjoys country music, hockey, seeks SWCM, 24-34, for friendship and fun times. Ad# 1924

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

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
Catholic WWWF, 58, 5'4", friendly, employed, N/S, likes cooking, walking, dancing, movies, the theatre, swimming, travel, board games and more, seeks a humorous, sincere, friendly SWCM, 55-63, Ad# 8339

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

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

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

SPEAKS HER MIND
SWF, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere SWCM, 35-40, Ad# 8087

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
Self-employed DWCF, 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks a SWM, 55-65, for friendship first. Ad# 1924

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

AVID READER
Protestant SWF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys music, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests. Ad# 1597

LET'S MEET
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THE TIME IS RIGHT
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BORN AGAIN
He's a SWCM, 29, N/S, 6'2", with long brown hair/eyes, in search of a SWCF, age unimportant, who enjoys church, bible reading, movies and walking. Ad# 3333

CALL ME
Sincere SWC dad of one, 39, 5'8", enjoys movies, picnics, boating, dining out and dancing, wishes to share activities and friendship with a positive-thinking SWCF. Ad# 1276

VERY PLEASING
Fun-loving, hardworking SWM, 44, 5'5", who loves the outdoors, movies, music and traveling, seeks a SWF, under 42. Ad# 9970

CAN YOU HELP ME?
This Catholic WWWF, 75, enjoys romantic evening dinners and traveling. He would love to meet an athletic Catholic SWF, under 70, for friendship and fun. Ad# 1918

SMILE WITH ME
He's an outgoing, self-employed SWM, 36, 6'1", 170lbs., who enjoys hunting, canoeing and rollerblading, in search of a SWF, 26-38. Ad# 2173

SHY AT FIRST
DWCM, 47, 5'7", enjoys playing golf, country, card games and fishing. He's seeking a serious DWCF with a good sense of humor, who is searching for peace and happiness. Ad# 2151

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Catholic, professional DWf, 46, 6'3", is looking for a SWF, 35-46, to share adventures with. He's athletic, romantic and enjoys the outdoors, theatre and music. Ad# 6433

SEARCHED HIGH & LOW
Shy Catholic WWf, 57, 5'6", 165lbs., is looking for a Catholic SWF, 45-57, with similar interests. He's romantic and loves to go dancing. Ad# 4242

CALL AND WE CAN TALK!
Catholic DW dad, 31, 6'1", is seeking a woman who would like to meet a Protestant SWF for dating, possible future relationship. He enjoys the outdoors, cooking, dining out, children and more. Ad# 1866

SPECIAL REQUEST
SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys outdoor sports, camping, movies, seeks honest, outgoing SWF, 20-30, with similar interests. Ad# 2100

SO, HOW ARE YOU?
Let me be your friend, perhaps more. I'm a SWF, 29, and I love the outdoors. I'm 5'7", outgoing and friendly. If you are a SF and want to share life, call me. Ad# 1012

MANY OPTIONS
This honest and professional SWCM, 45, 6', with black hair and brown eyes is looking for an adventurous, fit, attractive SCF, 18-36, to be his best friend and companion. He's college educated and enjoys traveling, sports, boating, skiing and more. Ad# 9536

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Catholic DW dad, 57, 5'10", N/S, non-drinker, enjoys outdoors, looking to meet a friendly, sincere, monogamous SWF, 22-42, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2057

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Outgoing SWM, 33, 6'2", dark hair, blue eyes, non-married, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and music, seeks a tall SF, 18-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1126

JUST BELIEVE
WWW, 45, 5'8", friendly, laid-back, self-employed, seeks an independent, intelligent SF, 35-50, for companionship and friendship. Ad# 8260

EARN MY TRUST
SWM, 25, 5'9", reserved, educated, enjoys working out, outdoor activities and more, seeks a SWF, 22-28. Ad# 3335

COUNTRY LIFE
Friendly WWWF, 60, 5'10", enjoys traveling, fishing, hunting, gardening, dining out, dancing and the outdoors, looking for a SWCF, 50-55, to share life with. Ad# 7590

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

THE KEY TO MY HEART
Retired DWf, 57, 5'7", shy at first, enjoys dining out, music and movies, looking for a lovely SWF, age unimportant, for a long-term relationship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 7734

FIND OUT TODAY
SWM, 35, 5'2", enjoys working out, movies, picnics in the park, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 18-26, who enjoys life. Ad# 2325

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST
Good-natured, Catholic DW dad, 57, 5'9", enjoys dining out, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home, in search of a SCF, moms okay. Ad# 5926

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
DWM, 30, 6', outgoing, enjoys hunting, fishing, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, over 24, who loves children, with similar interests. Ad# 8413

SPECIAL REQUEST
SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys outdoor sports, camping, movies, seeks honest, outgoing SWF, 20-30, with similar interests. Ad# 2100

IN YOUR DREAMS
Personable SW dad of two, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys coaching sports, long walks, romantic evenings, seeks SWF, 21-48, for sharing life and interests and friendship. Ad# 3121

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

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

BIG TEDDY BEAR
Intelligent, romantic SWCM, 35, 5'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, student, enjoys traveling, the theatre, various music, movies and comedy clubs, seeking SWF, 21-40, for possible relationship. Ad# 4545

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

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!
Shy, sensitive SWM, 33, 5'7", interests include movies, camping, concerts and playing guitar, in search of an intelligent SWF, 18-25, for friendship first. Ad# 1946

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

NEW HEIGHTS
SWM, 60, 5'5", 160lbs., likes long walks, movies, the theatre, flea markets, art fairs, sports and more, seeking a special, petite SWF, 55-62. Ad# 2526

SHY AT FIRST
Reserved, employed SWCM, 35, 5'3", enjoys movies, nights out on the town, shopping, music, reading and new experiences, looking for a sweet, sincere SWCF, 30-40. Ad# 6895

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

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

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Five Novi flights make HomeTown's second team

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Glenn Gabriel
Novi junior
Gabriel joined Kowalzyk to form a potent 1-2 punch for the Wildcats. Gabriel was 2-2 with his only two losses coming to first-team selection Matthew Egel of Northville. He is a three-time KVC champion and has led the team in wins two straight years.
"It's been rock solid all three years for us," Hanson said. "He works hard in the off season and it has showed. He's also one of the best to ever play for Novi."

missing some kids. Pfeiffer posted a 6-1 record at fourth singles with his only loss coming to the regional champion from North Farmington. He compiled an 18-6 record.
"He really worked extremely hard on his game to the point where he could play singles for us," Hanson said. "He has good ground strokes and serve. He's an even better doubles player. He's a batter and he'll fight you tooth and nail."

Ronny Yoon
Novi senior
Tim Torosian
Novi junior

Because Yoon was unable to compete at the KVC meet, Torosian went on to win the consolation title at fourth singles. Yoon was 9-2 at first doubles and 15-3 overall while Torosian 6-2 at first doubles and 16-7 overall.
"They were both very capable of playing singles for us," Hanson said. "Rummy's one of my best volleyers and they both serve really well."

Jeff Pickell
Milford freshman
John Bush
Milford senior

This Redskin doubles team brings two different styles of play to the court, but somehow it works when put together.
"There is a lot to them," Kynast said. "They each bring their individual strengths to the team."
Pickell is a freshman who, in a lot of ways, is just learning the game. He has a great deal of tennis experience under his belt, but has not been a competitor for long.

Rory Pfeiffer
Novi senior

Pfeiffer showed his versatility by winning the KVC title at third doubles when Hanson had to switch his lineup around because he was

Bush is just the opposite. A four-year competitor, Bush has never been formally trained but has the years of contests under his belt.

Clayton Perry
Novi junior
Tom Messink
Novi junior

The pair lost just three matches and were 15-3 as a team. Perry and Messink stepped it up and won the KVC title at second doubles and defeated Bush and Pickell of Milford 6-2, 6-1 in their only meeting of the year.

Messink was the most improved player for Novi this year.

"I thought they complimented each other really well," their coach said. "On most teams in our league, they would have been playing number one doubles. They demonstrate the depth we have in our doubles lineup."

Brian Wilson
Northville sophomore
Jack Wang
Northville sophomore

Wilson and Wang posted a 10-5 record as a doubles team and reached the semifinals of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

"These two are capable of playing some great tennis," coach Dick Norton said. "They became a pretty steady team midway through the season. They complimented each other well as far as their types of games."

Nate Zatokin
Novi senior

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Sports Shorts

COLTS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

The Northville/Novi Colts football and cheerleading teams are looking for players for the upcoming fall season. The Novi Middle School seventh and eighth grade football teams are combining into one, and the Colts guarantee playing time. The team will play an eight-game schedule beginning in September.
"There is a \$100 fee for both the football players and cheerleaders plus fund raising. The team will be made up of 12-14 year olds who weigh up to 155 pounds. For sign-up information please call (248) 305-8955.

POM PON FUND RAISER

The Novi Varsity Pom squad will be holding a car wash to raise money for the Mid-American Pom Pom Summer Camp Program. The car wash will be held on June 20 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, located on Ten Mile Road, across from Farmer Jacks. Please come by and sup-

port the state champion Novi Pom pom squad.

WOLVES SWEET MIDLAND TOURNEY

The 1985-86 Michigan Wolves defeated five opponents en route to a victory in the Midland Invitational Soccer Tournament. The wins improved the Wolves spring season record to 15-0-1, including a perfect 8-0 in Little Caesar's competition. On the first day of the tournament, the Wolves surrendered their only goal of the tournament in a 6-1 win over the Royal Oak Predators. The Wolves defeated the host Midland S.C. United 6-0 and the Flashing Thunder 4-0 the next day to qualify for the semifinals. There they defeated the Birmingham United F.C. Mavericks 5-0. In the finals the Wolves edged the Troy S.A. Clash 1-0, capturing the U-12 title and earning tournament most valuable team honors. The Livonia-based Wolves include Novi players Corey Arington, Matt Nickels, Scott Schwarlose and Brad Simpson and Northville's Jason Gungell.

KVC champs share first team spotlight with Northville

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Amir Nagar
Novi junior

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4 this season. They were 16-3 as partners.

"That shows you the quality of their abilities," coach Jim Hanson said. "They worked extremely well together. They are both very aggressive and have excellent serves and volleys. The pair won the teamwork award for Novi."

Nate Zatokin
Novi senior
Amir Nagar
Novi junior

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Mallia, Hilbert earn medals

Two Novi middle school students recently came home with medals and ribbons after competing in the Michigan Special Olympic Summer Games at Central Michigan University June 4-7.

Christopher Mallia, 13, finished fourth individually in bowling and helped his team finish second. The team received a silver medal and Mallia received a ribbon for his fourth-place effort.

Elizabeth Hilbert, 16, won a gold medal in her division of the standing long jump. She also took home

ribbons for a fourth-place finish in the 100-meter run and seventh-place finish in the 200 meter run.

The two competed with Team Farmington, who sends a team up to Mount Pleasant each year. This was both athletes first trip to CMU.

The Olympics offers athletes a chance to participate in many different events including: swimming, weight lifting, gymnastics, track and field, horse shoes and volleyball. Over 5,000 athletes competed during the weekend.

Health

Health Column

Fibromyalgia topic sparks interest



Chris Klebba

We have had the honor of contributing to this health column for some time now, but the response for information and advice on the topic of Fibromyalgia overwhelmed us, and far outweighed the response to all of our other columns combined. So let us elaborate further on this very important and often misunderstood condition.

First of all, let us state clearly, we are not medical personnel and certainly do not pretend to be. We are, however, a person who has struggled with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for over seven years, and now arthritis. And another who is a certified personal fitness instructor who has been in the fitness field for over 17 years and struggles with how to help his spouse and other people with this frustrating and painful syndrome. We have struggled through the books, seminars, doctor appointments, misdiagnosis, emotional and depression battles, pain, and the latest vitamin, mineral and herbal super cures.

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An estimated three to six million Americans may have symptoms of this increasingly common Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FS), a chronic pain disorder characterized by widespread musculoskeletal aches, stiffness and general fatigue (Krsnich-Shirvly 1997). Mostly women at an approximate Ratio of 20 to one are effected, with a median age between 29 to 37 years, whereas the age of formal diagnosis is 34 to 54 years, (indicating that most patients endure symptoms for several years before

receiving an appropriate diagnosis). The stiffness and fatigue associated with FS has often been confused with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and chronic fatigue immune deficient syndrome (CFIDS), the current definition may not be the best one because many patients who meet the criteria for CFIDS only differ from the FS patient in the degree of pain. (Gregory Welch MS, Fibromyalgia, What is it? How do we deal with it?)

Symptoms range from aches and pains, stiffness, swelling of soft tissue, tender points, and muscle spasms or nodules to those relating to the nervous system, such as mood swings and depression. Concentration and even performance of simple mental tasks can be difficult. About 90 percent of those with FS also report moderate to severe fatigue with lack of energy, decreased exercise endurance, the kind of exhaustion associated with the flu or lack of sleep. Other related problems include migraine headaches, temporomandibular joint dysfunction syndrome (TMJ), sleep disturbances, bowel and bladder irritability, among others.

The exact cause of FS is unknown, primarily due to the multifactorial features of this disease. While the most significant factors contributing to FS are too involved to include here, they are as follows:

- sleep and pain disorders;
- hormonal considerations;
- traumatic occurrence and viral onset;
- sympathetic nervous system involvement and histologic abnormalities; and
- psychological factors.

Unfortunately, there are no blood tests or x-rays that can lead physicians to a clinical diagnosis of FS. In 1990, the American College of Rheumatology established the diagnosis as a form of widespread pain present in both sides of the body and above and below the waist, occurring for longer than three months in a combination with pain in 11 or more out

of 18 specified, tender points in muscular tissue (Pan & Blanton 1992).

Where to go with all this is certainly confusing. Obviously, a proper medical diagnosis would be critical, more to rule out other possible conditions than to verify what most people already feel. As stated as early as the techniques for treating the condition are, one variable that is our research across the board has shown, is the proper activity, sleep, eating habits and positive attitude. As our client with FS stated, "Once the pain sets in and you succumb to the tendency to just sit, eventually with the muscle atrophy and weight gain, the condition becomes much more than FS."

Inability to sleep, often due to pain associated with FS, and interrupted sleep patterns can cause a depletion in serotonin. When serotonin is depleted, there is a decrease in restorative REM sleep and an increase in somatic complaints, depression and perceived pain. (Bolsford 1991) Talk to your physician regarding this crucial piece of the puzzle. Regarding activity, there are no set programs or routines for FS clients, but rather an understanding of what it is along with a few guidelines to apply. First, find exercise and health professionals that have a good understanding of this condition, then follow these simple guidelines which include proper stretching and proper aerobic and anaerobic activity. Starting with as little as 3 to 5 minutes of low impact activity a day and the proper strength training, again starting with a very light load and few repetitions, an individual program can be established. The bottom line is constant professional monitoring of the intensity necessary to achieve some improvement without exacerbating the symptoms.

This column was written by Chris and Ellen Klebba, owners and operators of the Water Wheel Health Club. For more information on this topic or their Positive Support Group, call (248) 449-7634.

Selection of sunscreens may differ

With the approach of warmer weather, conscientious mothers are beginning to reach for the sunscreen to protect their children from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays. However, according to Kenneth Zaremski D.O., a Botsford physician, protecting your skin from the harmful effects of the sun is a lifelong challenge that should be part of the health routine for individuals of all ages.
"In the short term, people need to guard against sunburn," says Dr. Zaremski. "Just as important, in the long term, protection from the sun will help you avoid skin damage and even skin cancer."
Dr. Zaremski says that protecting your skin from the sun should begin with a good sunscreen. The precise sun protection factor for

SPF depends on the individual's sun sensitivity since some people will burn in 20 minutes and others in 60 minutes or longer. A sunscreen with SPF 4 allows four times more sun exposure before the skin burns, while SPF 15 theoretically multiplies "burn-free" time by 15. "Most people need at least a SPF 20 but a darker-skinned person may be able to get by with SPF 12. Most at risk are individuals with fair skin, blue eyes and light or red hair. They could need a higher SPF," Zaremski says. Use of drugs including sulfa, tetracyclines, amoxicillin or oral contraceptives increase the skin's sensitivity to the sun.
"Select a sunscreen that offers both UV-A and UV-B protection and reapply it every couple of

hours based on your susceptibility to sunburn and your level of activity," Dr. Zaremski says. Heavy exercise, sweat and swimming can cut a sunscreen's effectiveness. Dr. Zaremski recommends that consumers look for new products on the market that make using sunscreen easier and more effective. For instance, a spray-on sunscreen can be used to protect the scalp. This is helpful for babies, children with fine hair and for older adults as the hair begins to thin," he says.

"The ears and the face generally receive the most sun exposure and sun protection should start there. Those are also the most frequent sites for skin cancer," says Dr. Zaremski. He notes that the back of the neck is another vulnerable location that people often forget.
By far, the most serious effect of sun damage is skin cancer. "Both the total amount of sun received over the years and overexposure that results in sunburn can increase the risk of skin cancer," says Dr. Zaremski. He emphasizes that there is no such thing as "a little sunburn" since each time the skin burns, the risk of developing cancer goes up. Young people can avoid lifelong cumulative effects of the sun by developing good sun protection habits at an early age.
Kenneth A. Zaremski D.O. is a family practice physician at the Botsford Family Health Center, an affiliate of the Botsford Health Care Continuum.

Health Notes

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers the following Community Health Education Classes:

Body Fat Analysis
Bloomfield Hills, June 25 at 7 p.m.: Body fat analysis will be completed at beginning of class. Lecture to follow discussing methods to lower body fat and improve health. There is a \$10 fee.

Women After 50
Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills, June 24, at 7 p.m.: Can you prevent heart disease, cancer and osteoporosis? Mary Elizabeth Roth M.D.

Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs
Providence Medical Center-Novi, June 29 at 8:30 p.m.: Natural versus synthetic vitamins: how to recognize deficiencies and prevent over-dosing. There is a \$5 fee.

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

1. Golf Specific Training Program—Play your best with this unique combination of golf instruction and specific individual physical conditioning. Group and individual lessons are available. Sessions are taught by a Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, and Golf Professional and include an interview, analysis, program design and monitoring and evaluation. Sessions held at local golf

ranges and at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

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

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

Musical to benefit kids
The Neuro-Muscular Institute at Providence Hospital is hosting a benefit production of "Winnie the Pooh - The Musical," at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17 at the Baldwin Theater, located at 411 Lafayette in Royal Oak. The performers are children age eight to 18 and members of the Stagecrafters of Royal Oak.

All proceeds from the performance will benefit children with cerebral palsy or other conditions who need adaptive equipment or technology.

General admission is \$7, patron seats are \$25 and benefactor seats are \$50. For more information or to order tickets call (248) 424-5346.

Focus on Living
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Well Child Clinic
Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

An appointment is required. For more information, call the North Oakland office, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield, (248) 424-7068 or 424-7067; or West Oakland, Walled Lake (248) 926-3300.

• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a \$6 fee and pre-registration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to register.

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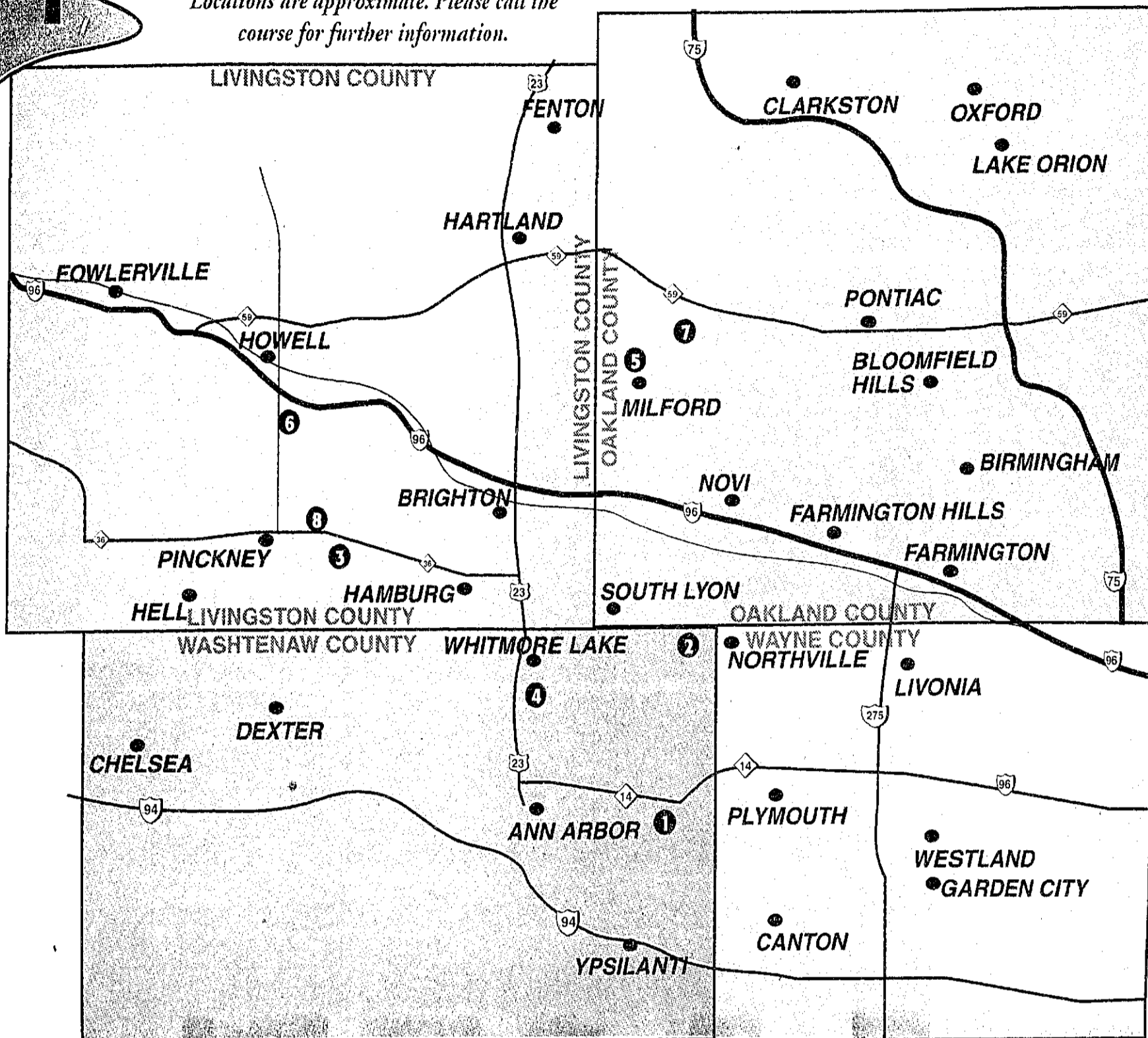
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SENIOR SPECIAL GOLF RATES
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