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Flaw delays opening of Novi arena

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Monday, the Novi Ice Arena did not open as scheduled, due to a shifting in the front wall of the \$8.5 million building.

A mid-August opening date is now anticipated, Terry Seyler, chief of Center Ice Inc., the management firm said.

Youth hockey camps scheduled for this summer with a Russian coach and figure skating classes were canceled.

Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said the source of the movement in the wall is now being researched. The building was designed by Seyler and Jim Smith, architects with Archenomics and built by Rudolph/Libbe Inc.

"We weren't satisfied with it. We wanted an opportunity to correct the wall," Davis said Tuesday.

"Through a regular inspection, we noticed it didn't look like it was straight up and down and there was a crack in the wall."

Soil borings were to be taken this week.

"Right now, we want to make sure the foundation didn't sink," Davis explained.

Research may show the prob-

"All the programs being offered in July were a bonus. It's a little bit of a disappointment, but at the same time, nothing that can't be corrected."

Dan Davis
Parks and Recreation Director

lem came from the soil banked against the building, he added.

Corrections to the facility will not be the financial responsibility of the city, Davis said. The Ice Arena's funding came from the sale of revenue bonds, which are then to be paid back through profits made by the non-profit enterprise.

Once the course of the wall's movement is determined over the next few weeks, repairs will be made. The two-story structure is built into the ground.

However, prior to this, the con-

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District court seeks additional judge

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Population increases both residentially and in industry in western Oakland County is putting a strain on district court judges who are afraid of producing "assembly line" justice.

According to Novi's 52-1 District Court Judge Michael Batchik, the caseload for the three judges there has doubled in the last eight years, with an average of 20,000 "transactions" per judge annually. The state average, he said, is 11,000.

"I believe if we're not the busiest in the state then we're right up at the top," Batchik said.

A new bill in the state legislature, though, could provide relief.

Both State Representative Nancy Cassis from Novi and State Senator Bill Bullard, from Highland, introduced legislation this month to add a district court judge in Novi. The bills are currently in committee.

"The Novi area is experiencing one of the state's biggest population jumps, and the local courts need to reflect this population shift," Cassis explained. "Increasing the number of judges in the local district court from three to

four is important."

Three attorneys who work 35 hours between them as magistrates for the court do alleviate some of the pressure by taking on routine tasks such as arraignments, informal hearings and small claims suits but even they are overwhelmed, Batchik explained.

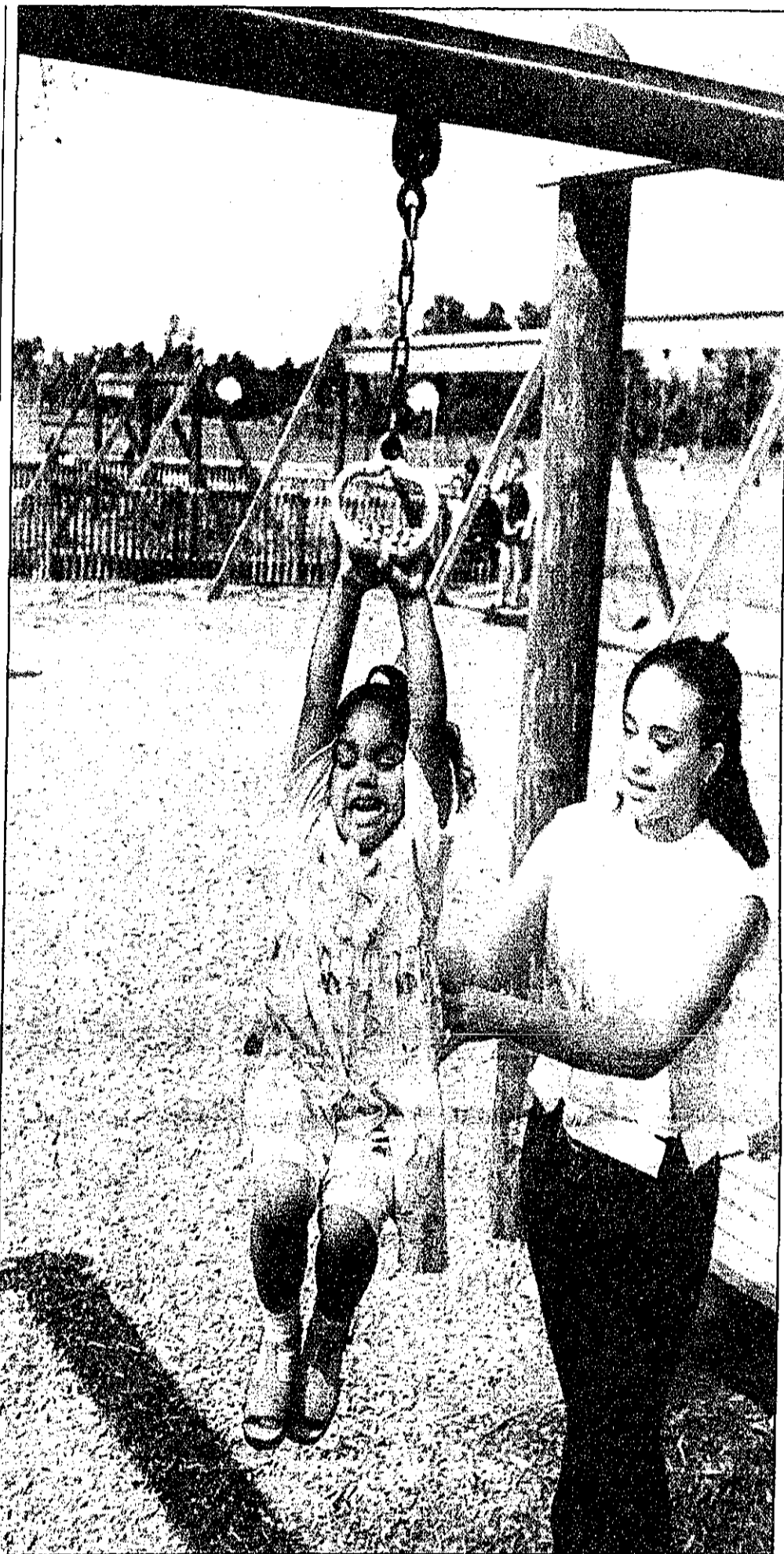
"We've been handling it. The problem is we don't have the time to give thought and more input to cases we maybe should have as we move these cases along. The question then is whether or not justice is being served by moving so swiftly."

While he doesn't believe it's a problem just yet, if the increases continue without relief, a defendant's rights could be jeopardized or abused, he said.

"Efficiency at the local level is essential to ensure fairness and accuracy in our justice system," Cassis said. "Cases can be heard more quickly and effectively with an additional judge."

When built in 1992, a large storage room at the Grand River Avenue courthouse was added to be converted to a courtroom when necessary, but there is little space

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Library struggles with issue of Web porn

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

When the Internet was installed in computer stations at the Novi Public Library in October 1996, a whole world of information opened up to people who may not have home computers.

But with new technology comes a tricky new problem, one that is guaranteed to challenge the members of the Novi Library Board this summer, as they ponder the dilemma of how to avoid censorship and yet protect children from material generally considered indecent.

Recently, two Novi mothers in separate incidents were shocked when they noticed Internet users viewing pornography at the library. Their concerns have inspired a bill recently introduced in the state House of Representatives that would give libraries more power to restrict Internet access.

Cynthia Shepperd was walking through the library when she noticed a young teen engrossed in an Internet video of a nude couple engaged in intercourse.

"I find it ironic that children cannot go to a drug store and view pornography, nor can they rent such video movies or even go to a PG-13 movie without an adult," Shepperd said, "yet, they can access such graphic displays in our library."

She no longer feels comfortable about sending her young children to the library. Shepperd wonders why her tax dollars can be spent on the enjoyment of X-rated material.

It's a concern echoed by Sue Campbell, who was on her way to the children's non-fiction section when she passed by two men at the computer station watching Internet material she considered pornographic. While the Novi library Internet stations have privacy screens, it's easy for casual passersby to see what's on-line.

Both Campbell and Shepperd fear that with a few adults perhaps becoming aroused while viewing porn at the library, the atmosphere may no longer be safe for young children.

"The library is a facility considered by most parents and residents to be safe and wholesome. The security of the restrooms and the surrounding vicinity now seem threatened," Shepperd said.

But Novi Library Director Brenda Evans questions how the library can police the Internet without infringing on the constitutional right to free speech.

"The library board is a layer of government. Officially, they are not in a position to block speech," Evans said.

"The library staff doesn't have legal authority to act as parents. It's hard to understand what each family considers indecent. It's a very dangerous, uncomfortable position."

Before opening the Internet terminals to the public, the library first consulted city attorneys and

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A legacy of play

Lana Tyson, 3, gets a hand across a rail-slide from her aunt Tiysh-Jennifer Tyson during a visit to Novi's Tim Pope Memorial Playscape. The photo of her visit to the playstructure was taken during the anniversary of its construction, built a year ago in June. At right, volunteers begin the work of building the playscape last June in the Novi Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



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The great outdoors

Area cafes take advantage of weather with summertime dining

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

If you don't like the weather in Michigan, wait a minute.

People in the Great Lakes State know they better enjoy nice days while they can and restaurants around Northville and Novi are taking advantage of the season by offering a host of outdoor seating.

From two tiny tables in front of the Northville Coffee Bean on Main Street to 150 waterfront seats at Bogy's on Walled Lake, diners can feel like every meal is a barbecue.

"Summer is so short in Michigan I think all of us want to enjoy it as much as we can. I don't know if it goes back to when we were a kid and had picnics, but there's something special about

eating outside," said Lisa Willard, director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "During the day it's a nice break from work and at night, something about it is very pleasurable. I'm sure it means extra staff and work for a restaurant but I know it has great appeal."

Virtually every meal can be taken outdoors in Novi, starting with a breakfast of coffee and pastry at Cup O' Joe in the Novi Town Center. For lunch, diners can opt for Mexican on the elevated patio of Border Cantina, or freshly tossed pasta at Tastebud's Cafe in the Pheasant Run Plaza. Evening elegance can be achieved in the outdoor garden of Too Chez, or a more casual home-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 20 Eating outdoors on the patio at Too Chez in Novi.

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, July 9

Parks meeting

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

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 11671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Linnbright at 340-6500.

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Parks Commission

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

Sounds of Summer

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

Monday, July 13

Library Board

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

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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. (248) 344-2167.

Tuesday, July 14

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.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Beautification Commission

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

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4260 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, July 15

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, July 16

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Monday, July 20

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Ensley at (313) 462-0388. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

City Council

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

Arts Council

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

Assistant principal moves to Georgia

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Tom Evans, assistant principal at Novi High School, spent his last day in the Novi Community School District June 26.

Evans resigned from his post last month to take a position as regional manager of the yearbook division for Jostens's Corp. in Georgia and the Carolinas.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for me," said Robert Schram, director of personnel. "I'd be crazy for him not to take it. But we enjoyed having him here."

"We're going to miss him but we wish him a lot of luck," said Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

Clark Hughes, an educator from Texas will replace Evans effective July 27.

Schram said Hughes will blend right in.

"We wanted somebody to fill the void and he will fit that role very well," he explained.

Originally from Howell, Hughes graduated from Central Michigan University and received a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of House-

ton-Clear Lake in Texas.

He's been an administrator at the Katy Independent School District in Katy, Texas, a nationally recognized high school. He has also worked at the Pasadena Independent School District in Pasadena, Texas.

"He's very high energy but very committed to kids being successful," said Cheal. "He's been involved in a lot of programs working with the communities there and the business communities to provide opportunities for kids to develop their self-esteem and to make a connection between world of school and work."

Cheal pointed out Hughes most recently worked in a high school with 2,400 kids who spoke 41 different languages.

Evans could not be reached before leaving his post but he did send a good-bye letter to staff in the district.

Evans was hired for the Novi position in 1995 after working as administrators in Willow Run and Roseville school districts and a career as an airline executive from 1982 to 1988.



Tom Evans

He worked closely with the Jostens's Corp while in education implementing the company's Renaissance Foundation Program in the schools, including Novi. He was on board of directors for the program.

The Renaissance Program serves to improve and expand academic achievement, using partnerships with local businesses to offer incentives and reward for performance.

Evans helped establish Novi High's program as one of the first student-driven programs in the nation. There are more than 1,500 participating schools nationwide.

Retiring Rogers feted by city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In his 13 years as Novi's planning consultant, Brandon Rogers when she was on the Novi City Council, said that everywhere she looked around the city at new development, she was reminded of his experience and expertise.

"You have left your imprint all over this town, since almost every structure built since the 1980s bears your fingerprint."

Monday, he was in on it all again, as the guest of honor at a City of Novi reception.

Rogers announced his retirement from the Novi post this past winter, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family - including his grandchildren - and the late night hours at Novi meetings were making that difficult.

But he expects to be around in the area, because he's not exactly shutting down his planning business. He'll remain as a consultant to other local communities, including Novi.

"I'll talk well of you. I won't bite your ankles. If I do anything in Novi, I'll be supportive," Rogers told city officials in his classic New England accent.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, was on hand to give Rogers a commemorative resolution from the state House of Representatives.

"You have left your imprint all over this town, since almost every structure built since the 1980s bears your fingerprint."

Nancy Cassis, state representative

Cassis, who worked with Rogers when she was on the Novi City Council, said that everywhere she looked around the city at new development, she was reminded of his experience and expertise.

"You have left your imprint all over this town, since almost every structure built since the 1980s bears your fingerprint," she told Rogers.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen handed the key to the city to Rogers, only the third time she's done so. Rogers served Novi during a pivotal time of tremendous business and residential growth that continues to define and enhance our community, she noted in her official proclamation.

"You designed the keyhole, not to mention the keyhole. Ordinance," McAllen told him. "Use it and come back often."

In his years as a professional planner, Rogers has worked with over 90 communities. In Novi, Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo is now adding planning consultant to his official title.

A Harvard man, Rogers was appointed by former Gov. George Romney to the state's Board of Registration for Professional Community Planners.

During his years here, Rogers said among the achievements he's proud of is setting up weekly meetings with developers to chat them in on local requirements.

"If I did nothing else, it was to smooth some waters," he said.

Novi district urges early registration for high school students this fall

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The last thing anyone wants to think about during summer vacation is the beginning of the school year, but Novi Community Schools is urging new students in the area to register early for the fall school year.

Administrators say early registration means kids won't miss out on any orientation information or special before school events.

Novi High School especially hopes new students get into the school early this year. Many welcoming events are planned and

scheduling courses is much easier to do early on, said Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

"Anybody new to the community needs to register soon, don't wait until August," she said. "We want them to immediately fall right in prior to Aug. 14."

New students and parents can pick up a welcome packet at the high school on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft Road. The office is open during the summer from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

After returning the packet, students can register for the August orientation.

Counselors will be in to meet with new parents on Aug. 11 and 12 to build course schedules and give tours of buildings.

On Aug. 18 in evening, the high school will hold its new Campus Life Program for incoming freshmen and new students.

A potluck barbecue picnic will begin prior to the program at 5:30. Cheal expects close to 500 people at the event new this year.

School begins Aug. 24. Teachers are expected to be back on Aug. 20 and 21 for professional development days.

Mental illness speaker to appear at Novi Civic Center

St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, Mercy Network-West will host Donna Orrin MSW, who will present "A Journey of Hope."

She will be discussing her recovery from mental illness and how it has affected her and her family.

Orrin earned her MSW from the University of Michigan and served as a social worker at private and state psychiatric hospitals.

She has also served as a Community Mental Health Board member and on statewide policy-making groups.

Mental health professionals and the general public are welcomed to attend.

Orrin will be speaking at the Novi Civic Center, Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

The presentation is expected to last for approximately 90 minutes and there is no charge.

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Three is charm for drunk driver

A 51-year-old man was nearly to his Fountain Park apartment July 4 when Novi police pulled him over for drunk driving.

Police Briefs

Police said the man had been swerving on Grand River Avenue from Meadowbrook Road in his 1995 Chevy Monte Carlo. He was given several sobriety tests which he failed. He was asked to recite the alphabet from A-X but went to Z and counted backward from 99 to 60 instead of stopping at 69 as requested.

CRAWLING

A lone black male made off with 33 cartons of cigarettes from a Mobile gas station on Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue at 10 a.m. July 4.

According to police, the man entered the station claiming to be a sales representative who needed to switch the cartons for special new ones. He removed the cartons and left a receipt but never came back inside with the new cartons. The clerk said he drove away in a two-tone, gray car.

LIFTED

The nervousness of a Hudson's

While a Farmington Hills man worked in a warehouse in Novi July 3, someone stole his 1996, silver Honda Civic.

According to police, the man left the keys in the car because he was

were out to dinner with friends. The couple arrived home to find the purse gone from the counter and the doorwail open about 10 p.m.

SHOVELED

Someone dug out a pine tree from the Harvest Lake property on Ten Mile Road, sometime between June 29 and July 2, according to a Novi police report.

An empty hole was left in its place. It was planted there last year.

SWITCHED

Someone walked into a garage on Emerald Forest July 2, leaving a six-pack of non-alcoholic O'Douls beer on the floor and taking a case of real beer from the refrigerator. The owner was inside the house and came out to find the switch.

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

Novi Briefs

Appointment expected

The Novi Board of Education hopes to make an appointment tonight to fill the seat left vacant last month by former President Raymond Byers.

Three candidates who submitted applications for the appointment were interviewed last night by the trustees at a special public meeting. They were: Bruce Bagdady, Paul Hendricks and Becky Staab.

Hendricks and Staab both applied for vacant seats in 1996, but board member John Balagna was chosen instead.

Mr. Knollenberg goes to Novi

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield and State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi will hold office hours in Novi on Friday, at 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

If you've got questions for your government leaders, this is the time to ask them. The session will be at the Novi Civic Center's multi-purpose room.

Summit meeting

With vacation schedules, arranging a session with City of Novi representatives and Novi Township officials to discuss the township's recent request for sewer service has been tricky, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said. On June 22, the city council on requested the meeting.

On July 21, the city's Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Council Member Craig DeRoche will meet with their counterparts from the tiny township, which includes all but some 15 homes in Brookland Farm subdivision.

Kriewall has recommended that the city not extend the sewer service, unless the township becomes part of the City of Novi. Thirty years ago, when the city incorporated, the Novi Road neighborhood opted out.

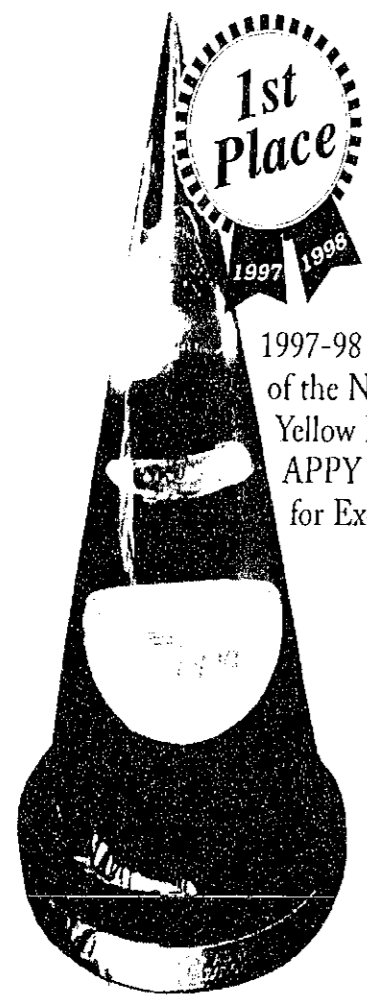
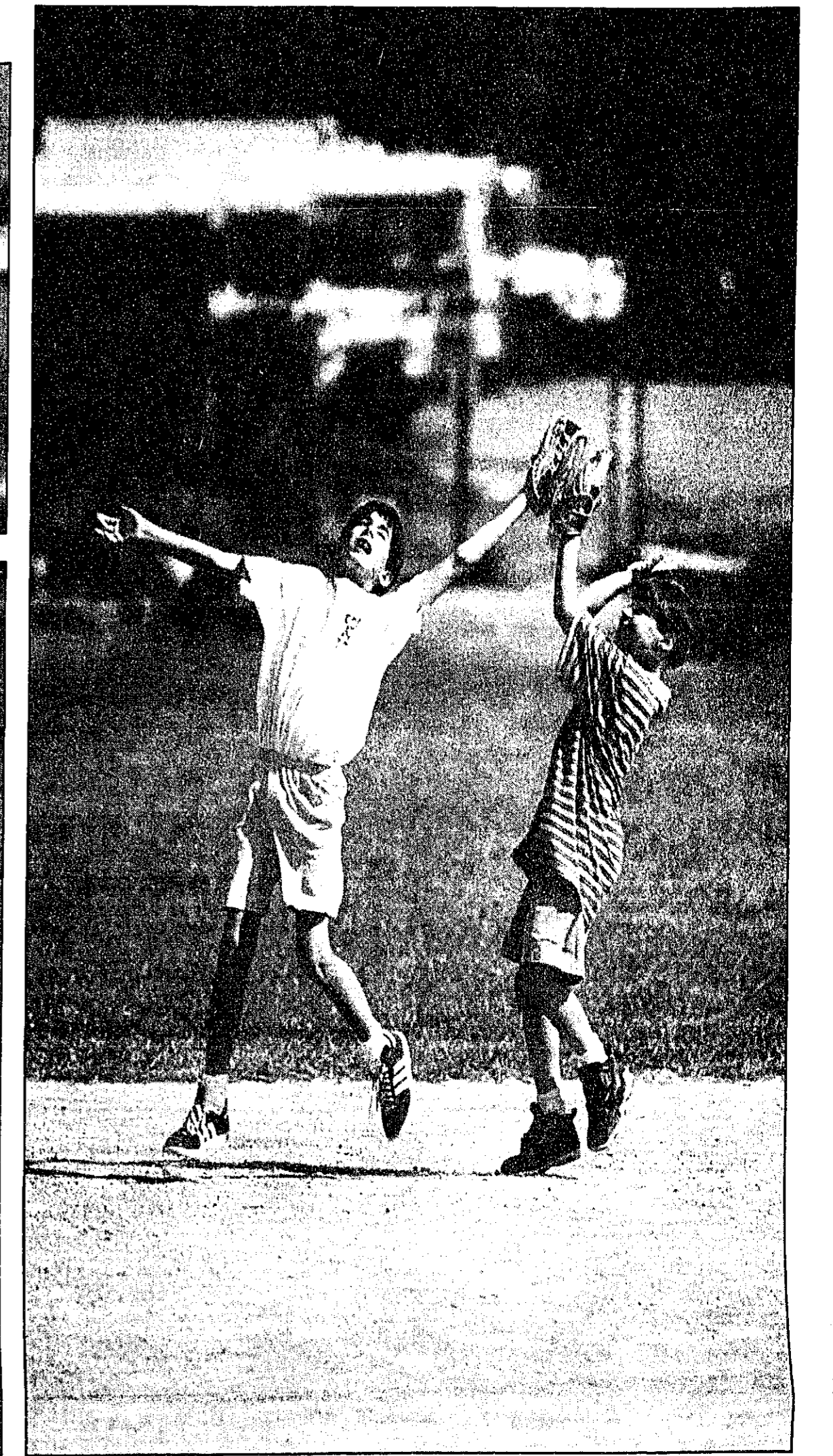
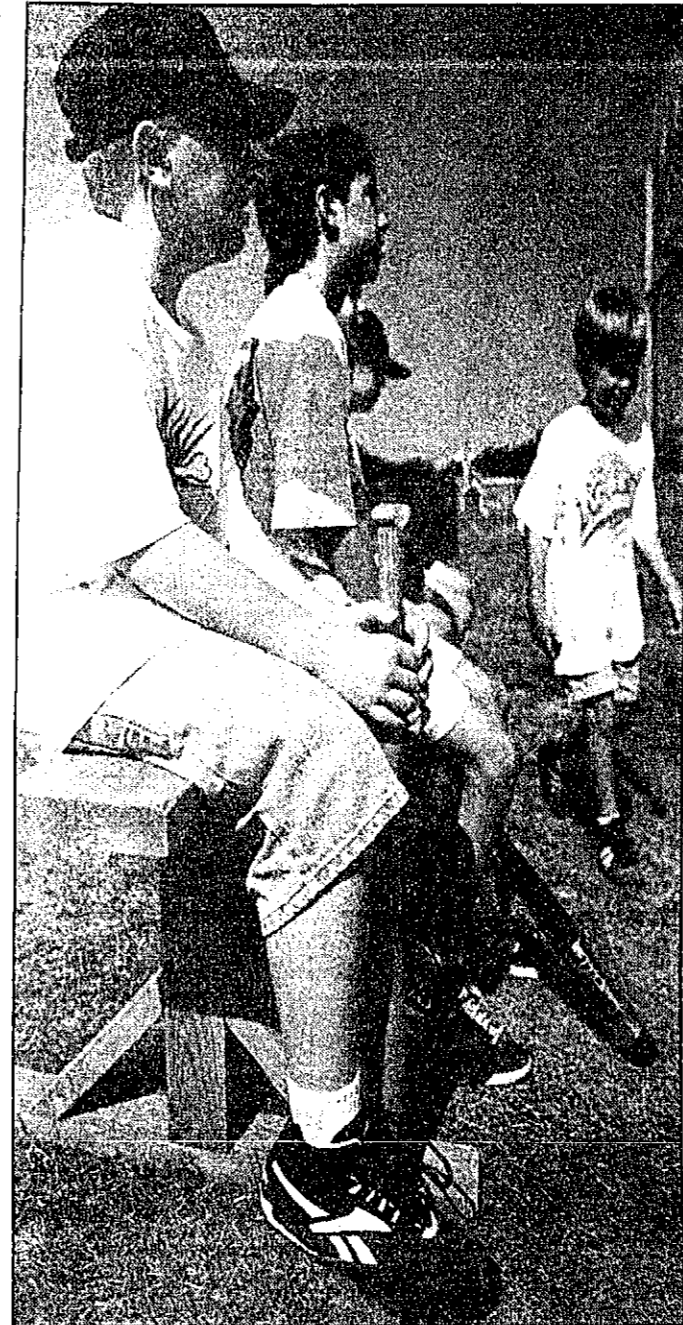
If sewer service is extended, the township representatives said they would pay the city for the service, which would offer a solution for lots that do not perk for septic.



Days of Summer

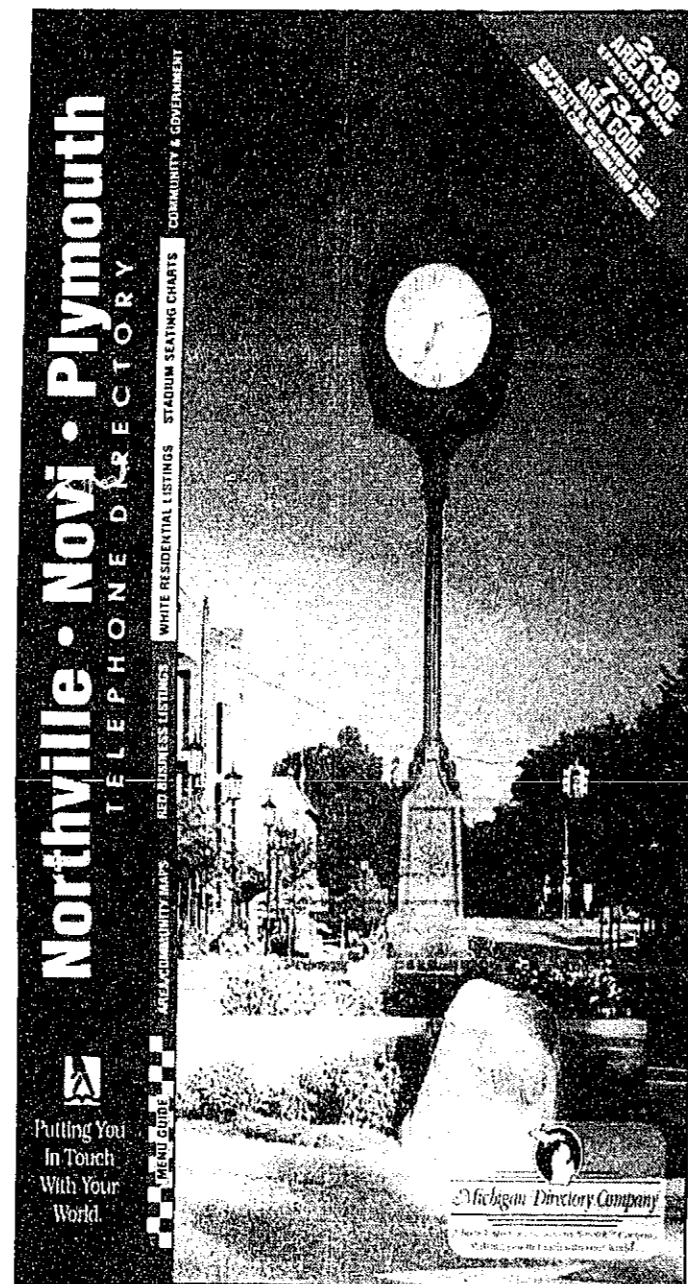
Plenty of Novi kids took advantage of the good weather during last week's co-ed baseball camp held at Novi Meadows Elementary School. Campers were coached in the fine arts of base-running, fielding, batting and pitching. The camp is sponsored by Novi Community Education. Upper left, Yasuhiro Kato, 11, takes a swing at an approaching ball. Far right, a pair of infielders fight the sun and each others' position to get a pop fly into their mitts. Near right, Tim Thomas, 10, awaits his turn to bat.

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Galleria will use city land for wetland mitigation

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Off-site wetlands mitigation for the Nova Development, a mega-shopping center planned for west of West Oaks II, will be done on city land at the developer's expense.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed that 13 acres of city mitigation land at West Road Wastewater Treatment Plant and adjacent to that site could be used for this purpose.

Costs to Ramco-Gershenson are

estimated to be at \$120,000 per acre to build the new wetlands, or around \$1.56 million. On July 15, the mall will come before the Novi Planning Commission for site plan approval.

Council Member Laura Lorenzo was the only member not to vote in support of the plan.

"This could be seen as the city influencing or giving credibility to the permit process of a private enterprise," Lorenzo said.

"It's not a good business decision... We may need it for mitigation down the road."

Land that is used by private firms to compensate for wetlands lost elsewhere would continue to be owned by the city.

West Oaks Galleria, a 676,985-square-foot "entertainment" complex with a multiplex movie theater and live restaurants, is proposed for 70 acres west of the West Oaks Land II shopping centers.

After Twelve Oaks, it would be the second biggest mall-type development in Novi.

Novi's Director of Public Services

Tony Nowicki told the council that the developer's goal is to get a wetlands mitigation site in place before coming before the Novi Planning Commission for site plan approval.

Ramco would like something formal from the city. They want to be project participants and they want a document to show the planning commission that they're working with the city regarding mitigation," Nowicki said.

Nowicki said the council had encouraged the use by developers

of several large city-owned wetlands mitigation sites, rather than forcing them to build tiny pockets of wetlands scattered citywide.

At present, city consultants said that 19 acres are available to mitigate Novi's own road building projects, such as the Tait Road extension, as is land to mitigate the state's Beck Road/1-96 interchange.

The city has reserved the area near West Road for mitigation purposes.

In addition, Nowicki said the city

has identified other potential mitigation sites to purchase.

Developers will be billed for the city's construction of the replacement wetlands.

Ramco-Gershenson will still need a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to enable the firm to compensate on another site for wetlands lost to the Twelve Mile project.

Capsules

CHILD GRANTS MADE

Fourteen new organizations are receiving grants from the Children's Trust Fund, courtesy of income taxpayers who checked off gifts to combat child abuse and neglect.

The new grants total \$373,000. Altogether, the Children's Trust Fund distributes \$900,000 a year, Gov. John Engler said.

Among grants to area groups:

- Westland - The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides parenting skills training and support in areas of child development, child care skills and stress management to families in or near public housing and immigrant communities. With a \$32,226 grant, the YWCA will expand services to 65 more families in Inkster, Taylor and east Dearborn, bringing its total to 379.

APPOINTMENTS

Gov. John Engler has made six appointments to the 11-member Mobile Home Commission, which sets standards for mobile home park construction and licensure of parks, dealers and installers.

Appointees include:

- C. Edgar Bryant, Rochester Hills, representing manufacturers. Bryant is vice president for engineering of Champion Enterprises Inc.
- Brian Fannon, Novi, representing park operators with more than 100 units. He is chief operating officer of Sun Communities, Inc.
- Kamal Shouhayib, Troy, representing park operators with fewer than 100 units. He is president of the Choice Group.
- Mark Raukar, Sylvan Lake, representing operators with fewer than 100 units. He is general manager of Little Valley Homes.

Others include Kevin Gillette, supervisor of Lincoln Township in Berrien County, representing local government, and F. Gerrit Veldman of Lansing, representing residents.

Engler also appointed Louis R. Dykstra to regional supervisor for the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. of Livonia. He represents boiler insurance companies for a term expiring June 30, 2002.

NO TO 'SLAMMING'

Lawmaker in both parties said two bills discouraging the practice of telephone "slamming" are reading for the governor's signature.

Slamming is the practice of changing a consumer's long-distance phone company without the consumer's knowledge.

Senate Bill 837, sponsored by Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, allows the Michigan Public Service Commission to fine telecommunications companies \$10,000 to \$20,000 for a first offense; \$25,000 to \$40,000 for an unintentional second offense; and up to \$50,000 for an intentional second offense.

House bill 5280, sponsored by Rep. David Anthony, D-Escanaba, prohibits a company from changing a person's long-distance service provider without consent. The FSC could file a complaint on its own motion.

The bills were praised by the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, representing 38 local companies.

HOME DEPOT FINED

Home Depot U.S.A. has agreed to pay a \$250,000 civil penalty, largest fine in state history, to settle a lawsuit over Michigan's item pricing law, attorney general Frank Kelley announced.

"Every store surveyed was substantially out of compliance with state law," said Kelley's news release. The company also must implement a stringent price verification policy and reimburse the state \$25,000 for the cost of its investigation.

HOUSE ACTION

The House of Representatives has approved a bill by Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, to increase penalties for fraudulent credit card applications. The bill, now before the Senate, makes identity theft a felony punishable by a prison sentence of four years and fine of \$2,500.

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Down but definitely not out

SEMCOG report shows Novi housing construction lower than in previous years

By WENDY PIERMIAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi fell off the top ten list of growing communities in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Residential Construction Report for 1997.

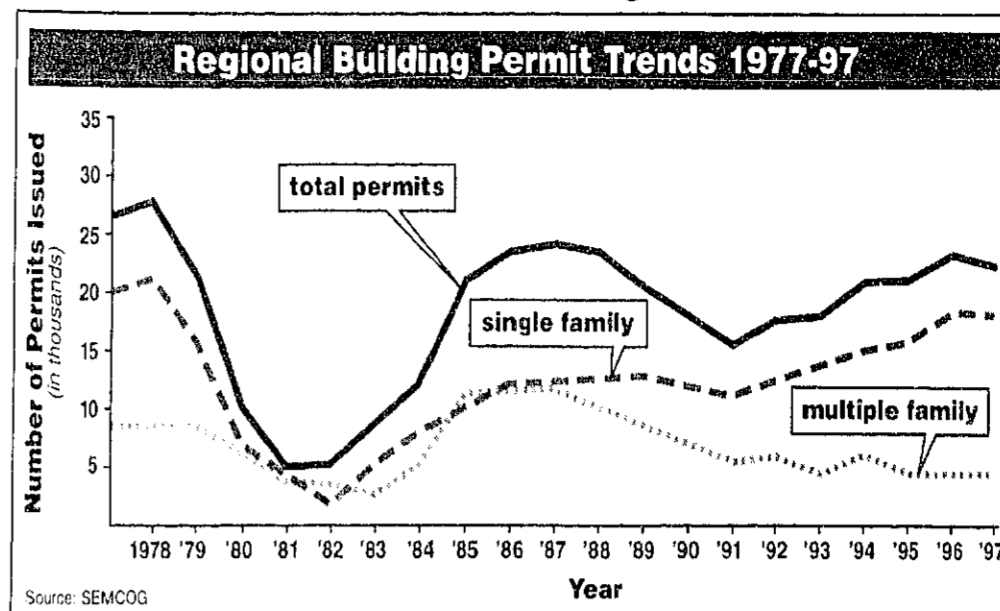
While it ranked in the list of the most permits granted for residential building in both 1996 and 1995, last year Waterford and Ann Arbor pushed it down.

SEMCOG reported 670 new permits were issued in 1996, but in 1997, it was down to 445, including single and multiple-family residential growth.

"If it is down, it's a temporary thing," said Terry Morrone, deputy building official for the City of Novi. "There are a lot of projects in the wings that take a while for them to get off the ground and get going and when that happens we'll climb back up!" and we'll be back in the top ten."

He said some builders have complained of a shortage of buildable vacant lots.

According to the report, Novi also fell off the top ten list of two-family and multiple family permits



whereas in 1996 it showed 210 and in 1995 261 permits were reported. In 1997, only 54 of those permits were pulled.

The report also shows five homes in Novi were demolished last year.

Morrone said the decrease is giving the department a breather. He and other staff can feel the workload easing up somewhat, but it estimates that won't be long.

Overall, Novi is still riding the wave of building prosperity as part of Oakland County which accumulated a third of all new units in the group's region. SEMCOG includes Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

SEMCOG cites the continued strength of the regions economy plus declining mortgage and unemployment rates.

The seven-county region accumulated a total of 22,415 new housing unit permits on file, down four percent from 1996.

Yet it marks the fourth straight year the region jumped over 20,000 residential permits.

Single family homes continued to dominate the growth: at 79 percent of all permits issued, according to the report.

It also points out Monroe County led the region with a 16 percent increase the number of units.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership between cities who share resources, data and other common necessities. Activities include the adoption of region-wide plans and policies in the matters of transportation, infrastructure and development.

It is funded by federal grants and contracts, state grants and membership fees.

IT KEEPS GOING

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments reported a 4 percent overall drop in residential construction permits issued in 1997. Still, construction of single and multiple family homes in and around the Novi area shows no signs of a big slowdown. The following numbers are the total number of construction permits issued in 1997 for each of the communities:

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- Northville Township 198
- South Lyon 252
- Wilkom 103
- Commerce Township 332
- Farmington Hills 447
- Brighton Township 138
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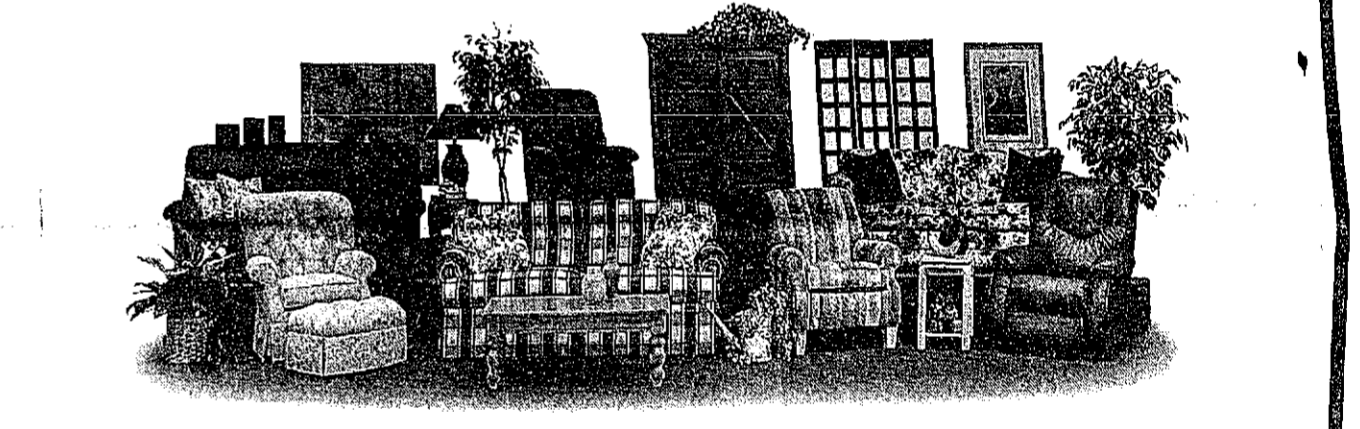
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13-16; Session 5: July 20-23; Session 6: July 27-30. There is a \$52 fee.

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drink. Novi Woods Gym, Monday-Friday, July 13-17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is a fee of \$151, no discount.

All Sports Coed Camp - Grades 2-8

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Bring lunch or purchase pizza for \$4 per day, payable to the instructor the first day of camp. Bring your own beverage. Bring a swim suit if you are interested in free open swim until 4 p.m. Novi High School performance gym, Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is a \$140 fee, no discount.

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snacks, lunch and refreshments (refrigerator and freezer storage are available). Swimsuit and beach towel for splash games.

Cool clothes to wear: Gymnastics leotard, medium-length hair should be in a pony tail and no jewelry. Classes are held on Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a \$160 per session. The remaining sessions are as follows: Session 5: July 20-24; Session 6: July 27-31; Session 7: Aug. 3-7; Session 8: Aug. 10-14.

Girls Gymnastics

Head to library for summer

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed on Sundays during the summer. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

Blossom with Books

The Blossom with Books summer reading program will run through July 31. Open to children up to age 10, the summer reading program features six weeks of arts and crafts, entertaining special events, and story times. Tuesdays are Craft Days; Thursdays and Fridays are Story Days. Registration is going on now at the library. Call 349-0720 for event times and other details.

Special event

On Wednesday July 15, magicians Chris Linn will amaze and amuse children ages 4 and up in a special event of the summer reading program featuring weekly events, a pizza party, and a lottery for teens who read at least five books before the end of July. Call 349-0720 for event times and other details.

Teen Read '98

Teen Read '98 runs through July 31. Teens in 5th grade and up can participate in a reading program featuring weekly events, a pizza party, and a lottery for teens who read at least five books before the end of July. Call 349-0720 for event times and other details.

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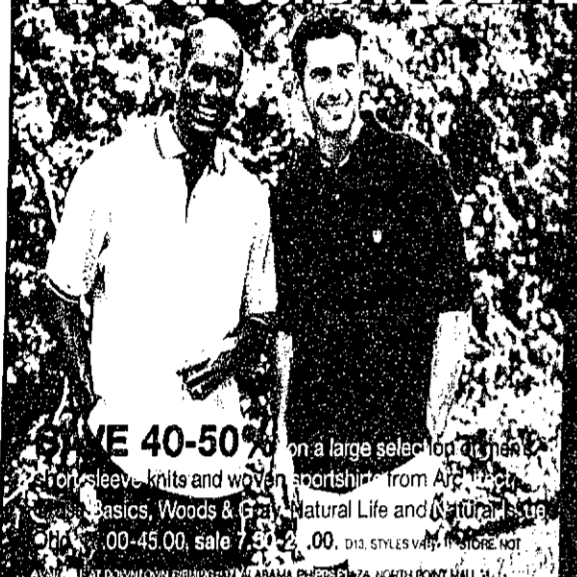
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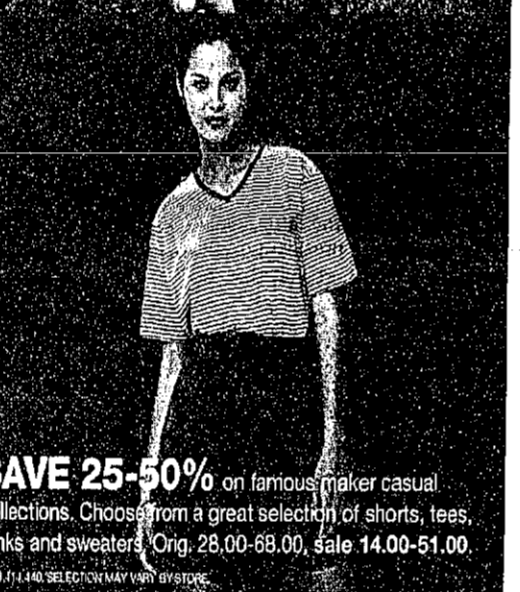
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The Log Book

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MONDAY, JUNE 29

Medical, 22238 Solomon, 6:59 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 10:24 a.m., Engines 1, 2, 12:46 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 41500 Garden Brook, 1:03 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 24062 Taft Road, 2:32 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 41500 Garden Brook, 3:16 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 23654 N. Rockledge, 4:44 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Novi Road and West Oaks, 8:17 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50410 Arizona, 9:37 p.m., Squad 4.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Investigation, 44042 Village Wood, 3:57 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41452 Moreau, 9:36 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27145 Sheraton, 1:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 26139 Novi

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Gas line break, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 12:49 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41736 Ten Mile Road, 2:52 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40030 Grand River, 3:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 24414 Bonnie Brook, 3:23 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:31 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 196 and Haggerty, 6:17 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41677 Sleepy Hollow, 8:11 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43700 Gen-Mar, 10:44 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Fire alarm, 27600 Novi Road, 5:16 a.m., Engines 1, 2, 4.
Medical, 1440 Nardner, 11:23 a.m., Squad 2.
Gas leak, 23821 W. Lehigh, 4:04 p.m., Engine 3.
Grass fire, 41306 Cornell, 4:10 p.m., Engine 2.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Fire alarm, 25875 Novi Road, 5:27 a.m., Engine 1, 4.
Wires down, Twelve Mile and Twelve Oaks, 9:19 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, West Oaks and Novi Road, 12:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks Park, 8:39 p.m., Engine 1.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Medical, 27000 Sheraton Drive, 6:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:08 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:14 a.m., Squad 1.
Detail/serve, Village Oaks School, 9:45 a.m., Engine 3, Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Security, 11:05 a.m., Squad 1.
Detail/serve, Addington and Devoreshire, 12:35 p.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 10:44 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41677 Sleepy Hollow, 5:26 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 196 and Novi Road, 12:10 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 8:39 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

Twelve Mile/Wixom area slated for industrial again

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Developers will try again to create a commercial and industrial park on 131 acres on the corner of Twelve Mile and Wixom roads. While in past years, under other owners, plans for both residential and industrial uses have failed to win approval from the Novi Planning Commission and City Council, Lakeside Oakland Development is coming forward with a new set of rezoning requests. The commission will hold a public hearing on the rezonings August 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Council chambers.

Frank Felteno owns 196-plus acres in the area and wants to use the majority of it for light and heavy industrial and commercial, according to documents on file at the Novi Planning and Community Development department. Later on he could add more industrial and perhaps even some residential. But for now the plans mean he needs the property rezoned from residential. It is Master Planned (ideally suited for according to the city) for office with a planned development concept option. A portion of the property is zoned for farming, which allows for some cutting and balancing of the land. Architect Lee Manola, with Lee Manola & Associates, said the land is ideally suited for the proposed use. Surrounding the property with wetlands and woodlands is mostly residential zoning which is master planned for office use. To the south is a nearby

900 home development, Harvest Lake, which has yet to present preliminary plans.

Manola pointed out the southern portion would be secured by a large woodland and wetland buffer and vacant property abutting it will likely be rezoned in the future from residential. Previous plans for the property included the Grand Plan in 1989 initiated by the city. It would have turned the property into light and heavy industrial uses. But area residents opposed the use as well as the plan to redevelop some of their own property as part of the plan. An option sanctioned by residents in July of 1996 was the Ivanhoe/Huntley Company's request to rezone the property for apartments, duplexes and single family homes. Yet, planning commissioners denied the rezonings for 234 single family homes, 100 two family units, 450 multiple family units and 45 acres of environmental preserve and passive recreation areas as well as winding trails. They said the plan was too dense for the west side and they wanted the area for light industrial use, something lacking in the city. Manola agrees.

"People have to realize there's an economic need for more industrial in the city," he said, citing the recent Economic Summit meeting held by city officials. There, business owners and city officials agreed to bring a more diverse tax base to the community. requests to get financial information about competitors. A second problem, Earle said, is that standards have changed and inspections take longer. A third problem is that the Legislature raised penalties seven-fold in 1992. "There are more contested cases," he said, eating up state inspectors' time. "We want to focus on prevention. We don't want to follow up on accidents," Earle said. "The statute places responsibility for safety and health on employers," Earle said. "If your philosophy is prevention," said Freeman, "it seems to me you should have high penalties."

Industry and construction see rise in on job accidents

Catastrophic fatalities (more than three deaths) rose from 79 in 1991 to 143 in 1994, fell to 85 in 1996 but rose to 122 in 1997. Training of safety inspectors also fell. Phillips said he ran into trouble even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in the Michigan State Library in Lansing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said. "For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available." The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information requests to get it. "I had to write a letter and make every chart and graph. "From the standpoint of the public, you're going to give up (trying to get information) before you get done. "Do they exist as publications? No. There's something they're hiding. "I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years." Phillips said MIOSHA followed the federal government's lead by "discounting" fines for workplace safety violations. Small firms (10 or fewer employees) get an 80 percent discount, the largest firms (250 or more) get no discount. But small firms may be where the problem lies, he said, calling for more research on, among other topics, the effect of hefty fines on making workplaces safer. ACCESS CUT OFF Douglas Earle, director of safety and regulation in the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services, said one problem in counting workplace inspectors is new different methods of counting. "We don't have access to workers case information form 100s," Earle said. "The Legislature in 1994 amended the Freedom of Information Act to make such forms off-limits. Reasons were that some groups were using the names of claimants to 'blacklist' them with employers. Another reason is that businesses were making FOIA

caseloads, and 'too many programs are severely understaffed.' But said the administration's attitude seems to be to overwork the staff to get rid of them. "We don't have near enough health inspectors in this state," said Richard Whitman of the AFL-CIO. "We have let that go downhill." Ken Fletcher, also of the AFL-CIO, said there's a battle in the State Capitol over reducing MIOSHA positions. "The governor wants to reduce them by 13. The House put them back in (the budget bill). The Senate took them out. The bill is now in conference committee. They put three back." Fletcher said one businessman senator "threw a fit" at even putting back three posts because "he doesn't want any more inspectors in his business." The toll-free number for work safety complaints is 1-800-2MIOSHA. For fatal construction site accidents, the state's 24-hour hotline is 1-800-858-0397.

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Paint your own ceramics at Northville craft shop

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

If you're looking for something fun and creative to do downtown, the latest shop to debut on Main Street may have just the answer.

Since "The Bee's Knees" opened June 19, customers have been tapping into their creativity by leading custom paint jobs to ceramic serving dishes, picture frames and ornaments.

"You don't have to be an artist. That's not necessary at all," owner Linda Langston said. "It's an activity for everyone, all ages. The kids love it. They have fun with all the colors. They sit down and create the most spectacular designs, but adults love it too."

Langston got the idea for The Bee's Knees when she visited a similar studio in St. Louis.

"I think the concept is such a great idea. I thought it would work well in this town because it's an activity, something to do," Langston said. "Once I went through the process myself and my piece turned out pretty good, I thought it was a fun thing to do with friends. I guess it gives you a sense of accomplishment."

While a background in interior design gave her experience in color and design, Langston had to learn about ceramic painting and firing techniques from scratch.

Since The Bee's Knees is her first business venture, she also

THE BEE'S KNEES

Located in downtown Northville the paint-your-own ceramics store offers a variety of price ranges. Pieces range from \$1.50 for a small ceramic tile to \$75 for a canister set. Studio time is \$8 an hour, which includes the use of all materials and the firing process. Birthday parties or groups of four or more can reserve studio time for a discounted rate of \$4 an hour per person. The studio is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Currently closed on Sundays and Mondays.

had to learn about operating a shop, but she had a year and a half to think about it.

As orders of products and supplies piled up at home, Langston bid her time until a storefront opened up downtown.

When Running Fit moved out of 141 E. Main St. and into the Northville Centre, she rented the space and set out to design an atmosphere that would stimulate creativity.

She commissioned local artist Janisse Larsson to paint murals on the walls, converting the store that used to house racks of tennis shoes and sportswear into an airy workshop.

Now, it's full of tables with centerpiece canisters of paintbrushes and brown paper tablecloths where visitors can draw and paint design ideas.

Flush couches offer guests a place to browse through scrapbooks filled with patterns and colors. Baskets full of sponges, stencils and samples provide painters a place to begin.

When artists are ready, they may draw their design in pencil on the bisque and then choose a paint palette from more than 50 colors.

"I think people have a creative side that they don't know what to do with and this is an outlet for them," Langston said.

Unlike greenware, the ceramic bisque pieces at The Bee's Knees are already sanded, fired and ready to take a coat of paint. The bisque is also sturdier than plaster and can hold food or water.

Once the modern pieces are painted, Langston bakes them into a kiln in the basement where they



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Owner of Northville's newest downtown business The Bees Knees, Linda Langston, takes a moment to look over the glaze detail on a small sugar bowl she's been working on.

are baked at a temperature of 1,818 degrees. It takes about seven hours to fire a load of ceramic bisque and 14 more for the load to cool.

Artists pick up their finished works a week later.

Demand has been so high that Langston has already ordered another kiln.

"We've had such a tremendous response, one kiln isn't enough."

"We've had hundreds of people in the door looking around and a lot of people painting. We've had customers since the first day."

Obituaries

Michael Wojcik

Michael Wojcik, 24, formerly of South Lyon, died July 6 at his residence in Novi. He was born in Toledo, Ohio.

A graduate of South Lyon High School, Mr. Wojcik was a student at Eastern Michigan University. He enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling, hunting, skiing, and dirt biking.

He is survived by his parents, David and Barbara Wojcik; sisters, Pamela and Heather; and grandmothers, Elfreda Weaver and Wanda Plascak.

A non service will be held July 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Margaret L. Whyman
Margaret L. Whyman, 61, died

July 5 at her residence in Northville. Mrs. Whyman was born in Maplewood, Mo., on Nov. 13, 1936, to the late Hugo and Louise (Friedman) Siebert.

Mrs. Whyman retired in 1995 after 25 years of service with Advanced Data Corp. in Livonia. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. of Northville; daughter, Deborah of Canton Township; sons, David of Waterford and Daniel of Farmington Hills; sister, Margorie Costick; and six brothers, Lloyd, Warren, Norman, Marvin, Charles, and Roland Siebert.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 8 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Arthur L. Spafford officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

Memorial contributions to the University Hospital Oncology Research Department in Ann Arbor would be appreciated by the family.

Golf fundraiser set to benefit Novi Youth Assistance program

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.

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Underground company sets up the stars

Cellar Door Productions creates concerts from Northville basement

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer
When George Clooney decided to take a break from filming *Out of Sight* at Detroit's State Theater to see the Rolling Stones at the Pontiac Silverdome, he called a Northville company to get him in the door.

Never mind that it was just hours before the show and tickets had sold out weeks in advance. It was up to Cellar Door Productions to make sure Clooney got a seat. "We had to figure his way in 'cause you can't say no to George Clooney. Well I suppose you could ...," said Gary Meyer, production manager for the concert promotion company.

But he didn't. Coming up in July, Cellar Door will produce concerts ranging from the punk-rock inspired Ozfest to the X-games influenced Warped Show. Also among the 60 acts on Cellar Door's calendar this summer are the Backstreet Boys, the Spice Girls, Hanson and Rod Stewart.

The company will produce Celine Dion, Aerosmith and Van Halen concerts in September and Billy Joel in October.

The concert promotion business has seven hubs throughout the Eastern region of the United States, with locations including Washington D.C., Virginia Beach and Atlanta.

The Michigan branch of Cellar Door Productions is on Main Street in Northville, in a location that's true to its name. Through a subtly marked door and down a flight of stairs, the six-employee operation is housed in a finished basement adorned with concert posters and mounted CDs, with the radio constantly on and tuned to a different station every day.

President and Northville resident Rick Franks, along with vice-president John Itsell, handles virtually every musical act that appears at the Palace and a share of acts that play in venues throughout the Detroit Metro area in clubs as small as the Shelter in Detroit and as large as the Silverdome, which can seat up to 50,000 concertgoers.

Their competition in Detroit is Brass Ring Productions.

"We promote concerts from start to finish," Meyer said. "When a band releases a new record or launches a tour and wants to perform in Detroit, their agent calls Cellar Door and gives them an approximate date that they'll be in town."

That's when the wheels start turning. Administrative assistant Jennifer Berkemeier calls venues to find out what nights they have available. When the band and the venue agree on a date, they negotiate a fee and set ticket prices.

"Once the date's on sale then I have to call the band," Meyer said. "They tell me how many stagehands they need, what time they're flying in, what they want to eat, whether we need to get approval for pyrotechnics..."

Using the revenue from projected ticket sales, marketing assis-

tant Toni Esposito and Rosol start promoting the concert through radio and print advertising. The revenue also pays the venue and the band.

Meyer said he attends up to 10 concerts a month during the summer. Cellar Door's busiest concert season.

"When the show day hits I have to be there at eight in the morning to make sure everything runs okay. Once the band's on stage playing, that's when we pay them," Meyer said.

Although he said being backstage boils down to seeing a lot of people rushing around and working, he said there are exciting moments in the business.

"When you see a Santana sound check for two hours, that's great, 'cause there's no one in the building, he's relaxed. Even though I'm not a big fan of Santana, you can watch a guy who's great at what he does," Meyer said. Another favorite concert he managed was the 1993 Lollapalooza tour, when Cellar Door set up facilities to accommodate 30,000 people at the Midland Dragway off U.S.-23.

"You have to go to a field where there's nothing and build facility for a pretty large town," Meyer said. "You wanted an alternative venue."

That meant bringing out medics, porta-johns, generators, phone lines, fencing and building a stage. It also meant spending a lot of money.

Meyer also worked concerts with David Bowie and Ozzy Osbourne at the State Theater. "The cool stuff tends to be the big name acts in the small venues. You never think you'll see someone like David Bowie at the State Theater," he said.

But Meyer also remembered having to solve serious last minute problems when Elton John arrived in April to play at Chrysler Arena in Ann Arbor.

"The day prior his voice goes out in Milwaukee," Meyer said. "His manager called me and said 'Elton's voice is shot. He definitely can't do the show. Can you reschedule it?'" So at this point we have to find another date available as we're loading (the equipment in.)

Immediately the Cellar Door team had to flood the altwaves, the internet and newspapers to inform ticket holders that the show was postponed. They had to change the marquis, post signs, and negotiate with the venues to squeeze in another date just days away.

The advertising all had to be paid for, as did the stage hands and the catering company, which had rung up an \$8,000 food tab. "You're talking a lot of money," Meyer said. "People need to get paid to work. It's not their fault that Elton's throat is sore."

Rosol, who is in charge of keeping the books, said the company is profitable overall. Last year, Cellar Door grossed \$160 million nationwide.

"We do good on some shows, we lose on others. We don't always come out on top," she said. Rosol said she was an art histo-

ry major at the University of Michigan when she took a job answering phones for Cellar Door. She left the company to get her Master's Degree but soon returned to the concert promotion business.

"I ended up really liking it and missing it," she said. "Everyone gets here in their own way."

Rosol said planning her July wedding was a breeze after coordinating concerts for so long, but even though she and her fiancée are in the same business they seldom go to concerts.

"It's not very glamorous. People are always clamoring to go backstage but you just see people running around or eating," Rosol said. "Being in this business you get to the point where you don't even want to go see a show unless you absolutely have to. Whereas other people would go to a concert or show on a date, that's the last thing we'd want to do."

However, she did make a concession when Sting came to town. "But she said she almost wishes she hadn't. Her whole image of him was shattered when she went backstage and saw him eating."

"In the end, you're like 'yeah, he's just a guy eating dinner. He's hungry I guess, like the rest of us,'" she said.



Some of the staff of Northville's Cellar Door Productions sit in the basement office. From left are Jennifer Berkemeier, Carrie Rosol, and John Itsell.

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Keeping a cool head Novi kids follow cops lead, learn to wear bike helmets

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

As part of a national safety program, Novi police sold 1,452 bike helmets to local children this spring.

The goal was to keep Novi kids safe from head injuries during the summer, said Officer Mike Wilson.

"We haven't had any accidents with head injuries that I've seen come across," he said.

Also as part of the program, students were asked to submit essays or posters marketing helmets as "cool" safety items to wear.

Novi student Elise Schubring won a raffle drawing for a \$50 United States savings bond and Adam Giacobbe won an ice cream cone for his slogan "Helmets are cool at Parkview school." Essay writer Jonathan Lee also won an ice cream cone from

Centre Street Market at Ten Mile and Heck roads.

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

"Helmets are Cool" was the slogan used by police to discourage the old notion that helmets were "nerdy."

"That's what we're trying to change," he said. Wilson and the PTOs sent letters home with an order form home with each kid. The helmets were at a discounted rate of \$7 to \$9 thanks to the program. The helmets typically cost \$30 to \$40. Unfortunately, the schools don't

encompass all children who live within the city limits. Many kids go to South Lyon, Farmington Hills, Westland, and Novi, and may not have heard about the program. Working with the neighborhoods in those districts may work.

"If any subdivision leaders wants to come forward to help with the program we're looking for someone to help," he said.

He said the program will be back in the fall at these schools. Wilson added the police force is still looking out 7 E-bike coupons to kids who are spotted wearing their helmets.

While there is no mandatory requirement for children to wear safety helmets in Michigan, several states have already made it a law.

For more information call Novi Police at 348-7100.

HELMETS ARE COOL

By Jonathan Lee, first grade Parkview Elementary

One day a little boy wore his helmet down the road with his bike.

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Twelve Oaks mall signs up new stores

Two new stores, including Michigan's first LearningSmith — a growing national chain known as "a general store for the curious mind" — have just opened at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Also new is Watch Station, which features techno-sport, casual and classic watches, as well as pocket watches and gift ideas for men and women. Both stores are located on the lower level in the JCPenney wing.

"These two new additions are perfect examples of how we're continually redefining our store mix to bring Twelve Oaks' shoppers the best and newest retail concepts," said Peggy Hayes, Twelve Oaks marketing director.

LearningSmith offers gifts and learning products for all ages. LearningSmith carries more than 3,500 different items in a variety of media: books, puzzles, games, CD-ROMs, software, videotapes, audiotapes and more. Shoppers can view videos on large screens, touch and test merchandise, and watch sales personnel demonstrate the newest craze.

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"When we open a new store, we look for a population that is upscale and highly educated, and for shoppers who have their children's education at the top of their minds," said Kim Roz, senior marketing specialist for LearningSmith.

LearningSmith offers a 10 percent discount to professional educators on products to be used in the classroom.

At Watch Station, a division of Sunglass Hut International that debuted in 1996, Twelve Oaks' shoppers will find designers and sport watches by Guess? Fossil, Nautica, Hamilton and Swiss Army. International brands include Skagen from Denmark; Montaine, the official timepiece of the Swiss railway; Akto from France; and Animal from England.

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Nancy Cassis gets tough with tax cuts in house

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

As both sides in the state House shoot at each other over tax cuts, there's little reason to hope they'll reach agreement this session.

Consider the bitter debate between Republican Nancy Cassis of Novi and Democrat Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti over a single-business tax (SBT) bill.

"On the floor, she pulls that" — an angry Profit said after battling up Cassis' amendment to an SBT bill on June 30. "They know this would be killed in the Senate."

"It's important we do this immediately," said Cassis, "because it has strong bipartisan support."

The story goes like this:

Rep. Mark Schrater, D-Battle Creek, sponsored House bill 5111 designed to encourage employers — small ones, in particular — to provide health benefits for workers. Schrater's original bill would have allowed a phased-in deduction of health costs from the SBT over 20 years. That is, each year, 5 percent more of health costs could be deducted from the SBT

base.

In the House Tax Policy Committee, Cassis negotiated the time frame down to 10 years, according to Profit, the committee chair. That would reduce SBT revenue by \$9.4 million the first year and \$146 million the 10th year.

Once the bill was out of committee and before the full House, Cassis offered an amendment to give the entire tax break the first year. "It would be an incentive to employers," she said. "If it's a good idea, let's start it immediately."

Profit publicly accused her of having negotiated in "bad faith."

Coming to Cassis' defense, Republican Chuck Perricone of Kalamazoo said the negotiations were conducted "to get the bill out of committee." Perricone added, "This is the only game in town."

Finally, the Cassis amendment came up for a roll call vote. Many green lights (yes) went on — enough so that Cassis thought she had a majority. But before the vote could be tallied, Profit shouted, "Clear the board," and acting Speaker Eileen DeFari, D-West-

land, turned off the vote board.

Profit then moved to set aside the bill for the day. Afterwards, he accused Cassis of trying to make a political issue out of something that had no chance of passage this year. "The Senate won't run a \$100 million tax cut. The Senate has no business tax agenda. The House has a business tax agenda. This is the only game in town," he said.

It has been like that all year. The Democratic-run House has passed its own version of selective tax cuts. The Republican-run Senate has opted for across-the-board, in-the-future cuts of 0.1 percent a year in the 4-4 percent personal income tax rate.

Cassis is pushing her HB 4710, which is similar to the Senate GOP plan. She incurred Profit's wrath recently by asking the full House to discharge the bill from the Tax Policy Committee. She lost on a straight party-line vote because Democrats have a 58-52 majority.

Profit retaliated by removing Cassis' bill from the committee agenda.

"Democrats are not serious about substantial

income tax cuts," said House GOP leader Ken Sikkenma of Grandville. Pointing at Profit, Sikkenma accused House Democrats of giving "only lip service to tax cuts that treat all people fairly."

CHURCH TAXES CUT

Meanwhile, the Senate gave 34-0 and 35-0 approval to bills by Profit and Jessie Dalton, R-Holland, cutting the sales and use tax base. They would exempt purchases for improving church sanctuaries from the sales and use taxes, both 6 percent.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the loss of sales tax revenue at \$4 million and use tax revenue at \$1 million per year.

Once the House concurs in minor Senate amendments, the bills would become law as soon as Gov. John Engler signs them. The bills would apply to churches that are exempt from federal taxation under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Public Access

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

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Welcome to Middle School
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:30 p.m. — Travel the Movie Trail
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Yoga Relaxation and You
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Co.
3:00 p.m. — Walled Lake Western Graduation
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today

6:00 p.m. — Home for Life: Landscape Edging
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — The Winner's Circle: Communication Skills
8:00 p.m. — Ready or Not: Substance Abuse
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Linda Jolicoeur
9:00 p.m. — Lausing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Flame

TUESDAY, JULY 14

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
11:00 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:30 a.m. — Law Talk: Lawrence Raymond
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. — Walled Lake Western Pops Concert
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Time Warner's Funniest Outtakes
3:00 p.m. — Founders Festival

Parade
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: Variety of Dancers
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Thundering Hope
6:30 p.m. — The Winner's Circle No. 2: Power of the Question
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: All Aerobic Workout
7:30 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Mike Paige
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Co.
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Scott Romney
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

12:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim Eaton
3:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Mike Paige
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Flame
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Show Me Show
5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Linda Jolicoeur
6:00 p.m. — The Winner's Circle: The Importance of Listening
6:30 p.m. — Travelin' On: Panoramic West
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
9:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers

THURSDAY, JULY 16

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: All Aerobic Workout
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life: Arable Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madanta Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Lawrence Raymond
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Sharyn Zedek
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6:00 p.m. — Clarensville Graduation
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim Eaton
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Lawrence Raymond
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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
5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
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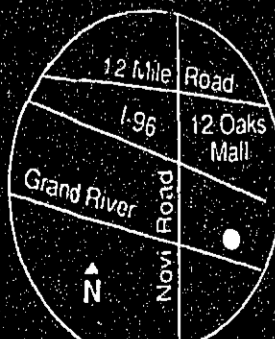
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Novi library struggles with porn on Internet

NOVI LIBRARY'S INTERNET POLICY

Highlights of the library's internet policy, as adopted in August, 1996:

- It is the library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children.

Library personnel do not monitor or supervise children's use of the Internet.

Novi Public Library does not restrict access to the Internet. Choosing access points is the responsibility of the user.

Novi Public Library has no control over the Internet and its resources and is not responsible for the accuracy, quality or currency of any Internet resources.

Internet computers may only be used for legal purposes. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to, the following: harassment of other users; libeling or slandering other users; destruction or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; unauthorized copying of copyrighted materials.

Violations may result in loss of access.

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In response to concerns raised by constituents in this city, State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, introduced House Bill 5982, that would give the authorizing body of the library additional power to restrict Internet access available to minors.

That could be done by reserving Internet terminals with restricted access for youthful library patrons and by requiring users under age 18 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using unblocked Internet stations.

"The priority is the protection of children. There is a clear Supreme Court opinion regarding the government having a compelling interest in protecting children. I think we're on the right track," Cassis said.

"This is not just a Novi problem, it's a Michigan problem and a United States problem."

Her bill, which is now in the House Advanced Technological and Computer Committee, is expected to be taken up this fall.

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In the Loudoun County case, the judge refused to dismiss the lawsuit, ruling that the receipt of Internet information is entitled to First Amendment protection.

"Although the Loudoun case is problematic, it does not necessarily mean that all restrictions violate the First Amendment," Watson wrote.

"It does mean that the issue of imposing restrictions is a complicated one."

Evans estimates that only a tiny percentage of library Internet users seek what most would consider hardcore material. Annually, some 960,000 web sites are accessed each year from the Novi library. If 50 of them each day were pornographic, that would be 13,000 per year, she said.

The problem with filters, Evans said, is that they're imperfect. Perpetually unblockable web sites, like those discussing breast cancer, may be blocked out because of the words they contain. The classic

example most often cited is Mars Explorer, a space travel topic for which there are numerous web pages, because contains the letters "e-e-a."

"I think they give a false sense of security if they feel a filter can remove pornography from the Internet," Evans said. "What blocking is doing is privatizing the idea of censorship and taking it away from government."

Sheppard said she realizes that librarians can't be watchdogs. In her case, when she complained about the teen eyeballing the pornography, the librarian asked him to exit the web site.

"If an adult bookstore or movie house tried to move into town, I believe our residents would loudly object. Yet, our tax dollars are supporting and providing, free of charge, pornographic materials to any and all library patrons," she said.

Campbell said she believes the

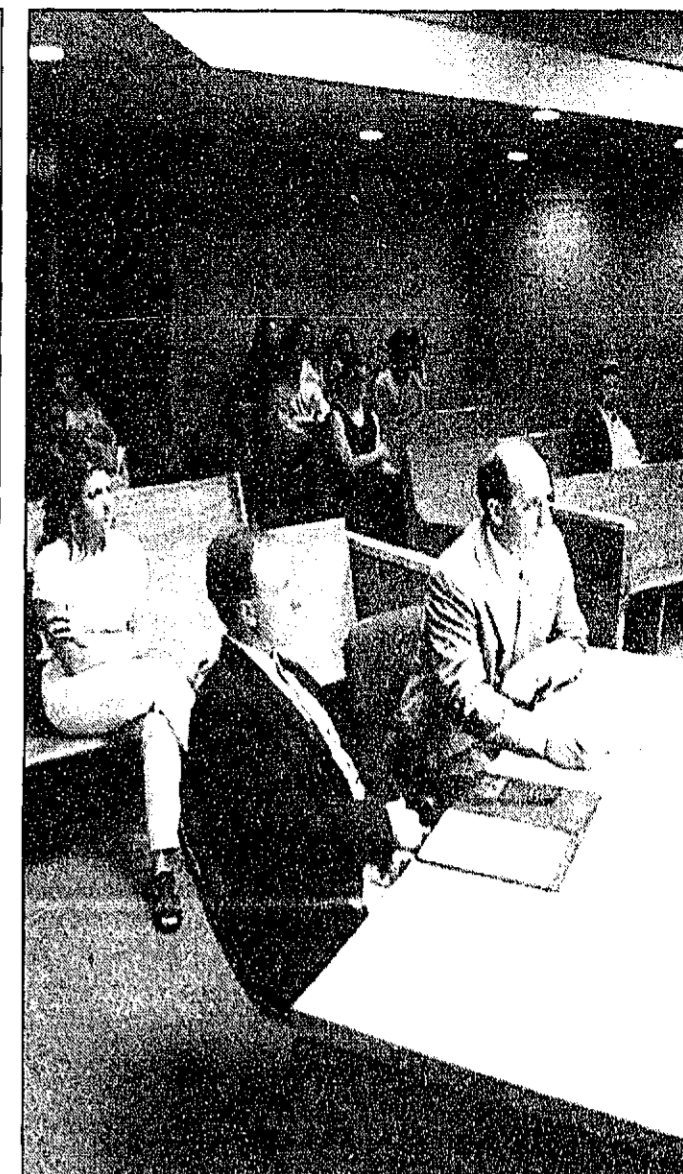


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Though it was a relatively slow day after a holiday weekend, Judge Brian MacKenzie's courtroom on Monday afternoon still holds about a dozen cases awaiting the court's attention.

District court looks for added judge

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The 52-1 District Court serves available for additional administrative staff.

"We're already at capacity now," Batchik explained. "We're bursting at the seams."

Said one of his administrative staffers, "It's terrible. I'm exhausted."

The 52-1 District Court serves Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and the townships of Milford, Highland, Commerce, Lyon, White Lake and Rose.

Currently serving on the bench are Batchik, Judge Brian MacKenzie and Judge Dennis Powers.

Structural problems delay arena opening

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enrollments in the Learn To Skate program. Refunds are expected to be sent to the parents of some 200 kids enrolled in the programs.

Both Novi and Northville high schools will have hockey teams based at the Novi/Ten Mile Road site.

Some of the Novi Youth Hockey travel teams had booked ice time at the new facility and alternative ice times are being sought for them at other area rinks.

While owned by the Novi Building Authority, overseeing the oper-

ations of the ice arena, including programming, is handled by the Community Clubs of Novi.

Community Clubs Trustee Thomas Kenney said they were informed last week that the facility's opening date would not be met due to the structural fault. The board knew about the problem, but the later opening date was "somewhat unexpected," he said.

But he said it's not anticipated that the August opening will impact upcoming fall program-

ing, such as Novi Youth Hockey.

"There is no delay at this point, as far as I can see," Kenney added.

The Novi building features two National Hockey Association size, 17,000 square foot ice rinks. Interior work is continuing in the building.

The first layers of ice have already been poured over the sand base on the rinks and this week, the ice will be painted white overall and the blue and red lines for hockey will be drawn.

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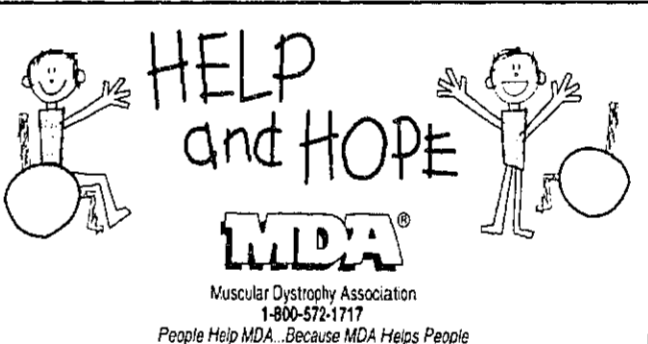
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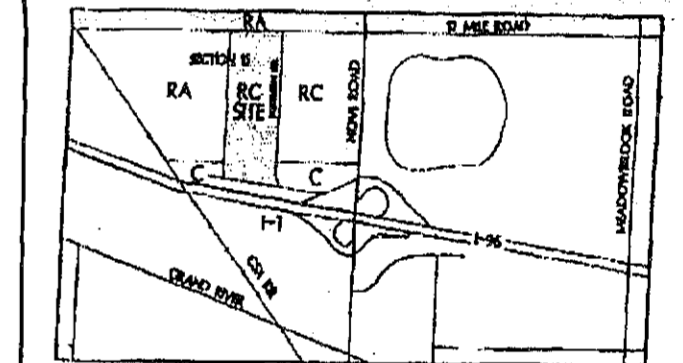
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 1998.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Earl's Farm & Produce is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow an outdoor produce stand at 40670 Ten Mile Road, located on the north side of Ten Mile Road, between Meadowbrook Road and Haggerty Road from July 15, 1998 through October 15, 1998.

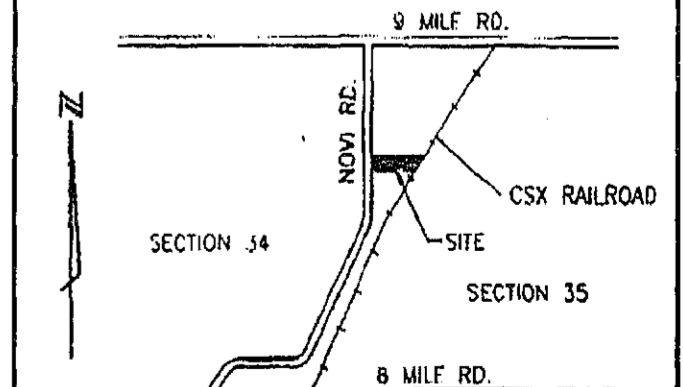
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 on Wednesday, July 15, 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 July 15, 1998.

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As We See It

Andris' proposal again wasting community's time

The saga first began in 1986 and it's time for it to stop.

The shenanigans revolving around the Andris-Roman property are frustrating at the very least. What started out as a fun idea of a restaurant overlooking the lake is now a bad idea of a shopping center on the shore.

Andris is back with a request to switch zoning on small pieces of property on Walled Lake and just across East Lake Road. Instead of a restaurant, he wants to put a small shopping center with services like a coffee or yogurt shop.

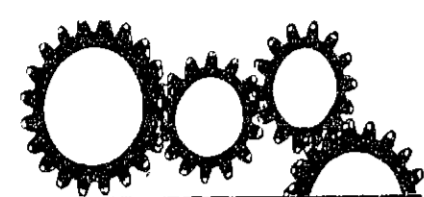
Although he was barred from putting his restaurant on the lakeside and had to move it across the street, we feel the city has given him enough slack already.

He comes and goes with proposals, asking for a little here and a little more there. He keeps changing his mind. He sued the city, and lost.

Even with the request to rezone both properties on the Novi Planning Commission table last night, his approved site plan for Port Papadopolis still stands although an actual building doesn't. He's cleared the land, but hasn't done anything else.

In 1987 Andris proposed the same plan, according to city documents, and it was denied. Minutes from the meetings as well as information from consultants point out the shopping center concept doesn't fit on the water, doesn't mesh with the Master Plan which calls for single family residential use.

Why should it be different now? At



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At this point, he seems to be wasting a whole community's time.

In addition, consultant Brandon Rogers pointed out there is a shopping center going up a quarter mile away on Decker Road.

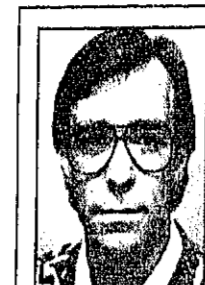
The lakefront is beginning to rejuvenate, with new houses going up, old ones being renovated. We can't believe building condominiums or even a house on the site can't be done without making money off it.

We would hate to see the either of the parcels developed as commercial shopping. The idea of a restaurant in the area was a good one we thought. It fits into the small neighborhood feel in the area.

The planning commission was to hear the rezoning request last night. We hope the city won't find in his favor and instead tells him to go build his restaurant and get on with life.

Residents in the area have long said they don't trust Andris and some of his behavior supports their fears. It seems to us they have good reasons.

Web filters are not foolproof



Michael Malott

I had to snicker a bit when Novi Library Director Brenda Evans was quoted this week as pointing out that software filters for the Internet are not foolproof in a story on the front page this week by reporter Jan Jeffers.

The issue was whether the Novi Library should restrict access to porno sites on its Internet terminals. The courts elsewhere have ruled in favor of patrons who felt their First Amendment rights

were violated when library boards restricted access on library computers to pornographic Web pages.

Still, two Novi mothers recently raised the issue by pointing out that kids could see X-rated photos being viewed by computer users in the library.

Evans was pointing out that the software filters designed to restrict access are not perfect, because they rely on barring searches for certain keywords. In a way, they give a false sense of security.

And I'm here to tell you she's absolutely right. Searches for some of the most innocent sounding things have turned up some truly bizarre Web pages on our computers.

For instance, a reporter here not long ago was doing research for an article to go in our Michigan 50s Festival tab and put the words "bobby socks" in our Web browser. What came rolling out of the computer was pages of hardcore triple-XXX porno. Did you know there is such a thing as a Filthy Fetish?

I guess I just lead a sheltered life.

For a news story on summer youth employment opportunities, a reporter here plucked the words "teen summer jobs" into the browser. You'll just have to use your imagination about what that picked up on the Internet.

For parents who have given their children access to computers to browse the Internet, it is especially important. Concerned parents who have attempted to block porno sites need to know that some can and typically do still slip through. They still need to monitor their kids' Web browsing activities.

For those parents who can't look over their kids' shoulders all the time, it is especially difficult, but there is a way for them to monitor their kids' activity.

They need to find a file called a "cache." That file captures copies of everything downloaded from the Internet. The purpose of the file is so that once a photo, text file or logo is downloaded from the Internet, your computer doesn't have to spend time bringing it in again.

But it also allows parents to take a look at what their kids have been viewing. Kids of course know about this too. So some of the more computer literate children will go into the cache and empty it into the trash. If your kid does a lot of Web browsing, but the cache is empty, take it as a warning sign.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at novinews@tonline.com.

In Focus

By John Heider



The idea of this game is for each youngster to go through the hoop while they all hold hands.

in focus

There go the pithy quotes



Wendy P. Mitzel

There go the pithy quotes, the flippancy statements, the sound bites.

Novi Board of Education President Ray Byers is moving to Columbus on a promotion.

From a reporters perspective, Byers was both a great source and a frustration. He had a wealth of information, like to tip things and wasn't afraid to tell it like it was. When the school district, the City of Novi and Harvest

Land Co. were engaged in a land battle last year, Byers wasn't too shy to express his frustrations. "I'm sick and tired of the shenanigans," he said last November. "We have one very selfish developer in Novi ... who is lining his pockets at the expense of the school district."

"I absolutely do not trust Mr. Weiner and the organization he represents," he went on. "Are we the pawns? You betcha."

But he also drove me nuts. And I think he enjoyed it. Obviously verbal communication isn't my strong point (that's why I'm a writer) so when it came to duking it out over an issue, he would have me speechless in confusion.

It was strange to hear his fellow colleagues use words like "ego" and "cocky" during his last board

meeting. They meant them endearingly. I guess I can understand that. Like they said, he was who he was and he didn't apologize.

Obviously, the assertive personality worked for him. He was very involved in the community and climbed the ladder at work. So much so he will be a lobbyist for the auto industry, now.

But I have a feeling, just like Trustee Carol Ellring said, he's a lot softer than he lets on.

As president of the board, Byers did move the meetings along pretty efficiently. Not because he didn't encourage discussion, but because he encouraged questions and answers to occur before the issues came up.

While it is responsible to do homework, getting all the answers before the class discussion lends to deliberations and a feeling of immediate consensus, or rubber stamping.

So while on one hand the board seemed open and orderly, the efficiency can cloud things up. If not on purpose. One of my biggest pet peeves was the consent agenda, which moved along monotonous items but also contained important items from time to time that wouldn't come up for any more discussion.

Byers, it seems, had a good working relationship with his fellow trustees and the administration. I think they will miss his leadership at the board table.

I guess in my own way, I will too. Wendy Pierman Mitzel is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Cherry season, a glory of summer



Phil Power

We are entering the cherry season, one of the great glories of a Michigan summer. My ancestors grew cherries on the old family farm. Two old photos are particularly striking.

One is a picture of my great-grandmother, Celestia Power, sitting on the porch of the old family farm in Elk Rapids, a tiny town near Traverse City. I suppose the picture was taken around the turn of the century as she is wearing the full-busted, long, cotton dress fashionable at the time. She's sitting in a rocking chair on an old-fashioned porch with Old Joe, the family English setter, sleeping on the grass below.

The other is a picture of great-grandfather Eugene Power, in a white shirt and tie, dark suit and Panama hat, standing in the middle of his cherry orchard. He's surveying the newly planted trees, with a farm hand holding a pruning knife standing behind him.

Family legend has it that great-grandfather Power was one of the first farmers to plant Montmorency cherries (called "sours" to distinguish them from the dark red eating cherries, "sweets") in northern Michigan. For a time, they became the dominant crop in the region, thriving on the sandy, well-drained soil and the moderating influence of the lake. Even today, most land that hasn't been raped by the developers is in cherry orchards.

My father remembered his first job was

on the family farm, picking cherries for 10 cents a lug. He thinks his father, Glenn, who started out as a surveyor, helped great-grandfather Eugene lay out the cherry trees in long, straight lines.

I suspect it wasn't easy to be a pioneering farmer way back then. You couldn't be sure the trees, once planted, would thrive or bear well. And there was always the risk of a late frost nipping the fruit. And your capital, once lost, was so hard to regain!

But originality (often in practice hard to distinguish from mere eccentricity) always ran deep in the Power family.

That was their way — and the way of countless pioneer families like them. They made our state and our nation what it is, and it gives me a feeling of family continuity to think of them.

And just in time for the sour cherry season, here's our family recipe for:

Montmorency Cherry Pie
For the crust:
1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour, plus additional for rolling
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup lard
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
2 tablespoons ice water
1 teaspoon white vinegar
2 eggs

For the filling:
4 cups pitted red sour cherries
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces

1 tablespoon kirsch (optional)

For the crust: Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Add the lard, butter and shortening and mix with your fingers or a pastry cutter until mixture forms coarse crumbs. Whisk together the ice water, vinegar and one of the eggs. Add to the flour mixture and mix with a fork just until combined; do not overwork the dough. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

For the filling: In a large bowl, combine the cherries, sugars, tapioca, almond extract, mace and optional kirsch. If desired, allow to stand for 15 minutes. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Roll out 2/3 of the dough on a lightly floured surface. Line a 9-inch pie plate with the dough and trim the edges. Place the filling in the pie shell and dot with the butter. Roll the remaining dough and make in to a lattice top. Whisk the remaining egg with 2 teaspoons of water and brush the egg wash onto the top.

Bake for 10 minutes, then lower the temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for 30 or 40 minutes longer, or until the juices bubble up in the center of the pie. Cook briefly and eat warm.

My father preferred vanilla ice cream with his pie. I'm more of a purist. Either way, it's a delicious way to celebrate Michigan cherries and the family that grew them.

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@tonline.com.

Thanks for all great memories

To the editor:
My wife Linda and I would like to thank the community for the wonderful quality of life Novi has provided our sons and us over the past 22 years. When we moved to Novi we thought it would be a short stay and we would be transferred out in a short time. That short time lasted 22 years and

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allowed us to raise two boys, both of whom went K-12 through the Novi schools. We liked the city so much we built a new home after we had been there 7 years. The

decision to move to Novi and then build a new home was because of the people and the schools. The warmth and friendships we found over the years makes Novi a great

place to live and raise a family. We will miss our friends and the city but you will always be in our memory. It is said you can never come home, but I'll bet we could always come back to Novi and be home. Thanks again for all the great memories, we will miss you.

Ray and Linda Byers

Plymouth was 'Air Rifle Capital'



Barbara Louie

Any fan of the comedy film "The Christmas Story" knows the fascinating BB gun could have on a young boy. The main plot of the movie, which is set in the Midwest in the 1950s, is the main character's desire to get a "Red Ryder BB gun" for Christmas.

What many local viewers of that film may not be aware of is that for many years, nearby Plymouth was a world-wide leader in air rifle or BB gun production. In fact, Plymouth was once known as the "Air Rifle Capital of the World."

It started in 1885 with the Markham Manufacturing Co. William F. Markham's plant, located on Main Street in Plymouth, had initially been formed to produce tanks and cisterns. When an employee created a design for an inexpensive "toy" rifle, Markham improved on it, acquired the ownership rights, and took out a patent for a toy air rifle in 1887.

The air rifle, first manufactured in the U.S. in 1880, was first made of wood with

a brass tube inside. Markham's original model, known as the "Chicago," was the first air rifle to be made in volume and available at a reasonable price. The product was so successful that by 1887, the name of the firm was changed to the Markham Air Rifle Co.

Though Markham was the first in Plymouth to produce the air rifle, he was not alone.

The Plymouth Windmill Co., owned by Clarence J. Hamilton, began to make air rifles in 1888. Where the Markham rifle was made of wood, Hamilton's product was made entirely of metal.

As windmills sales began to fall, the sale of the rifles increased and by 1895, they had taken over the entire operation. The company's name was changed to the Daisy Manufacturing Co., producer of the Daisy Air Rifle.

The air rifle was a popular item throughout the country at the time. Besides the two plants in Plymouth, Northville's J.A. Dubar Manufacturing Co. joined the bandwagon with the "Globe" air rifle in 1894, along with a number of other companies around the state. But Daisy rose to the top by acquiring the Dubar line in 1903, and absorbing Markham's company in 1912.

Meanwhile, Hamilton, who had created

the all-metal Daisy air gun, resigned from his own company in 1898. With his son, the two formed another company eventually known as C.J. Hamilton & Son, producing an inexpensive .22 caliber rifle they had invented together. The firm lasted until 1945.

The Daisy rifle, however, remained the top of the line and, according to Plymouth historian Sam Hudson, "carried the name of Plymouth throughout the world."

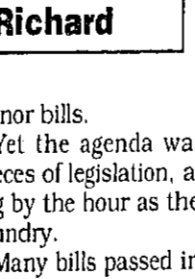
By the 1930s, an "aggressive promotional program" combined real-life boyhood heroes with comic book legends to publicize the product. With Superman and even Red Ryder himself urging boys to "Get a Daisy with your Christmas cash!", it's no wonder the hero of "A Christmas Story" couldn't resist the lure!

Daisy had become Plymouth's largest and most well-known employer. Therefore, it was a shock to the community when, in 1957, the company announced it was relocating to Rogers, Ark.

Though the pull-out did not affect the town's economy as local leaders had feared, Plymouth has never regained that world-wide recognition it had when it was known as "The Air Rifle Capital of the World."

Barbara Louie is a local historian and author of the book "No. VI on the Trail."

Legislators make sausage in Lansing



Tim Richard

This is to let the members know," announced House majority floor leader Pat Gallagher, "there will be no more voting today."

The time was early last week. The Michigan House of Representatives had been in session little more than an hour and had acted on just a half-dozen

minor bills.

Yet the agenda was crowded with 162 pieces of legislation, and the list was growing by the hour as the Senate sent over its laundry.

Many bills passed in one chamber would never receive a minute's consideration in the other. For example, Senate Republicans were passing across-the-board income tax cuts to take effect years down the road. House Democrats were passing income tax cuts to favored groups that had voted Democratic.

Whoever said watching the legislative process was like watching the making of sausage was correct.

A colorful battle occurred when Republican Rep. Nancy Cassis of Novi was about to get a majority of green lights for her amendment to give immediate effect to a single business tax cut for company health care costs. The committee plan was to phase it in over 10 years; Cassis had the

votes to go for broke immediately.

House Democratic leaders "cleared the board" — that is, halted the roll call vote and set aside the bill for the day. "Clear the board" can be a perfectly valid parliamentary technique when a situation becomes tangled and confused. In this case, Democrats sought to avoid the embarrassment of defeat.

In other words, it's an election year. Some 65 House seats, at least, will change hands. Each party is posturing to 1) make itself look good and 2) make the other party look bad.

As of the first of July, the pipeline was clogged with bills, including budget measures, that were being compromised in conference committees. What's dangerous about this procedure is that all the bills get voted on one, all-night session.

The bills aren't considered thoughtfully. There is a flood, not a flow, of work. Everyone is so eager to get the heck out of Lansing and do important things like run for reelection or look for a new job that measures get passed blindly. That's how the Engler administration sneaked through its evil, crippling amendments to the Freedom of Information Act during a post-midnight session in 1996.

Democrats, somewhat more so than Republicans, operate the chamber like a collective bargaining session when they're in control. In collective bargaining, you don't negotiate the health section one week, the promotions section the second week, wages the third, recalls the fourth, pensions the fifth, and so on — no way.

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Border Cantina: 21420 Novi Rd., Novi. The deck has six tables that seat a total of 30 people on a raised platform. Mexican fare ranges from \$3-\$9 at the family oriented restaurant. Premium margaritas are a specialty. Hours: Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sunday noon to 7 p.m.

Cup O' Joe: 20601 Town Center Dr., Novi. Located next to the General Cinema, Cup O' Joe offers sandwiches served on Great Harvest bread, salads and 82 different specialty drinks at 8 outdoor tables protected by an overhang. Dally soups and chicken taco sandwiches are favorites. Average cost for lunch is \$5. Shakes, malts and espresso drinks like "Old Flannel Shirt" with white chocolate and caramel can be had for around \$3. Hours: Monday - Thursday from 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Live entertainment is featured on the weekends.

Diamond Jim Brady's: 26053 Town Center Dr., Novi. Near the General Cinema at the Town Center, six outdoor 2-seat tables are partitioned off with trellises planted with wild grasses. The bistro fare includes burgers, fresh fish and various appetizers with lunches around \$10 and dinners ranging from \$11 to \$16. Hours: Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday 4 - 8 p.m.

Edward's: 116 E. Dunlap, Northville. Shaded by trees, seven tables that can accommodate up to four people each are arranged along Dunlap Street. A breakfast of bagel, muffin or scone with coffee runs around \$4.50. Sandwiches, soups or entrees can be had for lunch or dinner for around \$8. Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall: 108 E. Main St. Genitti's serves \$5 lunches of homemade soups and sandwiches outside everyday. Seven-course Italian dinners are served inside only, but dinner-time smokers often find their way to the 30 outdoor seats on Main Street in the evenings, as the restaurant is strictly non-smoking. Hours: Seven days a week lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with dinner by reservation only.

Library Sports Pub and Grill: 42100 Grand River, Novi. Indoor furniture moved outside makes the Library's covered patio a comfortable place to enjoy pizza, ribs, buffalo wings, finger foods or "the biggest salads this side of the Mason-Dixon Line." Kid's Meals complete with cupcakes are also featured. Meals range from \$3 - \$13, and sports can be seen and heard outside. Hours: Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., Sundays noon to midnight.

Local Color: 42705 Grand River, Novi. Up to eight people can be accommodated on tables in front of Local Color which serves up seven different styles of home brewed beer. Meal of pizza, steaks, sandwiches, and hamburgers average \$11 - \$18, with sandwiches priced at \$6.25. Hours: Monday - Thursday and Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Mackinnon's: 126 E. Main St., Northville. An outdoor patio enclosed with white trellises behind the restaurant offers a cozy fine-dining experience for up to 30 guests at a time. On the menu is a Scotch Grill, Blown-up Duck and a Devonshire sandwich. Lunches average \$8 with dinners ranging up to \$24. Hours: Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Live jazz bands perform on Friday or Saturday nights weather permitting.

Max & Erma's: 27466 Novi Rd., Novi. A breezy break from shopping can be had at the 10 outdoor tables of Max & Erma's. Garden landscaping and shady umbrellas buffer the cafe from the adjacent Twelve Oaks parking lot. The restaurant specializes in burgers and American fare with dinners ranging from \$8-\$12. Hours: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday - Saturday. Sundays the restaurant closes at 7 p.m.

Motor City Bagels: 250 N. Center, Northville. Patrons can enjoy coffee in the sun outside of Motor City Bagels at one of five tables out front. Fare includes toasted bagels or bagel sandwiches ranging from \$2-\$4. Tall cappuccinos or specialty drinks ring in at \$2.79. Pastries and cakes are also sold. Hours: Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mr. B's Farm: 24555 Novi Rd., Novi. Mr. B's open patio, set back from Novi Rd., is shaded by an awning. Diners and drinkers can at the 16 round tables on site can watch volleyball from their chair. Baseball games are also played out back. The restaurant's varied menu includes pizzas, Mexican food, dinner, burgers and sandwiches ranging from \$8-\$10. Hours: Monday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 a.m., Sunday noon - 2 a.m.

Northville Coffee Bean Co.: 137 E. Main, Northville. Two tables outside of Northville's coffee shop offer a relaxing see-and-be-seen atmosphere for coffee drinking. Tall specialty coffees ring in between \$2 - \$3. Pastries include biscotti, muffins and

Panera Bread: 25875 Novi Rd., Novi. Visitors to Panera can take their pastries and coffee to one of eight outdoor tables. Since it's a non-smoking bakery and cafe, many smokers opt to eat under the umbrellas outside. Featuring 20 varieties of bread and sour dough bagels, upscale sandwiches range from \$4-\$6. One of 50 types of pastries and an accompanying espresso can be had for around \$3. Hours: Monday - Saturday 6 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Poole's Tavern has Northville's largest outdoor cafe.

Poole's Tavern: 157 E. Main St., Northville. Northville's largest outdoor cafe has 10 tables that can accommodate 40 customers. Fare includes burgers, pita sandwiches and salads ranging from \$4-\$8. Hours: Monday - Saturday 11 - 2 closed on Sunday.

Tastebud's Cafe: 888-1300, 39777 Grand River, Novi. Pasta, portabella mushroom sandwiches and reubens are among the meals served at the six-table cafe out front of Tastebud's, with lunch ranging from \$6-\$7 and dinner around \$9. Breakfasts of egg white omelets or tenderloin and egg platters cost around \$5. Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday - Friday 10:30 - 8 p.m., Sunday breakfast 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Too Chez: 27155 Sheraton, Novi. Light jazz bands entertain on the screened-in patio Monday and Friday evenings. Too Chez offers a fine dining experience in a casual atmosphere, with tables overlooking outdoor gardens. Plates of seafood, game, pasta or pizza and range from \$12-\$28. Hours: Monday - Saturday lunch runs from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and dinner is served from 5:30 - 10 p.m. On Saturdays, dinner is served until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe: 215 N. Center St., Northville. Two tables outside this coffee shop make it a great place to stop for cappuccino and people-watching. Fresh salads, soups and sandwiches priced at \$7.65 or \$4.25 for a half are also served. Cappuccino ranges from \$2-\$2.75. Zingerman's breads and pastries are on hand for dessert. Hours: Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. to midnight, Sunday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Great Outdoors

Area eateries take customers outside for better dining

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brewed experience can be found at the tables outside Local Color. In downtown Northville, residents like Shelley Zak start their morning with coffee outside the Northville Coffee Bean. "Everybody walks by and says hello to you because Northville's such a nice town," said Zak, who stopped by the Coffee Bean one recent Thursday morning before work. "Plus I get to smoke out here." Her friend, Jeffery Logan Von Buskirk, agreed. "It's satisfying people-watching and you get a taste of the air," VanBuskirk said.

Lunch outside in downtown Northville can consist of soup and sandwiches in front of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall or gourmet salads at Edward's Caterer. Later, diners can opt for a classy affair within the trellis enclosed porch of Mackinnon's and top it off with an after-dinner drink across the street at Poole's Tavern. "I think people crave outdoor cafes around here. You always see people walking around, looking for something to do," said Maureen Sarnacki of Novi, a self-described domestic engineer raising four children.

She and her husband, Paul, an attorney, stopped by Poole's for a cocktail after watching their son's soccer game. "How wonderful to sit and have a beverage or dinner and see your friends walk by," Sarnacki said. The couple sat with Maureen's sister, Patty Vincent and brother-in-law, Robert Richards. Richards and Vincent spent years in Europe and said Northville's cafes are nice, but don't compare to those in places like Vienna, which are open all year long.

Richards said the outdoor areas in Northville could be more cigar and pet friendly. "We've taken our dog to the finest restaurants in Vienna," he said of Bailey the Dalmatian. "In Vienna, everything is outside." One of the reasons the couple thinks outdoor dining may not be as popular in the U.S. is because it is more regulated by law. "There are just so many restrictions in the states," Patty said. But Mary Poole said the Northville City Council was "very accommodating" when they granted Poole's permission to partition

off the area from May 1 to October 31. The only restrictions were that the outdoor seating had to close at 1 a.m. and couldn't display any advertising on the table umbrellas. "I think they were more than ready for something to change on this corner," Poole said. Poole's received a temporary permit, which won't be renewed until the city reviews whether the outdoor seating inspired any noise or complaints. Laurie Marrs, director of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, said the local government likes to work closely with restaurant owners to help make them a success.

"They know how much business they bring to the area so they are very agreeable to listening to their requests," Marrs said. "The outdoor tables make our town look very inviting. People just absolutely love them. I, for one, do. I don't know, the food just tastes better." So far, Poole said the outdoor seating has gotten good reviews. "It's more casual. People are really relaxed. They say what a nice addition it is to the community. I just get a lot of positive feedback from the people out there," she said.

She has added a fountain, and even wheeled a TV out onto the patio during the Red Wings playoff games. "I think it gives us a lot of exposure. We're perceived as a bar but this attracts a new customer base that we didn't have before. Hopefully it will carry over in to the winter, especially with lunch," she said.

Jim Grove, a 25-year-old finish carpenter, joined a table of friends at Poole's Thursday evening and ordered a Hooch Lemon Brew. "I think it's great because you don't have to deal with the confinement of a dark, dank bar," Grove said. His friend, Jeff Mutz, 26, agreed. "I just got done playing hockey so it's kind of refreshing. It's rather cramped inside and there's a better breeze out here and this just happened to be where my friends are sitting." Their friend Anne Wyrwas, a 26-year-old computer systems administrator with Chrysler, summed it up. "There's nothing like a cold beer on a warm night outside," she said.

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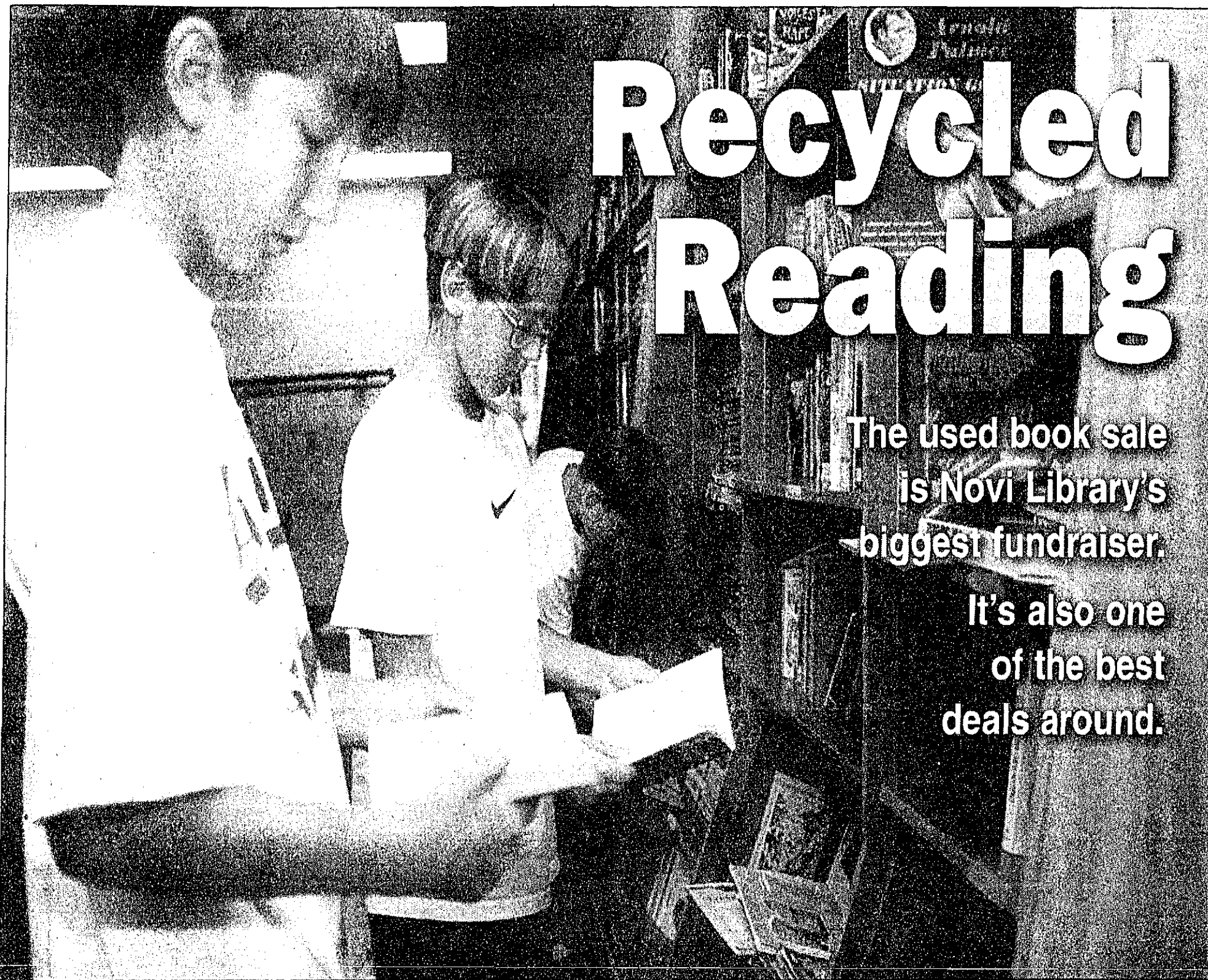
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Recycled Reading

The used book sale is Novi Library's biggest fundraiser.

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Young library volunteers, from left, Carlo Pizzorni, 11 and Mike Pitcher, 12, both of Novi, checked out some of the used books recently.

Buying them by the bag or one-by-one, books from the Novi Used Book Sale are one of the last great deals around.

Paperbacks sell for 25 cents. Hardcover go for 50 cents. The tab for a whole grocery bag of books will come to only \$2.

Organized by the Friends of the Novi Library, the Used Book Sale is the group's biggest fund raiser for the year.

Proceeds from the ongoing sale have gone to purchase folding tables for the library's conference rooms, a table for the disabled, paintings, photographs, wall hangings, computer graphic software (\$1,000), training seminars for librarians, contributions to the summer reading program (\$350), large print books, laptop computer systems (\$1,500) and \$4,700 for the library newsletter, which is mailed to all residents.

"The several thousands of dollars a year we contribute for various library programs mostly comes from the used book sale," said Ruth Bozian, who along with Dorothy Flattery is the co-chairman of the Friends of the Novi Library.

During the last fiscal year, which ended in May, the Friends raised \$2,512. As of June 26, the Used Book Sale has already raised \$666.

The Friends come in twice a month to sort and shelve the books on alternate Thursdays and Fridays.

"It shows what a dedicated group the Friends are," said Brenda Evans, director of the Novi Library. "It is not a lot of fun to haul around heavy books."

At \$2 a bag, there are people who come in and buy two and three bagsful at a time, according to Bozian.

"There are a lot of regulars," said Bozian. "They know our schedule and are waiting for us."

Sometimes the sale shelves are empty one week and full the next. Bozian said it seems to go in cycles. In the spring time a lot of books donated for sale come in because people are doing their spring cleaning.

Sometimes there's a rush on cook books. Small children's books are always in demand.

Some people belong to book clubs and make donations. The Harlequin romance books go fast.

Books geared to middle school age children

Membership dues for the Friends of the Novi Library are minimal - \$5, for individuals and \$10 for a family. The Friends have 21 members although not all are active.

Novi Public Library is located at 45245 Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. although during the summer the library is closed on Sunday.

For more information, call the library at 349-0720.

"Computer books, we can always use that kind of material," she said. "Readers Digest' condensed books don't move too well."

Other books that move well are handicraft books and cookbooks, fiction both hardcover and paperback, dictionaries, encyclopedias, foreign language dictionaries, biographies and the older classics.

Among the things that seem to collect dust are old textbooks, according to Bozian.

"Most donations are pretty recent," she said. "The popular romance writers in hardback, some look like they haven't even been read."

Some patrons buy books, read them, and then donate them back to the sale.

"Like Lee Iacocca, we seem to always have four or five of his biographies, they go out and come back in," Bozian said. "They get a lot of mileage."

There also seems to be a cycle for purchases also. Around Thanksgiving and Christmas

sales are slow but they pick up again in January and February.

In the summertime, people buy bags of books to take to the cottage, according to Bozian.

The Used Book Sale was a three-day annual event held in the fall until about six years ago when it was switched to an ongoing book sale when space became available in the library.

"It got to be a real chore storing the books for a whole year then hauling them all out (for the sale)," Bozian said.

Donations will be accepted by the library during normal business hours. Books should be in good condition.

"Anything in a flood is not acceptable," Evans said. "It is not going to sell."

Books donated to the Novi Library are sorted by the library staff. Some books are used for the library's collection. Those that the library already has adequate copies of will go to the Used Book Sale.

"The book sale is the prime revenue generator for the Friends," Bozian said. "We can buy expensive and needed things for library."

The Used Book Sale is open to patrons in the meeting room during normal library hours unless there is a meeting in progress.

"It is an awfully good deal for people,"

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Story by CAROL DIPPLE

Helpful donation AAUW presents gifts to libraries

Gifts of \$250 each were given to the Northville District Library and the Novi Public Library by the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women.

The checks will enable each library to increase its collection of books in the field of women's studies by about a dozen.

The gift of money to the two libraries is an extension of the branch program, "Remember the Ladies," through which biographies of women are given to public, private and parochial elementary and middle schools. The program is an outgrowth of a survey of the school libraries in which it was generally found that biographies of men far exceeded in number those of women.

Funds for the gifts were raised through the Historic Home Tours which are held annually during Northville's Victorian Festival in September.

Along with the checks, AAUW branch president Diane Rockall

also presented to Northville's library director Julie Herrin and Novi's library assistant director Jane Brown copies of "75 Years of the American Association of University Women of Michigan - 1922-1997" by Esther Walton.

All 54 Michigan branches submitted brief histories of their branch for the book. Lynn Clarke of Northville compiled the history of the Northville/Novi branch for inclusion in the book.

Rockall also presented a copy of her book "A Powerful Voice for 75 Years - The League of Women Voters in Michigan's History" to each of the directors.

The cover of the book features a quilt made of squares submitted by each branch. Ginny Cole and Ann Marie Karsama designed the Northville/Novi quilt square. The finished quilt has been donated to the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

The Northville/Novi branch was founded in 1975. Fourteen charter members remain active.

They are Joan Barber, Mary Lou Battley, Carol Beier, Edna Fleming, Dorothy Gay, Lou Gute, Betty Hancock, Virginia Kaiser, Cathy Lang, Joyce Murdock, Nancy Olgren, Karen Olson, Janie Smith and Karel Whitaker.

Membership in AAUW is open to anyone with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

Student affiliate members are also welcome. The national organization began in Boston in 1881 and now numbers more than 160,000 members.

The Detroit branch was chartered in 1889 but the Michigan AAUW history dates from 1922. Eight other branches preceded the state organization. They include Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Birmingham, Flint, Iron Mountain/Kingsford, Kalamazoo, Lansing area and Saginaw.

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.



Submitted Photo

AAUW branch president Diane Rockall presents a check to Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin. The money will be used to increase the library's collection of books on women's studies.

Reunions

LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, July 31, Northfield Hill in Troy. Call (810) 465-2277.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL: 40th Class Reunion, July 31, Novi Hill. Call Mike at (248) 548-4829 or Joan at (248) 349-5463.

STERLING HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 25, Gino's Surf Restaurant in Harrison Township. Call (248) 360-7004.

ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 18, Crowne Plaza. Call (810) 465-2277.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 24, Zuccaro's in Chesterfield. Call (810) 465-2277.

ST. AGATHA HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Nov. 7, Bonnie Brook Banquet Center in Detroit. Call (734) 397-8766.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Nov. 28, Holiday Inn-Fairlane in Dearborn. Call (734) 397-8766.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 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/kolyan/reunion.html.

DETROIT REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Meadowbrook Country Club. Call Donna Oberg (248) 685-1098.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: All past members are invited to celebrate the chorus's 25th anniversary on Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor in Livonia. For details, call (734) 459-6829.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 348-4282.

EAST LANSING HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 29, The University Club in East Lansing. Call (248) 360-7004.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Oct. 3, The Somerset Inn in Troy. Call (248) 360-7004.

DETROIT OSBORN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Nov. 7, St. John's Helene Center in Sterling Heights. Call (248) 366-9493.

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD: Class of 1973, 25-year class reunion, Sept. 12, Knight of Columbus George F. Monaghan. Call (248) 816-8107.

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

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

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

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL: Classes of 1948 and 1949, 50-year reunion, Oct. 3, St. Clement Hall, 19600 Ford Road in Dearborn. Call - 1948 - (313) 266-4129; 1949 - (313) 273-1589.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Saturday, Aug. 8, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call (248) 477-0965.

ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1948, 50-year reunion, Sept. 27, Mirage in Clinton Township. Call Loraine at (313) 981-4540 or Rosemarie at (810) 777-0026.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL-FERDALE: Class of 1953, 45-year reunion, Oct. 3, Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. Call (734) 397-8766.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Sept. 12, Crowne Plaza Penta-train in Detroit. Call (734) 397-8766.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Roma's of

Garden City. Call (248) 360-7004.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 3, at Best Western in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 366-9493.

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Adlan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call (248) 360-7004.

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion.

Saturday, Oct. 24, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Oak Hall in Wyandotte. Call (248) 360-7004.

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call (414) 366-9493.

FERDALE HIGH SCHOOL:

Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Double-Tree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 1, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 366-9493.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Sept. 19, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

BISHOP BORGESS HIGH SCHOOL-REDFORD: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Sept. 6, Novi Hill in Novi. Call (734) 397-

8766.

DETROIT REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Sept. 26, St. Adlan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call (248) 360-7004.

CLARENCE M. KIMBALL HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27, Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call (734) 397-8766.

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

LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 15, Call (734) 420-2558.

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

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

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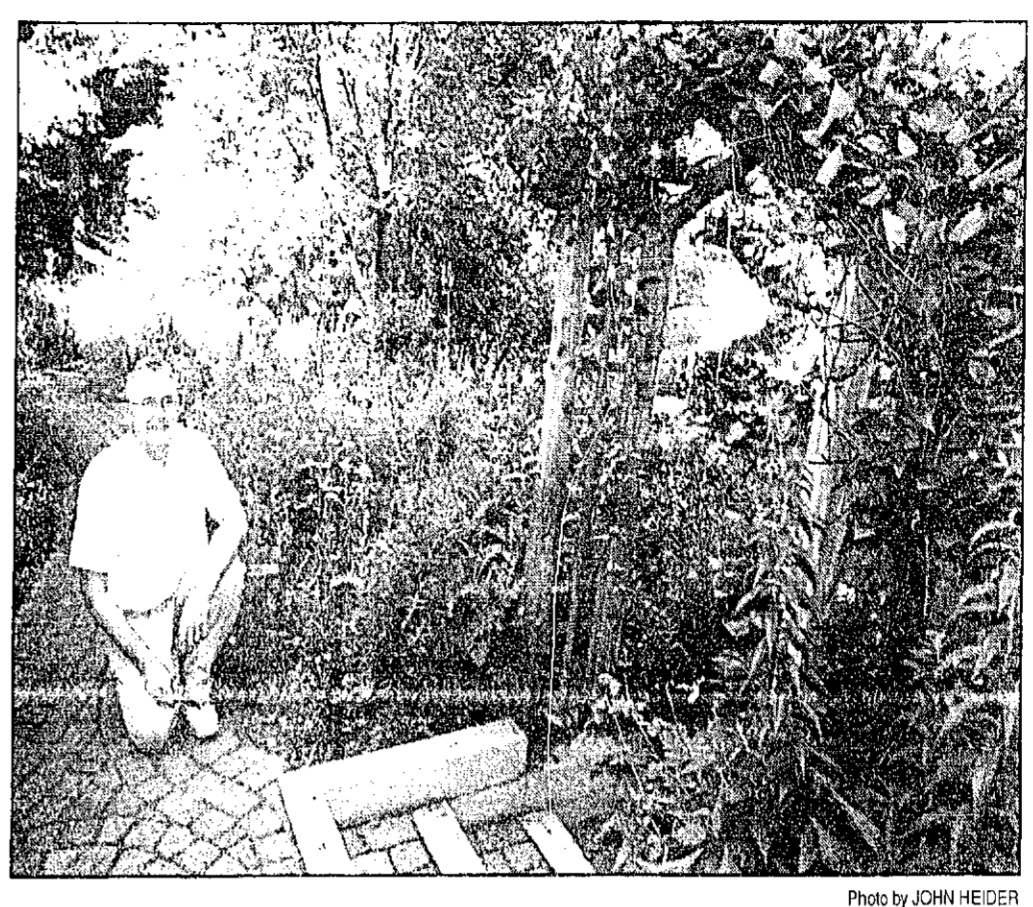
Garden of the Month

When I began my journey down Thornapple Lane to Joe and Bette Widak's home, I had a strong sensation of being in northern Michigan... especially as I continued down the long winding driveway which is completely shaded by giant beech, Oak and maple trees; their branches bending across the drive creating a "cathedral ceiling" and totally obscuring the sky.

On both sides of the drive are neat rows of hostas leading the way to the handsome home where the Widaks have lived for over 22 years. At the end of the circular drive is a large pear-shaped lawn with a bed holding masses of daylilies, roses and phlox encircled by varieties of hostas. Most of the two-acre property remains natural where many wildflowers flourish among tall trees and shrub. Jack-in-the-pulpit, trillium and wild geraniums are interspersed with hostas and impatiens.

Joe finds gardening an interesting and relaxing pastime, an activity where the cares of the day seem to melt away in the warm afternoon sun, where frustrations diminish with every weed yanked from among the flowers, and where you can totally disengage from everything but gardening. Joe's pleasant countenance and unfurrowed brow serve as testimony to the therapeutic value of gardening. However, he also has a good buddy to rely on, Sam, a black and white Australian Shepherd who is anxious to please, filled with energy, and ready to lead you down the garden path to a large six-foot-deep pond at the back of the house where little frogs and pond turtles can be seen frolic on large lily pads and where "sowing bugs" zoom through the air on filmy iridescent wings.

But, when the Widaks moved here, there was a lot of work to be done. Large logs and other natural debris littered the pond and surrounding areas. Joe cleared it with the help of heavy equipment brought home from work. The wood was dried, sawed, shredded and used as much or to lay paths through the woods to the back



Joe Widak poses proudly in his garden on Thornapple Lane. Joe and wife Bette have lived in the home for more than 20 years.

garden, Joe said "rumor has it that a stage coach trail existed through the wooded areas of his property and passed through Rural Hill Cemetery en route to its destination. [Never linger too long in Rural Hill. You could become a permanent resident.] As Digger O'Dell, the friendly undertaker seems to say, "You may not like flowers now, but sooner or later they will grow on you." OK, back to reality.

The English cottage garden can be approached by either a wood chip path at the edge of the woods, while passing by tidy rows of hostas on either side, or by descending wooden steps to the gardens below. Down in the garden area is a large circular lawn as lush and flawless as a putting green and flanked by enormous

trees. It's cool here and just cries out for someone to get their golf clubs out and start chipping. Just ahead is the pond where over six large clusters of Siberian iris line the pond's edge. Joe started with one clump and split it. Looking up into the terraced garden provides a very impressive view. A lovely trellis, across brick steps, is covered with purple Jackmanii and white clematis with companion plantings of colorful perennials and annuals. Other trellises host red and pink climbing roses, enhanced by a variety of bush roses and fragrant old roses. Pink, white and red peonies, hydrangeas, glorioxia, bleeding hearts, black-eyed Susans, rubickia, iris, multi-colored yarrow, yellow loosestrife, inuus, sundrops, coral bells and impatiens create a brilliantly col-

ored carpet. Fern and hostas seeking shade, nestle against the house.

Joe is a firm believer in waste-not-want-not. Nothing from the garden goes to the landfill. It is either mulched or composted and returned to the soil. And the land has rewarded Joe by producing beautiful and healthy plants.

Joe is the owner of a very successful business, Novi Mattie, and I suspect he applied some of the same principles in creating his garden as he did when developing his business: excellent planning, good management, sound judgment, working smart and integrity.

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

Library gears up for used book sale

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Evans said.

There is a tax deduction available, which pertains mainly to new books being donated for the first time to the sale. Patrons can ask for a letter with the date and number of hardcover and softcover books being donated.

The library does not appraise donations.

"If they're donating for the first time it might be worth filling the letter out," Evans said.

"People feel good that their books have another life," Evans said.

"There are some people who are devoted followers of the book sale." Membership dues for the Friends of the Novi Library are minimal - \$5, for individuals and \$10 for a family. The Friends have 21 members although not all are active.

Novi Public Library is located at 45245 Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., although the library is closed on Sunday during the summer.

For more information, call the library at 349-0720.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 2225 6th St. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. Northville, MI 48161 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams
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NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4171 W. 11th St. Livonia, MI 48150 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams	ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 23450 Novi Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams
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ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 450 Wood St. Livonia, MI 48150 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams	OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile & Center St. Livonia, MI 48150 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams
NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Providence Chapel 10115 Secor Rd. (between 5 & 11 Mile Roads) Livonia, MI 48150 Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams	OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 2885 Secor Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. James A. Williams
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When the Critter Connection found the stray, she had been hit by a car. She is an escape artist if left unattended in a yard, according to a volunteer with Critter Connection.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check.

The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

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

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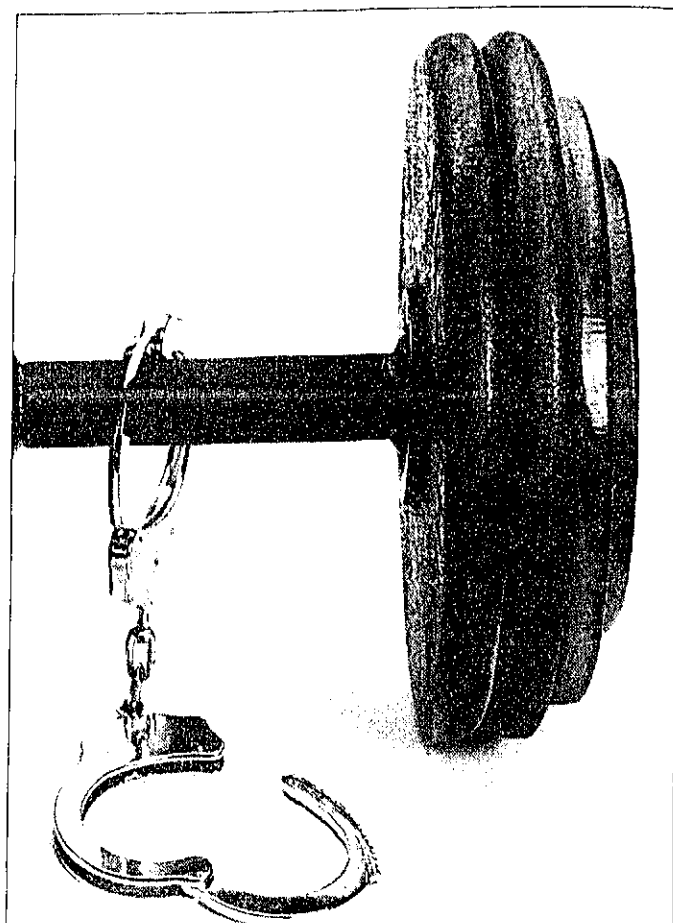
Long-term fitness club contracts can be unhealthy trap

By JEFF ZIMMEL

In an age when many advertisers encourage consumers to buy now and pay later, extended financing and long-term contracts can look like an attractive option. But beware: What works for cars and carpeting may not be a perfect fit when it comes to joining a health club.

The primary difference lies in the nature of the product or—to put it more accurately—in the absence of any product at all. Because when you sign on the line to join a health club, you're not actually buying a health club, but contracting to use the services of that club; services that are very often far less than many customers expected. Unfortunately, very few club contracts make any provision for cancellations, guarantees or refunds.

"No one would agree to pay an accountant or gardener or hairstylist every single month for up to 36 months, if they didn't like the results or didn't use their services. But that's exactly what most health clubs expect you to do," says Sky Holford, a 15-year veteran of the fitness industry who's managed clubs from Akron, Ohio to Anakara, Turkey. "Health clubs create contracts for their own benefit, not yours. It's not about keeping members happy. It's about keeping members when they're not happy."



Buyer beware: Many health and fitness clubs require long-term contracts that offer no guarantee of satisfaction and no possibility of escape.

Limited memberships, unlimited fees

Imagine signing up for twelve months of cellular phone service, only to discover afterwards that your new phone can't access long-distance service or can only be used on weekends. Although such a disappointing scenario is unlikely to occur with your cellular phone company, it could easily happen with your health club.

Many clubs offer basic, low-priced, limited-use memberships in order to attract new members and then count on additional fees or hidden charges to make the transaction more profitable.

For instance, some clubs may feature tennis courts as part of their facility, but then require members to pay an additional monthly fee for a membership that provides access to those courts. Other clubs maximize the number of members they can serve and the amount of resulting revenue by restricting the hours during which customers with certain memberships can use their club.

Three consumer questions that can protect you from being trapped:

- Ask about month-to-month membership options.
- Ask about a 30-day trial period with a money-back guarantee.
- Ask about membership restrictions and extra charges for items such as towels and lockers.

But the most common means by which many health clubs offset the loss of lower priced memberships is by charging all of their members an additional fee for the use of such basics as towels, lockers or childcare centers.

Of course, the simplest way for any health club member to get the most out of any membership is to find out exactly what that membership does and does not include before they become a member. Does the proposed membership allow you to use all the facilities, all the time? Does the prospective club charge extra for aerobic classes, childcare services, lockers or towels? As always, it's best to look before you leap and read before you sign.

Healthy alternatives

Although the policies and practices outlined above may be unfamiliar, they are by no means uncommon. In fact, most of them have been used for so long, by so many health clubs, that they're often accepted as the industry standard. Fortunately, a few forward-thinking fitness companies are changing the way things work by changing the way they work with their members. One such

company, with new clubs in north suburban Detroit, is Midwest-based Life Time Fitness.

"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. megacub in Novi and Troy serve as excellent examples of how the company carries out its mission.

Every Life Time Fitness membership provides members with access to two floors of cutting-edge amenities including cardiovascular and resistance training equipment, indoor/outdoor swimming pools and waterslides, indoor rock climbing walls and caverns, basketball/volleyball courts, racquetball/squash courts, aerobics and cycling studios, an extensive free-weight center, and the company's trademarked large-screen entertainment system.

Each Life Time Fitness membership also entitles members to free childcare services, free educational seminars, free locker and towel service and free aerobic instruction.

Most importantly, the company offers a unique month-to-month membership program with no long-term contract.

"Most companies with long-term contracts don't have any confidence in their product," claims Akradi. "At Life Time Fitness, quality is our contract. We make sure every employee will make every visit a pleasure and earn your business every day."

The company is so confident in its customer service that they also offer a 30-day money-back guarantee so members can fully experience their sports and fitness centers and ensure complete satisfaction.

For information regarding your rights as a consumer and the ways in which you can protect yourself, contact the Better Business Bureau of Greater Detroit at (248) 644-9100 or the Office of the Michigan Attorney General at (313) 266-2519.

For more information regarding the new Life Time Fitness clubs of Troy and Novi, call (248) 267-1000.

Weddings

Williams-Bugar

Melanie Joy Williams and John Scott Bugar were married Nov. 22, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, with the Rev. Doug Vernon officiating at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Larry Williams. Also attending the ceremony as special guests were students and families from William Allan Academy. Following the ceremony, a reception for 250 guests was held at Heish in Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Goodman of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Novi. The 1998 graduate of Northville High School is a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently teaching first grade at William Allan Academy in Northville.

Attending the bride were her sisters, Megan Williams as maid of honor and Lisa Dunn, bridesmaid.

The bride wore a sleeveless gown of silk faced organza with a ruffled pink sash, and in the back, white roses gathered at the waist. Her headpiece, a comb decorated with silk white and pink roses and pearls, was attached to a finger-ring tulle veil.

The bridal bouquet was of white roses, lavender freesia and dendrobium orchids. The bride also carried a lace handkerchief made from her grandmother's gown,



which she wore at her wedding in 1937. The lace was made by her great-grandfather in 1937.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bugar of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1986 and is employed as a custom furniture builder at The Sawmill in Northville.

Robert Bugar, brother of the groom, served as bestman. The groomsmen was brother, Michael J.V. Bugar, and acting as ushers were brothers of the bride, Joe and David Goodman.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple moved into their new home in Novi.

Churches

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present the King's Brass on Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m. For over 20 years, Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass have provided innovative worship for young and old alike through the best in sacred brass music. By teaming together, these Christian professionals from around the United States perform through original arrangements as heard on their eight albums.

For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

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. The 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. Sunday service is at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake. Youth education is available at both services for all ages.

The less on July 12 is "What's So Amazing about Grace," with Barbara Clevenger, minister. Fellowship follows both services as well. A Course on Miracles is taught year round in Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Other courses are 4T, Meditation, Unity Basics and the Artist Way.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out the web site at www.cotwest.com.

Summer worship times at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, are 8:30 and 10 a.m. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 27 through 31.

The Young Adult Parent Loss Group will meet on Wednesdays through July 29 for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who have experienced the death of a parent. Call 1-800-783-5764 to register for this free group.

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

NEW BEGINNINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP, which meets in Holy Cross Episcopal Church at 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Saturday services which includes Bible Study at 10 a.m. and a Worship hour at 11 a.m. Every Tuesday, there is a Daniel and Revelation Bible Study which meets at 7:30 p.m. On the third Saturday of each month, there is a vegetarian-style Visitor's Luncheon.

For information, call Pastor Charles Posenreide at (248) 442-9843.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, has a Moms and Tots group which meets every Monday morning from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. There is a Family Learning Hour at 9:45 a.m. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 20 through 23.

For more information, call the church at (248) 553-7170.

On Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the **NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street. Child care is available at both services.

The Youth Logos Program meets on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. for children in grades 1-5 and at 5 p.m. for middle school and senior high school students.

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate pastor, at (248) 349-0911.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700

West Ten Mile in Novi, announces a new way for families to praise God. Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins with folks of all ages meeting for songs and a message geared toward children. Small group sharing follows, wrapped up by refreshments and fellowship.

Worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH meets for a Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. in the Mackinaw Room of the Comfort Inn, located east on Twelve Mile from the I-696 and Orchard Lake Road exit.

For more information, call Pastor Keith J. McAra at (248) 926-8105.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School auditorium, 775 N. Center.

There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods, as well as children's programs for newborns through age 11.

For more information, call (248) 615-7050.

The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome at the spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road.

For more information, call the church office at (248) 926-1512.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, meets in Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in Novi. Sunday services are held at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Pastor Mike Heusel at (248) 344-1775.

Send church information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, July 9 and 16, the group will meet at Start Gate for dinner at 6 p.m.

The July 9 presentation will be "Feeling Good with Good Eating Habits" with Abbe Grossman, M.A. or an open forum on "How Do Men Flirt?" with facilitator Sandy Baumann. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

On July 16, Single Place presents "Stages of Relationships" with Ken Kiurski at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum on "Hang Ups of the Opposite Sex Which Drive You Crazy" with facilitator Dinna Griswold at 8 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4.

Following both presentations, the group will meet at Timber Creek, 18730 Northville Road of Northville at 9:30 p.m.

The Opportunity for Growth Workshop "Mars and Venus Meet at Single Place" with speaker Ron Papa begins Thursday, July 9, and continues on July 16 and 23, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$27 in advance or \$30 at the door.

Upcoming events include Meadow Brook featuring Roberta Flack and B.O. Leslie Dunner, conductor on July 13; Joey's Comedy Club/Buddy's Pizza Later on July 18; and Novi Blues Festival on July 19.

The group meets at Tremors on July 17 and 31 at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation, including Single Parents, Uniquely Single for never been marrieds, and New Start for widows and widowers.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Outdoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Rotary Park in Livonia. A \$1 donation is suggested.

Outdoor tennis is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Biking is held during July at various locations on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for July 13 to 18. The cost is \$25 for preregistering, \$30 at the first night and \$15 if repeating the workshop.

For more information about Single Point Ministries, call (734) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

Upcoming activities include a Single Mingle Dances on July 10 and 24; Biking/Walking/Rollerblading on July 12 and 19; a Volleyball and Picnic on July 12 and 19; Ann Arbor Art Fair on July 15;

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on

Fourteen Mile for coffee, pinocchle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

The group meets for volleyball every Tuesday.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP helpline at (248) 851-9509 or www.fsp.org.

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES, is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call Church of the Holy Family in Novi at (248) 349-8847.

The **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT** is for single Catholics 21 and older who have bachelors degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. CACD offers a large number and variety of activities each month, including cultural, social, religious, athletic and intellectual events.

Local events include biking at Kenston on July 12 at noon.

For details call (248) 588-1091.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES TODAY, a ministry of for Christian singles of all ages, holds weekly meetings each Saturday from 7 until 11 p.m. at the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile Road near Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Call Rev. Dwight Fisher at (810) 274-4670 for more information.

DIVORCECARE divorce recovery support group meets at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills each Tuesday at 7 p.m. Child care will be provided through the fifth grade.

For more information, call (248) 476-0080.

Send Singles information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

gardens of Hunter House in Mill Race Village and their newest project, the entrance garden to the Northville District Library.

Among the organizations that the garden club provides financial support to are two annual scholarships for Northville High School seniors.

THE GARDENS OF NORTHVILLE Fifth Annual Garden Walk Wednesday, July 15 (Severe weather date July 16) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Six gardens in the Northville area. Tickets are \$8. Available at gardenviews, 202 W. Main

Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main

Brainer Greenhouse, 51701 Grand River in Wixom

Hosted by: Country Garden Club of Northville

Woman's National Farm and Garden Association

Garden walk set for July 15

Tickets are on sale now for The Country Garden Club of Northville's fifth annual The Gardens of Northville garden tour on Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The seven gardens on this year's tour include one in the heart of Northville's Historic District with many old-fashioned favorites and contemporary hybrids.

The residents of another garden on the tour have incorporated their love of Japanese landscape with western designs.

An English cottage garden on the tour includes perennials, shrubs, and vines as well as a waterfall, hidden cove and vegetable patch.

Another garden includes sun-loving perennials around the swimming pool and shade-loving plants around a corner patio.

Hand-crafted birdhouses and feeders dot the landscape of another garden which includes a small pond and meticulously groomed mix of perennial and annual plantings.

A lawn which rivals the best car-

pet money can buy is the highlight of another garden which includes curving flower beds, flowering shrubs and mature trees.

Strollers are not allowed in the individual gardens but are permitted at Mill Race Village, where refreshments will be served. Historic buildings will be open.

This year's raffle includes a garden sculpture from gardenviews and a gift certificate from Brainer Greenhouse.

The ticket/program allows a ticket holder to visit each garden once. No garden clippings are allowed. Park in appropriate areas and do not block driveways or mailboxes. Cars will be ticketed if not parked in designated lots at Mill Race Village. Public restrooms are available at Mill Race and at City Hall.

The Country Garden Club of Northville is a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association whose current projects include the creation and maintenance of the perennial garden at Allen Terrace, the historic

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OPA Dancers perform July 10

Northville and Novi residents participating in the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy's fifth annual Opa Fest on July 10, 11 and 12.

Dancing at the Opa Fest are John and Pam Avdoulos of Novi and Tom Alexandris of Northville.

The dancers will perform an array of village dances. Spectators will be invited to learn the Zorba and circle dances shouting Opa as they dance.

Under the direction of Constantinos Souphis, the performers meet weekly throughout the year to learn new dances and synchronize their steps. Authentic Greek costumes in vivid colors trimmed in gold enhance the presentations.

Greek folk dancing can be divided into two categories - village folk dances and city folk dances. Greek dances were almost always involved with food, drink, conviviality, music and song. Traditionally they were public celebrations such as religious festivals, national or provincial holidays and family celebrations and the music was

provided by the patrons themselves.

Last year more than 10,000 attended the three-day event featuring authentic Greek folk dancing, live music, festival singers, children's activities, a Greek coffee house, a boutique, and authentic food.

Cooking demonstrations will be going on throughout the day so that anyone wishing to make Greek foods will have a chance to try their hand at some tasty dishes. Recipes will also be available.

The Cultural Exhibit will be featuring three major Greek islands - Crete, Cyprus and Rhodes - and will include archaeological finds in pictures, artifacts and costumes.

Opa Fest is held on the grounds of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 West Waxies Road in Troy. Festival hours are Friday 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$2 and children under 12 are free.

For more information, call (248) 362-9575.



The OPA Dancers are (from left) John and Pam Avdoulos, of Novi, and Tom Alexandris, of Northville.

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DETROIT TIGERS

Movies

Gibson, Glover return in 'Lethal Weapon 4'

Riggs and Murtaugh are back. The blockbuster "Lethal Weapon" series, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as partnered police detectives Martin Riggs and Roger Murtaugh, began in 1987.

From the moment they encountered these two unconventional cops, audiences were hooked on a cinematic roller-coaster of action and humor; the movie became an overnight international hit.

Rarely has an action movie created heroes who connected so directly with the viewing public. The crowds who cheered "Lethal Weapon" felt as though they knew Riggs and Murtaugh personally — and they wanted to know them better.

In 1989 "Lethal Weapon 2" added Joe Pesci in a scene-stealing role as the fast-talking Leo Getz and out-earned its predecessor, "Lethal Weapon 3," the highest-grossing movie in the group, opened in 1992 and introduced Rene Russo in a starring role as Martin Riggs' love interest and fellow daredevil detective, Lorna Cole.

Since then, audiences have clamored for the return of Riggs, Murtaugh, Cole and Getz on screen.

Now they're getting their wish. In "Lethal Weapon 4," the quartet is joined by junior detective Leo Butters (actor-comedian Chris Rock), as the team struggles to unravel a series of crimes involving immigrant smuggling and counterfeiting.

Their leads converge on a man named Wah Sing Lu (Chinese actor Jet Li), a fiercely disciplined Asian Triad prince bent on a complex and deadly mission.

If a great relationship is like a marriage, then Riggs and Murtaugh are about to celebrate their 12th anniversary, but there is not the only binding union for audiences to enjoy on the screen.

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Mel Gibson and Danny Glover return for more thrills, action and laughs in "Lethal Weapon 4."

complicated by the presence of Joe Pesci's Leo Getz, a former small-time crook who's become a private investigator in order to work with his heroes, Riggs and Murtaugh.

Says Director, "Leo Getz was very funny in 'Lethal 2,' but I was really impressed by Joe's ability to come back and recreate his character in a new way for 'Lethal 3.' Now he's so much a part of the action that 'Lethal Weapon 4' would have been incomplete without him. We had to have him back."

Actor/standup comedian/writer Chris Rock stepped into a close-knit movie "family" when he joined the cast of "Lethal Weapon 4," but he says that just made the experience better for him. "Everyone was incredibly generous; these are

secure, tremendously talented people, and they welcomed me right from the start," he recalls.

Rock, whose movie career includes such projects as "New Jack City" and "Cuba," especially enjoyed the filmmakers' encouragement of improvisation on the set.

"Dick loves to see what comes out of the moment, and the cast just rose to the occasion," says Rock. "That was great for me, because it's my favorite way to work."

Silver added, "The ad-libbing during all these movies has always worked, since everyone involved knows his own character so well and is so familiar with the relationships between the characters."

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Entertainment Listings

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

Auditions

PLYMOUTH THEATER GUILD: Auditions for "The Nerd" will be held on Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville.

Show dates are Sept. 25, 26, 27, Oct. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

"The Nerd" by Larry Shure is a comedy set in Terre Haute, Ind. A young architect is visited by the Vietnam hero who saved his life, but whom he has never met. The hero turns out to be an incredibly intelligent, hopeless "nerd" who outstays his welcome, leading to one uproarious incident after another.

Cuts will be provided at the audition. It's helpful to read the play prior to auditioning.

For information, call (810) 629-0078.

HURON VALLEY COMMUNITY THEATER: Chorus members are needed for "The Pirates of Penzance." Men who can sing especially are needed to play the parts of pirates and policemen. Although a brief singing audition is necessary, no previous theatre experience is required.

Performances will be Aug. 28 and 29 and Sept. 4 and 5 at Lake and High School in White Lake. Rehearsals are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings through the summer.

The Huron Valley Community Theatre is located at 134 Huron View Court in White Lake. Call (248) 698-2868.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Popnick, invites any adult who plays a hand instrument to join the band for the 1998 concert season. Rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions.

For details, call (248) 932-9244.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble clef) musicians.

Rehearsals are held Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with engagements usually twice a month on weekends or in the evening. New members are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (248) 349-0376. The home page is: <http://members.aol.com/mcb-band/mcbb.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVI THEATRES: Performances of "The Pied Piper" will be on July 10, 11 and 12 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. "Cinderella" concludes the Novi Theatre's seventh season with performances on July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2, also on the Civic Center Stage.

"The Pied Piper" is adapted for the stage by Mary Kay Davis. "Cinderella" is directed by Linda Wickert.

Gentili's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

All reserved seats are \$9 or \$7 in advance. For details, call (248) 347-0400.

BORDERS BOOKS: Ongoing events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

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

BARNES & NOBLE: Children's special stories during the summer will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. for children to three years; Tuesday at 1:30 for ages 5 to 8; and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for children ages 4 to 7.

The new kids web site discussion will be on Thursday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. Mary Timmons creator/founder of "World of Reading," an interactive, kid-safe web site where kids and books come together, will discuss her new web site.

Eric Seltzer, author of "4 Pups and a Worm," a new addition to the Dr. Seuss Beginning Book Series, will be in the store on Tuesday, July 14, at 11 a.m. during regular weekly storytime.

Brenda Anderson of Youth for Understanding International Exchange will discuss how children can study abroad and how families can host foreign students in their own homes on Thursday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Matthews, author of "How to Find the Best Quality Child Care," will be in the store to discuss and sign copies of book on Thursday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at Six and Haggerty in Northville. For details, call (248) 348-0609.

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

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

For details, contact the arts council at 347-0400.

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

For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

GENTILI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater at Gentili'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".

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

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9507.

SPORTS EDITION: Enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton-Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 9 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Salon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at 27155 Sheraton Drive on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96, hosts jazz groups Heidi Heler and Michele Famo from 6 until 10 p.m. every Monday, and Louis Resto and David McMurray 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.

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment.

Larry Novoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7-11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a wide variety of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

Strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitars from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays. On Friday and Saturday Ron DePalma performs.

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Truene Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

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

For details, call (248) 380-0470.

BACKDOOR GALLERY:

Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment.

Call (248) 474-8306 for details.

PAINTER'S PLACE:

Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring watercolor prints of Northville's Mill Race Village during May and June.

One print is an autumn scene of the village. The other print is of the gazebo.

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IT'S UP TO YOU

Interesting SW mom of two, 37, looking for a SWM, 35-45, to share interests, activities and a mutually rewarding relationship. Ad# 1212

END MY SEARCH

I'm an outgoing SWF, 26, 5'1", looking for a SWM, 30, who enjoys movies, sports and dancing. Ad# 9999

QUIET EVENINGS

SWF, 33, 5'8", enjoys the outdoors, sports, dining out and I am hoping to meet a humorous, open-minded SWM, 27-45. Ad# 4117

GIVE HER A CALL

She's a Catholic SWF, 28, 5'7", who is employed and is looking for friendship with SWM, 23-38, who can make her smile and keep her happy. Ad# 3818

TAKE THE TIME

To get to know this DWf, 46, 5'2", who enjoys bowling, dancing, concerts and the beach. She's seeking a SWM, 42-50, for possible relationship. Ad# 4431

ALL IN TIME

She's an upbeat slender, WWf, 55, 5'4", who enjoys bowling, traveling and dining out. She's seeking a SWM, 50-62, to share friendship and good times. Ad# 2992

GENUINE INTENTIONS

Professional SWF, 37, 5'8", seeks a SWM, 30-45, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, music and more. Ad# 4084

BRIGHT FUTURE

DW mom of two, 28, 5'3", an outgoing professional, seeks a SWM, 30-40, to share family-oriented interests and good times. Ad# 1342

FOUND AT LAST

Get to know this outgoing SWF, 24, 5'9", who enjoys music, movies and dining out. She is looking for a tall SWM, 24-33, to spend time with. Ad# 1116

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Attractive DW mom of two, 42, 5'5", 122lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, a professional, in search of an ambitious, successful and intelligent SWM, 32-42, N/S. Ad# 2256

DO YOU FIT THE BILL?

Professional SWF, 25, 5'4", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a caring, sincere, honest SWM, 23-35, who enjoys movies, dining out and outdoor activities. Ad# 6964

WELL-ROUNDED

She's a SWF, 25, 5'3", whose interests are movies, camping, photography in search of a SWM, 23-30, to get to know. Ad# 6483

LOVE ABOUNDING

Outgoing DF, 48, with Auburn hair, likes country drives, movies, watching sports, going for walks and barbecues, in search of a DWCM, to develop a relationship with. Ad# 9300

SOMETHING BETTER

She's a full-figured SWF, 30, 5', with brown hair, hazel eyes, who enjoys music, movies and quiet evenings at home, in search of an employed, humorous SWM, 26-38. Ad# 1687

COMPANIONSHIP, FUN TIMES

Humorous DWf, 45, 5'4", wants to meet and date a nice SWM who has a good personality and sense of humor and no children at home. She enjoys playing golf, gardening and anything outdoors that's fun. Ad# 3329

EXPLORE LIFE

Enjoy life with this SWF, 52, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, with a good sense of humor, who is looking for a SWM, 49-56, who enjoys traveling, bowling and dining out. Ad# 3603

LOOKING FOR MY ROMEO

I'm a SWF, 21, 5'3", with short brown hair and blue eyes. I am easygoing, laid-back, humorous and am searching for a SWM, 21-26 to spend quality time with. Ad# 3210

ARE YOU THE ONE?

She's a DWCF, 43, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes who enjoys sports, NASCAR, cuddling and would like to find that special SWCM, who wants to be in a relationship. Ad# 1972

NEW BEGINNINGS

Here we have a WWf, 67, 5'6", who enjoys dining out and movies. She is looking for a humorous SWCM, 55-72, for companionship. Ad# 8829

LET'S MEET

This SW mom of two, 33, 4'10", full-figured, seeks a SWM, 30-45, to share mutual interests, activities and friendship. Ad# 9420

LOOK NO FURTHER

I'm a SWC mom, 34, 5'8", who is new to the area. I enjoy outdoors, bowling, movies, and am looking for a nice, outgoing SWCM, 34+. Ad# 5560

GENUINE INTENTIONS

Friendly, attractive WWf, 57, 5'5", is looking for a SWM, 57-62, for good times. She enjoys gardening, music and nature. If you love board games, give her a call! Ad# 2668

A PEOPLE PERSON

I'm a 42 year old professional SWF, who loves the outdoors. I am outgoing, friendly and am waiting for you, SWM, to come into my life. Don't keep me waiting. Ad# 1749

ARE YOU CARING?

DWf, 40, 5'6", with blonde hair, I'm an honest, caring, in search of a SWM, 35-40, with similar interests, who enjoys yoga, music and movies. Ad# 3232

READY FOR CRITERIA TEST?

If you are, call this Catholic DW mother, 41, 5'5", blue-eyed blonde, who is a N/S, social drinker. She is looking for a professional, sincere, honest SWCM, 40-53, who is emotionally secure, animal loving, and has family values, kids at home okay. Ad# 1345

CALL ME

SWF, 19, 5'4", 118lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys church activities, playing violin, horseback riding and swimming. I am looking for a SWM, 27-35, who enjoys animals. Ad# 2222

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

DWCF, 65, 5'6", likes bowling, travel, dining out, playing cards, country and big band music, seeks SWCM, 60-70, with similar interests. Ad# 1223

CHANGE OF PACE

Friendly SWF, 70, 5'8", N/S, enjoys meeting new people, playing cards, dining out, gardening, Big Band music and more, seeks an honest SWM, 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# 4047

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

DWCF, 60, 5'6", 120lbs., physically fit, N/S, friendly, self-employed, enjoys working out, dining out, the theatre, the outdoors and more, seeks an intelligent SWCM, 50-62, N/S, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 1739

EARN MY TRUST

Attractive SWF, 65, 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 dancing, 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, 5'8", N/S, enjoys reading, family time, clubbing, movies, playing pool and spending time with friends, seeks a SWCM, 25-30. Ad# 7589

SET UP A TIME & DAY

WWf, 60, 5'7", enjoys meeting new people, dining out, gardening, traveling and family activities, seeks a professional SWM, 44-54, with similar interests. Ad# 6286

THE KEY TO MY HEART

I'm an outgoing WWf, 32, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, never-married, who enjoys sports, music, concerts and is in search of a SF, 18-43, with an athletic build. Ad# 5605

BE MINE FOREVER

DWf, 42, professional, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6'2" tall, very attractive, enjoys dancing, travel, dining out, movies and boating, seeks compassionate, kind, caring SF, 36-44. Ad# 2424

THE TIME IS RIGHT

This outgoing, physically fit WWf, 65, 5'1", 165lbs., N/S, who enjoys outdoors, shopping and dining out, is in search of an attractive SWf, 60+, who shares similar interests. Ad# 7411

DESERIOUS

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

A RARE GEM

Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark hair/eyes, likes simulating conversation, dining out and fun times, seeking a SWCM, 41-56, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 3965

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

MUTUAL RESPECT

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

SIMILAR INTERESTS?

Catholic WWf, 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

EASY TO TALK TO

Pretty, full-figured DW mom, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeks 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 SWM, 35-40. Ad# 8087

INTELLIGENT

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

LET'S MEET

Non-denominational DWf, 26, full-figured, friendly, extroverted, likes walking, dining out, movies, 44-53, understanding, affectionate SW, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1011

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

A phone call away, is this personable, 29 year old, SWCM, brown hair/eyes, regularly attends church, enjoys the beach, taking car trips, seeks a pleasant, sincere SWCF, age unimportant, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 3833

A TRUE GEM

I'm an outgoing WWf, 53, 5'10", hoping to get to know a SF, 44-53, who shares my interests and would enjoy movies, dinner and conversation. I have a street-rvd and RV, and I enjoy camping, boating, fishing, walking, bowling and more. Ad# 3661

LEAVE A MESSAGE

I'm a hardworking, honest DW dad, 35, 5'7", and I'm seeking a kind-hearted SWF, under 38, to spend time with. Ad# 1269

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

This quiet, Protestant DWf, 26, 6'3", likes outdoor activities and easygoing good times. He is seeking a SWCF, 18 plus, to spend time with. Ad# 4757

TWENTY QUESTIONS

This friendly DW dad of two, 35, 5'7", 160lbs., seeks an intelligent, humorous SWF, under 38, who enjoys children and all the gifts that life has to offer. Ad# 1169

THE KEY TO MY HEART

I'm an outgoing WWf, 32, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, never-married, who enjoys sports, music, concerts and is in search of a SF, 18-43, with an athletic build. Ad# 5605

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This outgoing, physically fit WWf, 65, 5'1", 165lbs., N/S, who enjoys outdoors, shopping and dining out, is in search of an attractive SWf, 60+, who shares similar interests. Ad# 7411

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Professional DWCM, romantic, youthful 46, 6', athletic, enjoys dinner and dancing, theatre, music, the outdoors, seeks SWCF, 35-46, to share adventures with. Ad# 6433

SPECIAL FRIENDS

This SWM, 33, 5'6", hopes to hear from a special SWCF, under 35, who enjoys life. Ad# 8915

EXACT AND PRECISE...

Retired, 70 years young, WWf, 59', 170lbs, is a daily runner, enjoys skiing, mountain biking, ballroom dancing, traveling, interested in sharing a mutually rewarding relationship with a SWF, 60-70. Ad# 1918

MEANINGFUL

DWCM, 41, 6', 185lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys working out, dining out and more, and is looking for a SWCF, 25-40, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 2957

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Here's an outgoing and approachable Catholic DWf, 59, 5'10", 183lbs. He enjoys bowling, fishing, cooking and walking. He's seeking an honest, sincere, slender SWCF, under 57, who lives at home, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 7514

THE TIME IS RIGHT

I'm a college student SWM, 19, 6'2", who enjoys movies, concerts and the outdoors, in search of a down-to-earth SWF, 18-22, with similar interests. Ad# 5432

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

SMILE WITH ME

He's an outgoing, self-employed SWM, 36, 6'1", 170lbs., who enjoys hunting, camping, picnics, long walks and the outdoors, in search of a SF, 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

SEARCHED HIGH & LOW

Shy, Catholic WWf, 57, 5'6", 155lbs., 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, 5'11", is employed, would like to meet a Protestant SF, for dating, possible future relationship. He enjoys the outdoors, cooking, dining out, children and more. Ad# 1866

SO, HOW ARE YOU?

Let me be your friend, perhaps more. I'm a SM, 29, and I love the outdoors with a passion. 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, 5', with black hair and brown eyes is looking for an adventurous, fit, attractive SF, 18-36, to be his best friend and companion. He's college educated and enjoys traveling, sports, boating, skiing and more. Ad# 3636

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Catholic DW dad, 37, 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, never-married, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and music, seeks a tall SF, 18-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1126

JUST BELIEVE

WWf, 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, 22-26. Ad# 5335

COUNTRY LIFE

Friendly WWf, 60, 5'10", enjoys traveling, boating, fishing, hunting, gardening, dining out, dancing and the outdoors, looking for 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, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad# 2589

SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST

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

JUST FRIENDS

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

FIND OUT TODAY

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

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

NOT MOTIVATED

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

A MUSIC LOVER

SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad# 1469

LIFETIME OF SMILES



Submitted Photo

Members of the 1998 Novi Youth Travel Lacrosse team take time out for a picture.

Travel team wins championship

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi Youth Travel Lacrosse team won the Michigan Amateur Lacrosse Tomahawk Division championship for the second year in a row, defeating Shelby Township 7-6.

The 12-and-under team is made up of kids from Novi, Northville and Farmington Hills and is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. The 18-member team played a 16-game schedule this year, including non-conference games with lacrosse powerhouse communities such as Detroit Country Day, Fenton and Ann Arbor.

Earlier this year a few of the Novi players joined a Michigan all-star team which traveled to Buffalo, NY to compete in the Buffalo Lacrosse Tournament. The team made it to the semifinals before losing to Hamburg 3-2 in overtime.

Novi coach John Beard, a professor at Wayne State University, said because of the increased interest in the sport, both Northville and Farmington Hills are looking into starting up programs within their own communities.

"We hope to expand our league next year, consisting of boys and girls 12 and younger," he said. "Your seeing more non-select teams from parks and recreation departments getting involved in lacrosse."

The cost is approximately \$70-85 and the Novi team is open to residents and non-residents. Novi Youth Lacrosse is a member of the United States Lacrosse Association.

For more information about lacrosse registration for 1999 please contact Novi Parks and Recreation at (248) 347-0400 or John Beard at (248) 305-5887 or (313) 577-4545.

Novi loses senior pitchers

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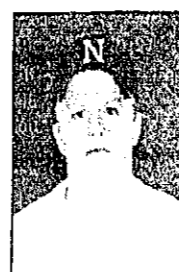
Morris was the number three pitcher coming into the season, but earned his way into the conference rotation after a strong outing against Walled Lake Western.

"He definitely earned his position," the coach added.

Scott Krause
Novi senior
The senior pitcher/outfielder ended the season with a .400 average and scored 35 runs. He was named to the all-RVC second team. On the mound, Krause was 4-2 with a 4.28 earned run average. He struck out 43 batters in 44 2/3 innings.

"He was the comic leader on the team," coach Brian Howard said. "He kept the team loose and was someone you could count on if your team was in a pinch."

Adam Stricker
Novi senior
Stricker began the season as the team's ace, and finished it leading the Wildcats in four pitching categories, including a 6-3 record. He had a team-low 3.22 ERA and



Adam Stricker

Pat Flynn
Novi sophomore
Flynn pitched 40 innings with a .413 batting average in his sophomore season.

"As a sophomore he was in a tough position," Coach Mark Thomas said. "He's playing at

short on varsity as a sophomore and did real well at it. He caught a lot of adversity at first but his bat never dipped below .350. He proved himself that he belonged there."

Even more than his high batting average, Flynn made very few errors at short, with a fielding percentage in the 900s.

"I'm looking forward to having him for two more seasons," Thomas said.

Bryan Watson
South Lyon junior

The junior outfielder wasn't a starter right away but proved his worth to Thomas and earned a spot in the outfield.

"After he got into games I saw that Bryan was a player and he won his position in the outfield," Thomas said. "He did a great job out there with his hustle. He batted first or second, trading places with first-tee Aaron Cash at the top of the batting order."

"With his speed he helped us out this year," Thomas said.

Novi Rotary outing July 16

The 13th Annual Novi Rotary Golf Outing will be held July 16 at Tanglewood Golf Club.

Join us for a fun-filled day of golf, food, drink, games and lots of prizes while helping local charities like Novi Food Bank, Novi Senior Citizens, Polio Plus, D.A.R.E., Novi High School College Scholarships, Family Need, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Emergency Food Program, Multiple Sclerosis and more.

The outing will be in scramble format and will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Included in the \$125 registration fee is 18 holes of golf on "The Lion," golf cart, unlimited range balls, refreshments, golf and door prizes. Lunch, steak dinner with all the trimmings and a chance to win a new '98 Grand Am or one of two trips courtesy of Bob Sellers Pontiac/GMC.

The time is 10 a.m. sharp and dinner is at 5 p.m. Dinner only is \$30. For \$100 donation you get a sign on either a tee or green. Please make sign checks payable to Novi Rotary Club and golf checks payable to Novi Rotary Foundation and send to Victor Merritt, 22865 Venture Drive, Novi, MI 48275. For more information call (248) 349-8811.

Gabrielli is "leader among leaders"

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Brendan Hadley
Novi sophomore
Hadley came out of nowhere to take the area baseball world by storm. A transfer student from Oklahoma, the Novi shortstop led the area with a .590 average and 50 runs scored. Showing signs of power, the sophomore had eight home runs and drove in 37 runs.

He was third in the RVC player-of-the-year voting and was voted to the 1998 Michigan Dream Team as one of the 11 best players in the state. He should again be one of the RVC's top players next season.

"It's gonna be a fore for us for two years to come," Novi coach Brian Howard said. "He works real hard and works to improve. The other teams better watch out."

Matt Gabrielli
Novi senior
This senior catcher provided Novi with leadership both offensively and defensively. Gabrielli batted .443 with five homers and 32 RBIs. He scored 23 runs and was second on the team with 39 hits.

He was a second-team all-state selection and made the first-team all-RVC squad after placing fourth in RVC player-of-the-year voting.

Gabrielli has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at the University of Detroit next year.

"He worked so very hard to get where he is," Howard said. "He was our team leader among team leaders. I consider that the best compliment I could pay him."

Aaron Cash
South Lyon senior

Cash was South Lyon's Most Valuable Player this season.

"He's a great leader, very competitive," Coach Mark Thomas said. "He's a special kind of kid, he never gave up any time he played."

Cash was a fixture at second base for the last two seasons at South Lyon. "The senior batted .414 for the season, slugging six home runs and setting a Michigan High School Athletic Association record for four home runs in one game."

Mark Malik
South Lyon senior
Malik hit .456 for the season for the Lions, earning first team KVC honors in his final season at South Lyon.

"He was the rock of Gibraltar back there at catcher," Thomas said. "Not too many teams run on him because they knew about his arm. That helped out the pitchers because they could concentrate on the batters."

Malik led the South Lyon record for home runs in a season with seven and also earned the record for doubles with 11.

Matt Motley

ALL AREA BASEBALL				
First Team				
name	school	grade	pos.	
Matt Gabrielli	Novi	senior	C	
Kenn Gilchrist	Northville	senior	OF	
Aaron Cash	South Lyon	senior	IF	
Brendan Hadley	Novi	sophomore	SS	
Mark Malik	South Lyon	senior	P/C	
Matt Motley	South Lyon	senior	OF	
Doug Watkins	Millford	senior	IF	
Evan Edwards	Northville	junior	2B	
Rob Reel	Northville	junior	1B	
Second Team				
name	school	grade	pos.	
Tim Edick	Northville	sophomore	C	
Adam Stricker	Novi	senior	3B/P	
Chris Hardin	Lakeland	freshman	1B	
Bryan Watson	South Lyon	junior	OF	
John Piccilli	Millford	junior	IF	
Scott Krause	Novi	senior	P	
Ted Falkner	Millford	senior	SS	
Pat Flynn	South Lyon	sophomore	SS	
Ryan Morris	Northville	senior	P	
Honorable mention				
Lakeland - Shaun Houck, Todd Holland				
Millford - Ben Gale, Nick Darga				
Northville - Andy Borda, Eric Arnold, Kelly Bingley				
Novi - Mark Churella, Leon Luedeman, A.J. Rowe				
South Lyon - BJ LaBram, Derek DeGroat, Mike McLaughlin				

Sports Shorts

GABRIEL WINS JUNIOR OPEN

Novi senior-to-be Glenn Gabriel won the 1998 U-18 Junior Summer Tennis Open in Monroe last Wednesday, repeating his efforts last year in the U-16 division. Gabriel played second singles for Novi this year, posting a 21-2 record for the Wildcats. He has plans to play in several other tournaments this summer. He is the son of Judy and Marshall Gabriel.

BERNIE FRATTO'S SHOW AIRS LIVE

Novi resident Bernie Fratto's expanded role at Arbor Radio now includes a live sports talk show every Sunday night.

"The fast-paced sport, entitled "The View From the Cheap Seats," has been on the air since February 8, airing at 7 p.m. on WTKA 1050 AM and offers issue oriented sports talk while encouraging listeners to call in and join the action.

His daily feature "One Fan's Perspective" can be heard at 4:15 p.m. each afternoon on KOOL 107.1 FM.

LONG DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

The National Long Drive Championship local qualifier will be held at Mulligan's Golf Center at 54300 Ten Mile Road in South Lyon Sunday July 12. The event will run from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Qualifiers will have the chance to advance to the nationals in Mesquite, NE for a \$250,000 purse. The qualifier is open to all golfers who hit long. There is an open division and a senior division for golfers 45 and up.

You may register by phone or in person. For more information please call Paul Vandenberg at (248) 437-0011 or John Lindeman at (248) 437-7470.

U OF M SUMMER BASEBALL CAMPS

Geoff Zahn, head baseball coach at the University of Michigan, and his coaching staff will be conducting three summer baseball camps for players ages 9 to 19. All the camps will be held at Fisher Stadium on the University of Michigan campus. Each camp is open to both overnight and commuter campers.

In addition to coach Zahn and his staff, instructors will also include both current and former Wolverine players. Campers can choose from pitching, hitting or complete fundamental camps. Camp dates are July 12-16, 19-23 and 26-29. For more information call (313) 947-4579.

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Health Column

Toned abs look good in a suit



Chris Klebba

Q: With bathing suit weather finally here, what are the best exercises to tone, flatten and firm my mid-section?

A: I know how frustrated you must be with all the different diets. It seems on every cover of the many fitness and fashion magazines available this time of the year is the quick answer or super secret to a flatter, firmer mid-section.

To begin to sort out the truth, based on how the body works, not just another opinion, it is important to clarify your exact goal and how this relates to the program you choose to reach the goal. The goal you stated is fairly

clear and would require a specific approach, much different from one with a main goal of strengthening their mid-section.

For posture and overall health, everyone should train their abdominal and low back area for strength and stability. It is true this type of abdominal training can change appearance when you consider the postural positions of many people, such as an exaggerated extension of the lower back, pot-belly, post pregnancy, or years of monthly swelling in the lower abs for females. These conditions, which promote weak postural positions, can cause the muscles of the specified area to become flaccid. Strengthening the area helps to control the musculature and can translate to better alignment and appearance. Having said that, there is much more to the truth of flatter, toned abdominal area. The main principle to understand is the false spot reduction. The layer of body fat which covers the mid-section is essentially hiding the flat,

toned mid-section most people seek. The best abdominal machines, programs, exercises, or training techniques won't help. One can do crunches or sit-ups forever and the body fat will go along for the ride.

Once again, to help this not be perceived just as another opinion, let's go back to the way the body works...If you are doing arm curls for your upper arm area, will that area get flatter? Obviously the answer is no, then why would another muscle group (your mid-section) in your body respond differently when you do crunches? It won't. There is a list of effective mid-section exercises that if I named would sound confusing and limited space does not allow me to elaborate. Seek out a professional trainer or try some excellent videos from a company called Moves International, 1-800-272-5055. This company instructs many trainers. These should be incorporated into a well rounded fitness program, but there is no magical workout or

machine that can target specific areas to lose fat. This requires a full program including cardiovascular training, resistance training (yes resistance training by training with weights, you'll maximize muscle tissue - the more muscle tissue you maintain, the higher your metabolic rate. The higher your metabolic rate, the easier it is to maintain a calorie deficit and lose fat) and proper food and nutrient intake.

Yes, you could be doing more to reach your goal being on the treadmill or out walking versus the latest abs super machine. Once the body begins to reduce body fat, it will eventually use the storage areas around the mid-section resulting in a flatter, firmer mid-section. Good luck and may the truth be with you.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club and a Certified Personal Fitness Instructor. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.

Fair skinned people are at risk

With the start of the summer also begins the quest for the "healthy" summer tan. However, every time you sunbathe on the beach or relax in the backyard, you increase your risk of getting skin cancer.

Skin tumors are among the most common cancers in humans. More than 700,000 new tumors occur annually in the United States. There are three categories of skin cancer. The most common type is basal cell carcinoma (BCC), the second most common is squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and the third is malignant melanoma. BCC and SCC have a low chance of spreading or being fatal. There are fewer cases of malignant melanoma per year on the other hand, it is responsible for more deaths.

People at increased risk for skin cancer include those who are fair skinned or easily burned, especially those with sporadic intense sun exposure. Darker skinned individuals can also develop skin cancer, but are at a reduced risk. In addition, some types of skin cancer have a genetic predisposition, so a family history of skin cancer should be taken seriously. Previous exposure to arsenic or radiation therapy with radiation dermatitis also increases your risk of skin cancer. Also, getting a "base tan" at tanning salons does not reduce your risk of getting skin cancer.

Signs to watch for in early detection of skin cancer, specifically melanoma, can be easily remembered as the ABCD (Asymmetry, Border, Color/pigment, Diameter) features. Specifically look for lesion with asymmetric shapes and textures, irregular borders, irregular pigmentation - usually blue, gray or black - and a diameter greater than 6 millimeters. That is not set in stone, however, some skin cancers can be the size of a freckle. Any ulcerating should be evaluated by your doctor. Also, beware of changes in existing moles - such as growth, pigment changes or border expansion. In addition, keep in mind BCC can also be flesh-colored, shiny nodules with or without ulcers. If there is any question about a suspicious skin lesion, contact your primary care doctor or dermatologist.

Skin cancers generally occur in sun-exposed areas (head, neck, back and shoulders), but they can occur anywhere on the body. One form of melanoma, acral lentiginous melanoma, occurs on the palms, soles of feet, nail beds and mucous membranes. This is the most common type in persons of Asian and Black ethnicity. Prevention is the best plan of action in treating skin cancer.

Skin cancer is diagnosed by biopsy. Once a patient is diagnosed with skin cancer, it is necessary for a physician to examine the entire skin surface for other lesions. Regular follow-up visits with your doctor are necessary. Treatment of all three types of skin cancer involves local excision. Melanoma cases also may require lymph node dissection. In the case of actinic keratosis, topical treatment (i.e. liquid nitrogen or 5-FU cream) may be all that is necessary, while in disseminated melanoma chemotherapy treatment is used. The cure rate for BCC approaches 95 percent. Actinic keratosis are not usually life threatening. The five year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent if lesions are thinner than 0.85 mm.

Early detection and treatment are the keys to improving the outcome and prognosis.

- Things to do to reduce your risk:
 - Avoid sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. At that time of day, it contains 70 percent of harmful UV radiation.
 - Always use broad spectrum sunscreen when going in the sun. Sun block should have at least SPF of 15. Sun block with UVA and UVB solar protection.
 - Any suspicious lesions should be reported to your doctor.
 - Begin preventative measures in your childhood.

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Health Notes

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.

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Cancer Support Group

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Post Partum Depression

Sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 424-3209.

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.

Musical to benefit kids

The Neuro-Muscular Institute at Providence Hospital is hosting a benefit production of "Win the Pooh - The Musical," at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17 at the Baldwin Theater, located at 41 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak. The performers are

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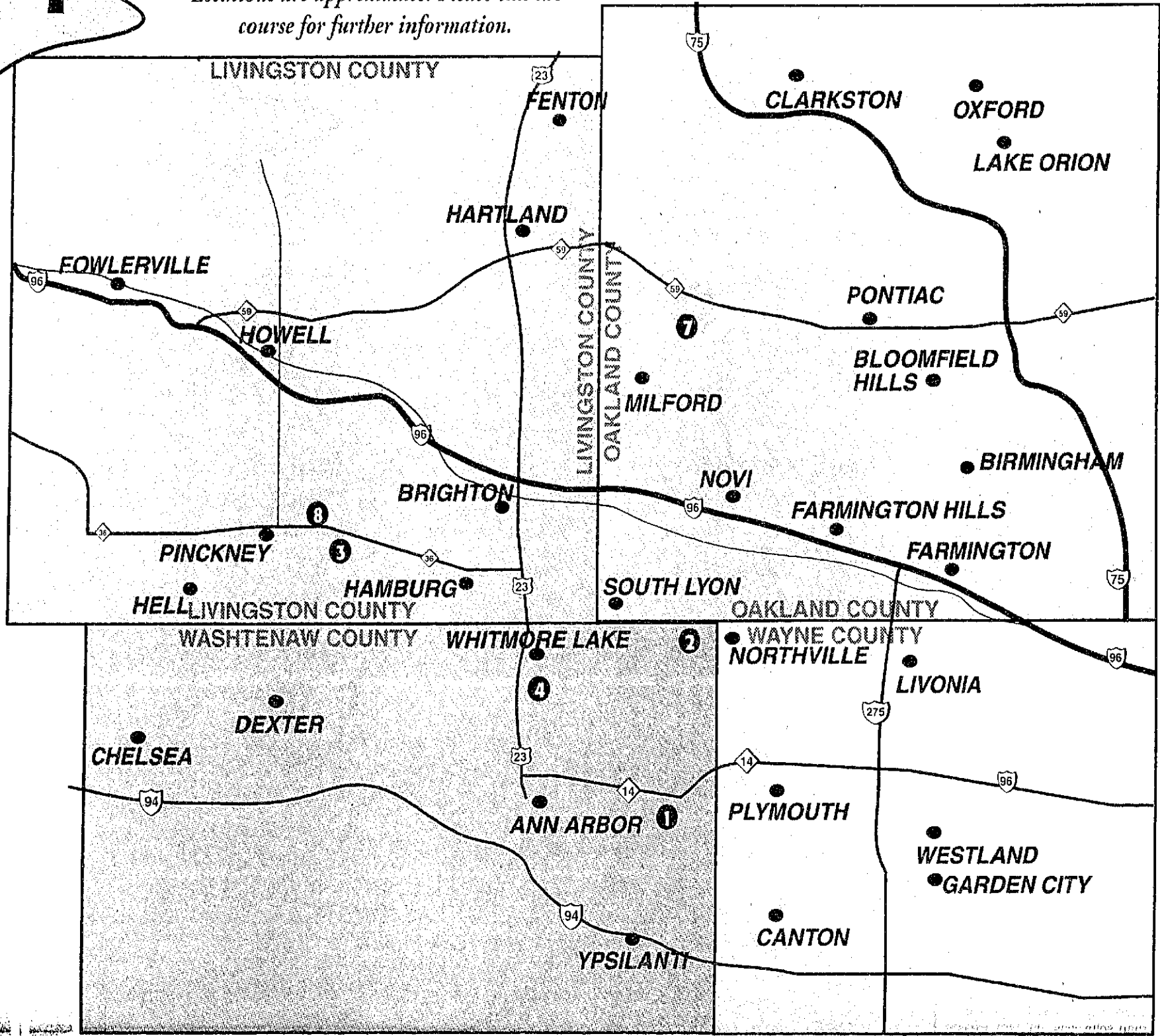
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