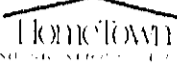


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Frankel drops zoning request for Kroger mall

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

At 12:38 p.m. Tuesday, Stuart Frankel withdrew his application for a rezoning of the J.J. Zavitt Trucking Company property from residential to a community business category.

Earlier that day, the request was expected to be on the Novi City Council's Oct. 19 agenda, but now the entire issue's been sidelined to the Planning Commission's Master Plan Committee.

"I will never say never with a developer. With this application, we are taking it (that) he has withdrawn," Novi Staff Planner Khanh Pham said.

"If he wants to renew it, he will have to go back through the process."

What has opponents to the plan concerned is that the developer may now lobby for a change in the Novi's master plan, scheduled for a five-year update this year. Pham said the committee plans to look at adding commercial zoning to

Novi's booming west side.

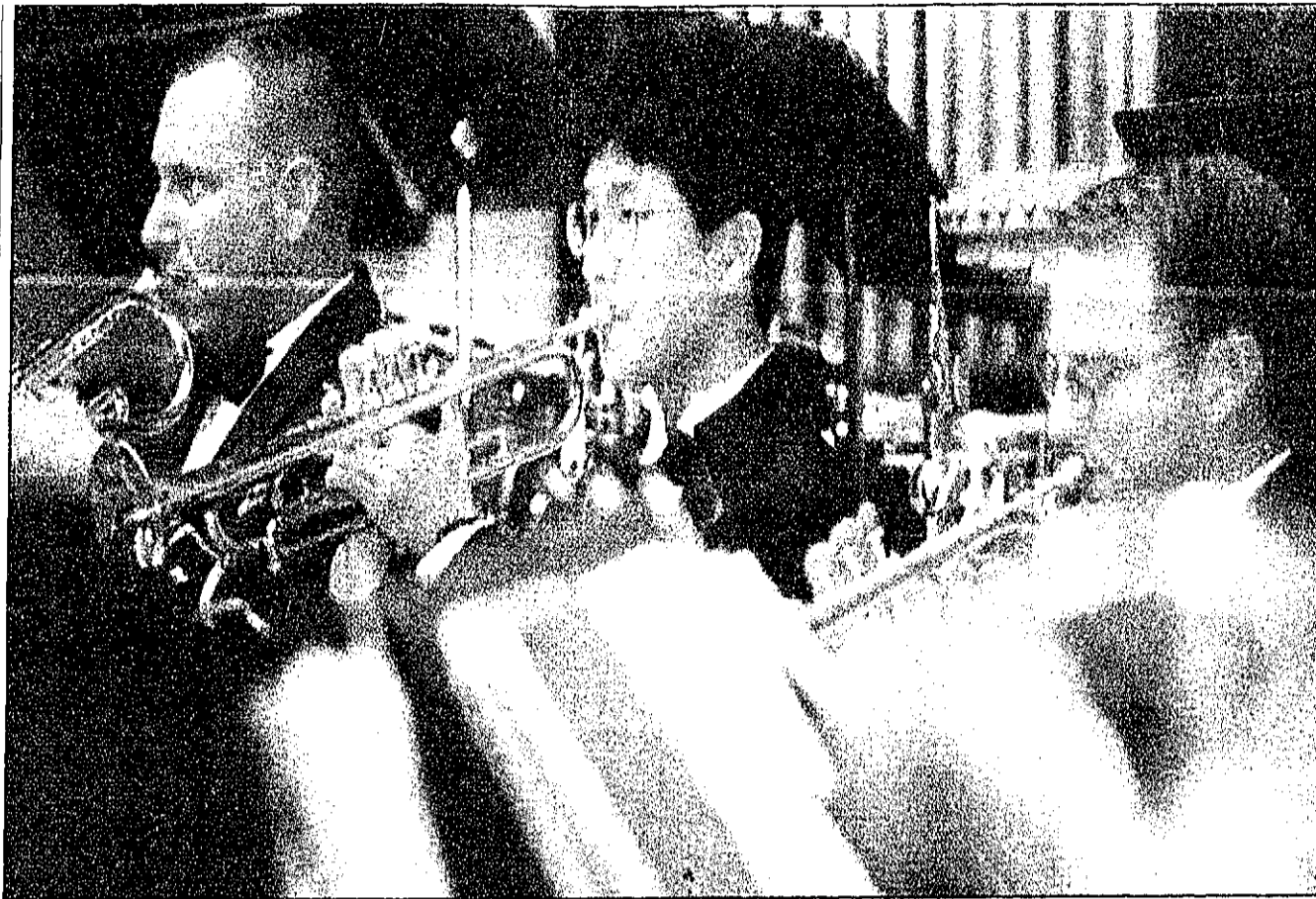
"We're concerned that he's going to be just waiting to see if the Master Plan Committee of the Novi Planning Commission decides to do some kind of commercial in the area," said Northville resident Barbara Lucas, a member of the new CRD.

"I think he feels that going around the Master Plan isn't going to happen."

Frankel did not wish to comment on his decision. His proposal to build a 141,000 Kroger-anchored shopping center with restaurants at the corner of Eight Mile and Beck road drew protests from 2,500 Novi and Northville residents in a petition campaign. It also pulled out from "retirement" members of Citizens For Responsible Development, which organized in the late 1980s to battle Lee Walter's plans for a similar development at Ten Mile and Beck roads.

"It's the same issues," said orig-

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Playing along

On trumpet, Novi High School student Michael Wang (above, center) takes his cue from

Commander/Conductor Kelly Bledsoe during the Air Force Band of Flight concert in the Fuerst Auditorium Saturday evening. Six Novi students (at right) joined the Band of Flight during the performance for a rendition of the Washington Post March, including Stefanie Ward (bassoon), Jack Wang (trombone), Michael Wang (trumpet), Steve Gray (clarinet), Fourbears George (euphonium) and Chris Miller (tuba). Band director Scott Boerna gave them high marks for their performance, especially considering they had less than a week to learn the music and had time for only one quick run-through with the band just before concert time. More coverage appears on page 19.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Answering questions, Judge Michael Batchik, standing, addresses Saturday's Town Hall Meeting in the Civic Center.

Residents address court issues in first-of-kind meeting

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Area residents who wanted to know more about the judicial system got their chance Saturday morning.

About 11 people asked questions — ranging from what kind a discretion judges use to whether the judges themselves believe the system is working — Saturday morning at the 52nd District Court Town Hall Meeting at the Novi Civic Center.

Judge Brian Mackenzie opened the meeting reassuring the audience that the judges and other

representatives from the court were there to listen to the citizens.

"We are doing that because we serve you. You all are our bosses," he said. "We are serious about this. We really want to know what you think."

After telling the audience the meeting's plans, the judges, court experts and audience members were moved to a small room in the Civic Center, so they could have a more in-depth discussion of the court system, moderated by the League of Women Voters.

One of the first questions pre-

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Local pols rank as most conservative

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

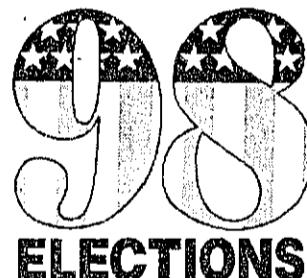
According to a recent survey of state legislative voting records, area politicians rank as some of the most conservative in Michigan.

The survey, conducted by the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, ranked all state Senators and Representatives by their votes on

22 bills that reached the house floor last year and 24 bills in the senate.

The newsletter divided the issues up as conservative or liberal, and ranked the Senators and Representatives on how they voted on those issues.

According to the newsletter, Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted liberal only three times out of the



22 bills brought before her. That meant Cassis voted conservatively 86.4 percent of the time and ranked her in 13th place for most conservative. She tied in that 13th slot with eight other lawmakers, all Republican.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, sided with the liberals a little more, voting with them five times

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Andris pulls rezoning proposal

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Ted Andris and his partners are no longer seeking a rezoning to develop his land on East Lake Drive, but will instead move ahead with plans for a community shopping center under existing zoning.

Andris notified the city by fax of his decision on Tuesday.

Some 400 residents opposed to the rezoning had petitioned the city this summer.

"I think that's fantastic. Hopefully, he's finally accepting his limitations," said Sarah Gray, one of the residents against the zoning change.

"We have never, ever said you can't build. He knew what the zoning was when he bought it."

Andris, his wife Elane and his partner Myrna Romain had long sought city approval, going so far as to file a lawsuit, to build a commercial development on the residentially-zoned lakefront portion of their land.

"We are now in the process of obtaining site plans for the construction of a commercial plaza under the existing zoning for our property," Andris wrote in his fax to Novi staff planner Khanh Pham.

"Mr. Lee Mamola (his architect) is working on these plans and will.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi gets the blues

Jerry Kaplan, center, General Manager of Novi's Red Hot & Blue Memphis Pit Barbeque, mans the bar of the new restaurant

during the Novi Chamber of Commerce star-studded charity opening. The restaurant is expected to open to the public Nov. 1.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, October 15

Novi Rotary

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

Youth baseball

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

Sunday, October 18

Bereavement group

A monthly bereavement group will meet from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road between Novi and Tall roads. There is no fee for attendance. The agenda will be facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer. The topic of discussion will be "In the Autumn of my God." There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

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 Audrey Gohly at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Betty Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Arts Council

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

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 338-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, October 20

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

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.

Garden Club

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

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25209 Tall Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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. Call Tom Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

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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, October 21

Planning Commission

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

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

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A-hunting in Novi some will go

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

While many area hunters will gather up their gear and head north for deer season, a few will be staying close to home, hunting in certain areas of Novi.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaefler said there is hunting in Novi, but it is well regulated. He said the city cannot actually regulate hunting itself, but it can regulate the discharge of all weapons in Novi by requiring permits.

Because of this, Shaefler said he has issued only 10 permits so far this year that will allow hunters to discharge their weapons in Novi. Weapons include archery equip-

ment, as well as guns. Shaefler explained these permits are for four different plots of land. Only four hunters are allowed on each plot.

Shaefler said to receive a permit, hunters can stalk their prey only in an area that is 800 feet from the closest habitable road, building or property, and 600 feet from the plot's adjacent boundary.

However, Shaefler said, few people apply for these discharge of weapons permits to hunt in Novi. Those that do are usually repeaters from previous years.

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"The property confines are starting to really restrict hunting in Novi," he said.

Hunters are also finding fewer deer in Novi each year. Tim Payne, district wildlife biologist for the Department of Natural Resources, said that because of development, deer are moving out of the area.

Payne said because of this area's weak winters, deer in southern Michigan are generally bigger than deer in the north.

Deer on the move lead to crashes

"Most people like to see them, but they're upset when they come into their yards and eat their flowers and gardens."

Gary Fischer, Maybury State Park Manager

Department of Natural Resources said the fall months have a higher average of deer-car accidents than any other month.

He said this is because deer undergo several changes during the fall months, such as the start of mating season and a change in food.

Payne said bucks in search of does are moving about more and because of the nearing winter, deer are looking for different types of food, causing them to be moving around the woods more.

"It all involves movement," he said. In addition to this, Tim Payne, district wildlife biologist for the

road, others are sure to be nearby. Deer whistles that attach to vehicles aren't effective, according to Basch.

Because hunting is prohibited in Maybury State Park, the park's deer population contributes to the likelihood of the problem hitting home.

"I think it's a little on the overcrowded side," park manager Gary Fischer said of the number of deer, adding that deer-car crashes can be a "problem at times."

Deer are able to leap the six-foot chain link fence surrounding the park and roam freely through the surrounding areas.

"Most people like to see them but they're upset when they come into their yards and eat their flowers and gardens," Fischer said. At that point, people call the park asking rangers to come and get the deer.

"They're not our deer. They're able to come and go quite freely

and that's when they get in trouble on the roads," Fischer said.

Although the park only becomes aware of deer deaths when neighbors want rangers to remove the remains, Fischer said he took about a half dozen reports of deer-car crashes last year.

If the deer are not severely injured, the park or local police can issue permits for the deer to be dressed and taken.

Last January, an aerial count revealed 114 deer at Maybury State Park but estimated the herd up to 20 percent larger than that.

Fischer said park officials have met with Michigan's Department of Natural Resources and United Conservation Clubs to discuss ways to thin the herd, perhaps by offering controlled hunts. Ideas include bow hunting restricted to weekend mornings or youngsters.

Slow dancing

A mom literally sweeps her young son off his feet during a dance at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's popular Mom and Son Sock Hop at the Novi Civic Center.

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Police News

A 34-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested Saturday near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road.

According to police, another car losing behind the man's vehicle observed the vehicle travel onto the shoulder of the road three times then cross the centerline. After stopping the vehicle, the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The officer asked the man to exit the vehicle and noticed he did so very unsteadily and his speech was slurred. The officer asked were the man had been and was told he had been at TGIF's and where he drank four glasses of beer. The man was given a sobriety test. He was then arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A 46-year-old banker woman was arrested Saturday near the intersection of Ten Mile and Deck roads. An officer observed the woman's vehicle swerving back and forth in the north lane of Deck Road and made a traffic stop. Upon approaching the car, the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle. When the officer asked the

woman if she had been drinking, she replied that it was her birthday and she had had a couple of shots at a bar. The officer gave the woman a sobriety test. She was then arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Upon further inspection of his home, the man also found a portable stereo/CD player missing from his room. Officers interviewed the man's neighbor, but she said she did not hear or see anything. This is the second time the man's home has been broken into.

18 AND A OUIL

A 18-year-old Westland woman was arrested Friday near the intersection of Meadowbrook and Pennington Rise roads. An officer observed the woman's vehicle traveling at an excessive rate of speed and swerve to the other lane. The woman's car was stopped and the officer noticed the driver to be very intoxicated with a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. He also noticed her eyes were very blood shot and she was suffering from lethargic hand motions. However, the woman insisted she had not consumed any alcohol that evening.

A 35-year-old Novi woman was arrested near the intersection of Twelve Mile and Tall Roads around 1 p.m. Sunday after she rolled her car over into a field. A witness at the scene said the woman was driving very erratically, weaving back and forth. The woman then pulled out into the eastbound lane, where she tried to pass the

witness's car, but encountered another car traveling at her in the next lane. The woman reportedly jerked her car back to the right, lost control, went off the road and rolled the car on its roof in a field. The witness said she stopped and walked back to the accident where the driver of the car was crawling out. The woman said she was all right. When officers arrived, they noticed alcohol on the woman's breath. The officer asked the woman for her driver's license and she said she did not have one. The woman was given a field sobriety test. The officer asked the woman to

The officer issued a roadside sobriety test. She was then arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

JOGGING CAN BE DANGEROUS

A 56-year-old man was struck by a car around 6:30 a.m. Oct. 2 as he was jogging down Ten Mile Road near the intersection of Wildcat Drive.

The driver of the car, Douglas Chad Willy, of Novi, was in the left turn lane on Ten Mile Road, turning into onto Wildcat Drive, when his car reportedly struck Gary Lee Rucelnek, of Novi, as he jogged across the drive. Rucelnek suffered no injuries as a result of the accident, but Willy's vehicle did receive some minor damage.

IT SMELLED GOOD

A 46-year-old woman received a citation as a result of an accident Oct. 4 near the intersection of Nine Mile and Center roads.

The woman, a Novi resident, was driving her 1998 Jeep East on Nine Mile near Center Road when she drove left of the center line and sideswiped a 1994 Ford driven by a 35-year-old Northville man as he was driving west. The woman told police she crossed the center line because she was spraying air freshener inside her vehicle at the time, at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Seeking receptionist

The Novi News is seeking a part-time receptionist for front desk duties in its Northville office three days per week. Those interested in applying should send a resume or submit an application to Mike Malott, Managing Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Trick or tush push

Mark Saturday, Oct. 31, on your calendar if you're into line dancing — or want to sample the CNW craze. Dance teacher Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department are throwing a Halloween's Country Dance at the Novi Civic Center from 7 p.m. through 11 p.m. That includes a 7:30 p.m. dance lesson. A theme in full costume or just as you are event, both singles and couples are welcome. Beverages and munchies will be on sale, but no moonshine is permitted on premises. Tickets are \$8, \$7 for seniors and Novi residents. For more information, call 348-9116.

Masters of the business

Walsh College just launched its master's of business administration program this semester and has already signed up 274 students, more than twice the expected enrollment. Walsh anticipated 70 MBA candidates, but 166 showed up. In addition, 108 students transferred in from the college's master's of science program. Walsh College Interim President Michael Wood predicts the program will grow to 500 to 600 students. Depending on prior education, 36 to 51 credit hours are required for the MBA. This month, Walsh held the grand opening ceremony for its new \$7 million Novi campus.

New location for Precinct Eight

If you live in Precinct Eight, you'll be voting at a new location in the November election. Exercise your political rights at Meadowbrook Road Elementary School at 29200 Meadowbrook Road. Previously, Precinct Eight residents voted at Hickory Woods Elementary School, 30655 Novi Road. Precinct Eight is between Thirteen Mile and Fourteen Mile roads and Haggerty and Decker roads.

Flu shots

If you're a senior or have a health condition that makes it necessary to have a flu shot, the Novi Senior Center at the Novi Civic Center is offering the injections on Oct. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The shots are free for seniors with who bring proof they are on Medicare. For everyone else, it's \$3. Workers from the Oakland County Health Department will be administering the shots.

Owner's rezoning bid for Peachtree shaken

By JEREMY MCGAIN Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission turned down a second request by Peach Tree Plaza for rezoning at its Oct. 8 meeting. While turning down the request, commissioners did vote to send Peach Tree to the implementation committee where it may be granted a special use permit. All of this comes from the Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road development's request to rezone the property from a B-1 to B-2. Under a B-1 classification, Peach Tree Plaza and any other site under this zoning are not allowed to bring in any restaurant establishment, but a B-2 zoning would give it this option. After years of low occupancy rates, the owner of the plaza, Rerage Arman, feels a restaurant will bring more people to the center. Terence Jolly, attorney for Arman, addressed the planning commission and said there are many B-2 zoned properties in the area, such as Ah Wok Restaurant, Sincoco Service Station and in some respects the 7-Eleven, because it sells hotdogs and other carry out food items. Jolly said the plaza is operating with a 40 percent occupancy rate, due to the lack of foot traffic caused by the site's poor location behind another center on Ten Mile Road, causing a severe economic problem for the owner. Many times, Jolly said, businesses have come to Arman with an interest in opening up a small shop, like an ice cream parlor or bagel shop. Since that sort of business is not covered by B-1, Arman sent the individuals to city hall to request a special permit, but none of them returned because of the time involved to get the permit. Jolly said if the property were rezoned to B-2, it would give Arman more leverage to bring in businesses, thus creating more foot traffic, that would eventually fill up the remaining vacancies. He said the businesses Arman was thinking of attracting were small carry out restaurants and small restaurants like an ice cream parlor or bagel shop. This mall just needs a little bit of a boost," Jolly said. However, many of the members of the planning commission and its consulting staff did not agree this would be the right boost. Rod Arroyo, planning consultant for the City of Novi, said a rezoning to B-2 would not be beneficial to the area because it would prove more intense than B-1 and would not fit well with the surrounding residential atmosphere. Arroyo suggested the city deny the request, because of the more intense uses permitted by B-2. He suggested referring all B-1 district uses to the Implementation Committee to determine if it would be appropriate to add carry-out restaurants or limited capacity sit-down restaurants to B-1 zoning. A majority of the planning commission agreed, but expressed concern about this request because of the low number of tenants in the Peach Tree Plaza. G. Brent Camp, Novi Planning Commissioner, said that when the plaza's development proposal came before the commission, Arman was told there were problems with the site's location and visibility, but Arman said he would live with those problems. Commissioner Kim Thomas Capella agreed. He addressed Arman saying, "You need help, but I think it is a hardship you created yourself." Commissioners voted unanimously to deny the request, but voted 7 to 1 to refer B-1 zoning to the Implementation Committee for the working changes. Voting against this move was commissioner Camp.

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witness's car, but encountered another car traveling at her in the next lane. The woman reportedly jerked her car back to the right, lost control, went off the road and rolled the car on its roof in a field. The witness said she stopped and walked back to the accident where the driver of the car was crawling out. The woman said she was all right. When officers arrived, they noticed alcohol on the woman's breath. The officer asked the woman for her driver's license and she said she did not have one. The woman was given a field sobriety test. The officer asked the woman to

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Grand Opening to give public a peek at ice arena

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
When it comes to Saturday's official Grand Opening gala for the Novi Ice Arena, the planners aren't found cheap skates.

Along with a whole slew of special activities, public skating is free from 6:20 p.m. to 8:10 p.m., said Novi Ice Arena Manager Tammy Homberg.

While the arena opened in August, this event is more of a

public celebration. But it's not like the public hasn't already fanned the place.

Homberg said 900 people of all ages have signed up to play hockey. The Learn-To-Skate program, already approaching the second session drew 350 beginners, while 100 more advanced figure skaters have been spinning across the ice.

Also on the schedule Saturday are a Novi Youth Hockey game at 6:20 p.m. and a figure skating

exhibition at 7:20 p.m. The bash runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and includes refreshments, raffle and souvenirs. During the opening ceremony, Mayor Kathleen McAllen, those responsible for bringing the project to fruition will be applauded, including the Novi Building Authority and Community Clubs of Novi.

"They'll be recognizing all the people who were instrumental in getting this built," Homberg said.



Taking the tricks out of treats

Novi police department's Terry Whitfield, left, and Novi Pediatric Urgent Care's Tracy Johnson will be assisting Halloween trick-or-

treaters like 4-year-old Ian Elliot, center, by X-raying candy for nasty stuff at the Twelve Mile Road facility.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

CROP Walk reaped major bucks for feeding the needy

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer
Some frowns and smiling faces were the rife for the 11th Annual Novi, Southville and South Lyon CROP Walk last month, which generated thousands of dollars in pledges for feeding the needy, both locally and abroad.

Organizer Catharine Donnelly, director of social ministries at Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church, said the 6.2 mile walk brought out the giving spirit of area church members.

The total amount of money pledged for the walk was not available.

"It's great to see churches, come together for a common cause like this," she said. "This is the sort of thing you just love to see happen."

The walk began at Novi's St. James Roman Catholic Church and wound up at Northville's Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic

Church. Ice cream, donuts and balloons awaited the youngest walkers at the end.

"It was a beautiful day for us and the turnout was good," Donnelly said. "We were all very pleased with our things went."

Walkers sought pledges on a per-mile basis or a flat pledge. Donnelly said the average walker collected \$550.

"We encouraged youths to participate," Donnelly said. "It's a good way for people to do some community service work."

There were bragging rights to be earned, too. Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church had laid claim to the prized "Bronze Shoe" award, given to the church which raised the most money for the walk. The shoe has been Holy Family's for past three years.

The 1997 walk hosted 350 walkers and raised \$23,000 for the program. Donnelly said Novi and

Northville's police departments have been instrumental in keeping walkers safe for the event.

"They've always been concerned about our safety and assist the walkers in crossing some intersections," she said.

CROP is an acronym for Church Rural Overseas Program. Coordinators for the program set the distances as they do largely because of the distances needed to be traveled in some third world nations to obtain food or water.

Three-quarters of the proceeds raised from the walk are designated for world hunger relief, while the remainder is earmarked for Novi, Northville, and South Lyon food charities.

Candia make the walk but interested in helping out? Call Donnelly at (248) 349-8553 and ask how you can assist.

Novi treasurer wins certification

Novi Assistant City Treasurer Steven Babiniak was recently awarded the credential of Certified Municipal Finance Administrator by the Municipal Treasurer's Association of the United States & Canada.

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Emergency food groups need help

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Cops sting cigarette sellers

Teenagers may find it hard to get their hands on cigarettes in the City of Northville.

Not a single store sold smokes to an underage decoy during a sting operation conducted at 6:30 p.m. on September 26.

Stores targeted in the sting were the Mobil gas station at 710 Eight Mile Road, Arbor Drugs, 133 W. Dunlap, Hamlet Food Mart, 1051 Novi Road, the Northville Clark Station 510 S. Main, and Good Time Party Store 567 Seven Mile Road.

"In every case, cashiers carded the decoy, saw that she was underage and refused the sale," said Northville Police Chief Jim Petres. "I think it's great. I'm glad to see cashiers upholding their responsibility to keep tobacco out of the hands of minors."

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Tales from the cop

Former Novi police chief still haunted by eerie memories



Former police chief Lee BeGole in Green Oaks Township gear.

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

It seems everyone loves a good scare around this time of year, and perhaps no one has more of them to share than former Novi police chief Lee BeGole.

Now employed in Green Oaks Township, the man for whom Novi's police headquarters is named spent many a dark and stormy night patrolling the streets of Novi and Northville and encountering a few incidents which stuck out in his mind.

A few of those can be seen on local access cable television, on "Scary Tales," a show airing now in Novi.

BeGole is an admitted skeptic where ghosts are concerned he's heard more than his share of UFO sightings in Novi, but said that he'd observed a number of incidents through his career which, at the very least, gave a good scare.

BeGole shared a few of the spookier moments he'd encountered in the Novi and Northville communities.

THE FUNERAL PROCESSION

BeGole lived above above the Novi fire hall, but had residents popping into the building throughout the day. After a long wait, a dispatcher was brought out to assist in fielding telephone calls from neighbors.

In the mid-1950s, BeGole recalled taking a late-night phone call from the Northville Police Department, where it was reported a funeral procession had been spotted leaving Yerkes Cemetery heading west on Eight Mile Road.

Of course, to add drama and tension to the story, the report was made on a foggy, cold evening in the final days of October. At the time, Eight Mile Road near Northville was a two-lane road, a far cry from the divided highway it is today.

"We went out there to look around and didn't see anything at all," BeGole said. "No sign of anything which looked like a funeral whatsoever."

That wasn't the last BeGole would hear about the matter, however. A few days later, Novi residents telephoned BeGole to tell him they had spotted the same thing. BeGole said he didn't tell the caller about the complaint filed earlier in the week.

"We didn't want to tell someone they were just imagining something," BeGole said. "That would have made them feel silly."

Wanting to bring some element of closure to the story, BeGole said he and an assistant drove out near the cemetery in an unmarked car and stalked the area out. A few single cars cruised the dark highway, but BeGole said nothing out of the ordinary could be seen.

A car coming from the west gave slight

illumination to the cemetery. At that moment, BeGole said he observed some movement in the graveyard. As the car moved closer, he could make out what appeared to be an actual funeral procession, with people carrying a casket through the cemetery grounds.

BeGole said he was startled, but climbed out of the patrol car and made his way to the cemetery. After a cursory scan, he realized it wasn't an apparition he was seeing.

It was a few clever members of Northville High School's senior class giving people in Novi and Northville a good scare, complete with a railroad-equin polished gang. Most of the thriller-movie wannabes scattered at the site of the police.

However, not all is forgotten. "Some of the perpetrators are still around today and are doing well in the community," BeGole laughed. "That was one of those incidents where we were able to explain away."

THE CHURCH BELL

The intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road is a far cry from what it used to be. When BeGole was on assignment, the area was largely residential and dotted with small stores.

A Methodist Church was located in the area, as well. BeGole said he was working in the police hall one evening around midnight when he heard the clang of the bell. Concerned, he said he made his way up Novi Road to see what the commotion was about.

He saw no activity on the outside of the church, but upon looking inside the church, he observed a small figure in a brown cloak, about five feet tall, walking up the center aisle.

"I didn't know what I was looking at, so I wanted to find out what was happening," BeGole said.

He then contacted the Novi Township supervisor, who told BeGole the figure was a person named Maria, who had moved from Detroit and spent Saturday evenings cleaning the church in preparation for Sunday services. One of her idiosyncrasies was a habit of wiping down the rope connected to the bell tower.

BeGole said many Saturday nights passed when the sound of the bell filled the night air. Years later, the chiming stopped and a few days after that, neighbors informed BeGole Maria had died. Her body was found inside her house.

Authorities came into her house and found stacks of newspapers several feet high throughout the home. In the middle of one of the stacks: nearly \$10,000 in cash which Maria had apparently been

hoarding.

One year after Maria's death, BeGole said he heard the sound of the bell coming from the church again. He inspected the church and found everything to be alright.

The next day, however, a prominent local was reported to have died. A few months after that, the bell was heard again, only this time, a Novi police officer was reported dead the next morning. "The trend continued periodically until the bell was moved to the church's new house on Meadowbrook."

THE RAVEN

BeGole recalled awakening a bright June morning in his Novi home to the sound of someone shuffling around downstairs, followed by footsteps padding their way up the staircase. It wasn't anything particularly out of the ordinary, since BeGole said his family had a key to his home and sometimes stopped by en route to Detroit.

BeGole said his staircase was constructed with a landing about halfway up. The plodding sound stopped at the landing.

"At that point, I didn't know what was going on," BeGole said. "That wasn't the sort of thing family members usually did."

BeGole said he stepped out of his bedroom and gazed at the staircase, only to find a giant black bird on the landing, staring at him. This came as a surprise because the front door to the house had been closed, making entry for a bird something rather difficult.

BeGole turned and retreated back to his bedroom. He called the police department and asked the officer on duty to come over to his house, though he didn't specify why.

Hearing the patrol car pull up in the driveway a few minutes later, BeGole exited his bedroom and looked back at the landing.

The bird was gone without a trace.

The officer who responded to the call, BeGole said, asked what it was BeGole wanted, as everything appeared normal. A search of the house turned up nothing -- including the bird.

The front door had also been closed when the officer arrived.

"I never did figure out how that darned bird got in there," BeGole said.

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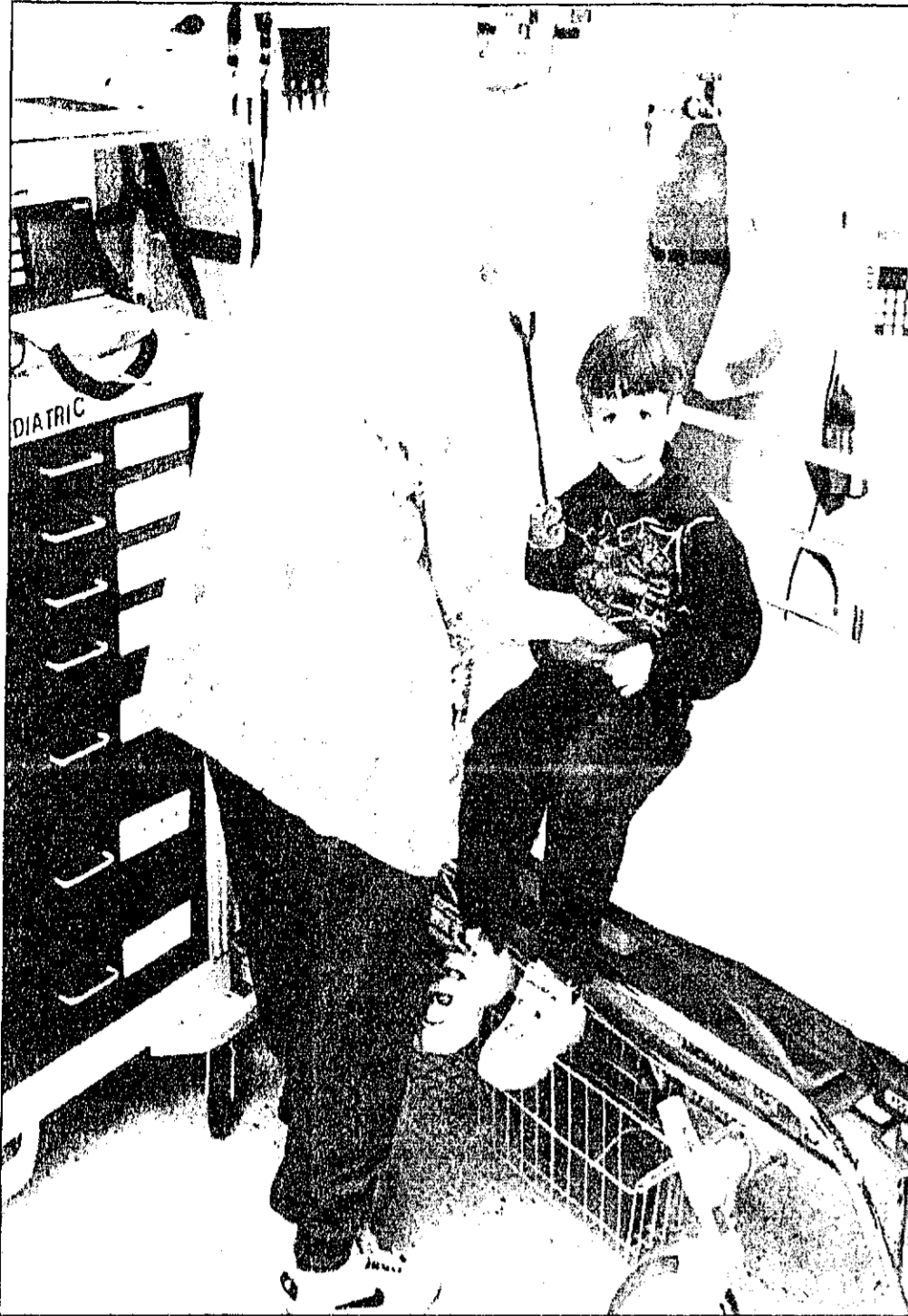
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Four-year-old Ian has his strong heart checked out by a nurse on a recent visit to the doctor.

Fewer rules for health care, Congress candidates agree

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

While they disagree on many topics, candidates for the 11th district Congressional seat agree health care needs to be addressed in the United States.

Travis Reeds, Democratic candidate for congress said with over 40 million people in the country not covered by any health insurance, the country needs to look at health care reform.

While he does not support socialized medicine, Reeds said he is unsure what the answer to America's health care problems is.

"I had the answer, I would have no problem getting elected," he said.

According to Trent Wisecup, spokesman for 11th District Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg, part of the answer has been found.

According to Wisecup, Knollenberg supports market based health care, medical savings accounts and a tax break for self-employed people covering the cost of health insurance.

By supporting these changes, Wisecup said Knollenberg is making health care more affordable for people and, by fighting for market based health care, the costs are going down.

"Private health care costs were going through the roof a few years ago," Wisecup said, but managed health care has controlled those costs and brought some of them down.

That is not true, according to Reeds.

"I don't think government should have absolute control over the health care system, but there are

people with good health care that are finding even their out of pocket costs are going up," he said.

Reeds said the problem is that insurance companies are completely in control of health care, creating an external appeals process.

While Knollenberg believes that managed care has lowered costs and should continue unhindered, Wisecup said he also believes that patients and doctors should make more of their own health care decisions.

Wisecup said the American health care system is the best in the world, but the real problem is a significant portion of the people in this country who lack health care coverage.

By supporting managed health care's efforts to bring costs down, tax breaks for health care for the self-employed, and medical savings accounts, Wisecup said Knollenberg is helping to solve some of these problems.

Knollenberg and Reeds both said they do not believe in a lot of regulation on health care.

Wisecup said that, with governmental regulation, the quality of health care suffers. In countries where the government has complete control over health care, there is rationing of care by the government.

As far as having a choice in health care, Wisecup said Knollenberg believes it is up to each individual to choose the health coverage that best suits them.

Since most people receive their health coverage through their employer, Wisecup said, "If they do not like the package offered by their employer, they can look for another job."

Reeds said, "If they do not like the package offered by their employer, they can look for another job."

According to Wisecup, this is not true with Knollenberg, who he says already supports a bill that would

Horsing around in Northville

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

The sound of rumbling hooves will once again be filling the air around Northville Downs, as the harness racing facility opens its doors for the 1998-1999 live racing season.

Though the track has been operating year-round for races simulcasted from different venues, autumn's chill signals the return of on-site races.

Downs' vice president and general manager David Karoub said that although horse racing has been taking its lumps in the competition for gambling dollars, the addition of simulcasted racing has helped keep Northville Downs afloat.

"We've seen an upswing on our simulcasted betting," Karoub said. "That's really been a help for us."

Because of the rise in popularity of simulcasted racing, Karoub said several remodeling projects are in the works, including the refurbishing of the first floor of the facility.

"We've dressed up the building a great deal and bigger projects are expected down the road," Karoub said. "We'd like to make Northville Downs a more attractive place for our guests."

Karoub said he expected the Downs to benefit from the forthcoming closure of Ladbroke DRC. The Livonia-based thoroughbred track will run its last race next month.

The Downs will have around a dozen races a night, running Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Once DRC shuts its doors Nov. 8, Hazel Park and Northville will be left as the only two horse racing locations in metro Detroit. The city of Northville took in \$335,000 in tax revenue in 1995.

Suffer from harness racing? This primer should bring you up to speed on what you need to know about harness racing:

NOTE-BOARD ODDS: The display that shows the odds of winning for every horse in the race. It reflects the betting of the bettors as a group. The better's choices are the ones with the lowest odds, such as 4.5, 6.5, or 2:1. The horse with the lowest odds is the bettor's favorite to win, with the next-lowest odds picked to place second, and so on.

POST POSITION: The position each horse has away from the inside rail when the race begins. The number next to the horse's name in the betting program, on the saddle pad and on the horse's back and head is the post position. Inside post positions are a big advantage.

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Most purchasers have been light industrial and high tech companies while some properties have been bought by developers for speculative buildings.

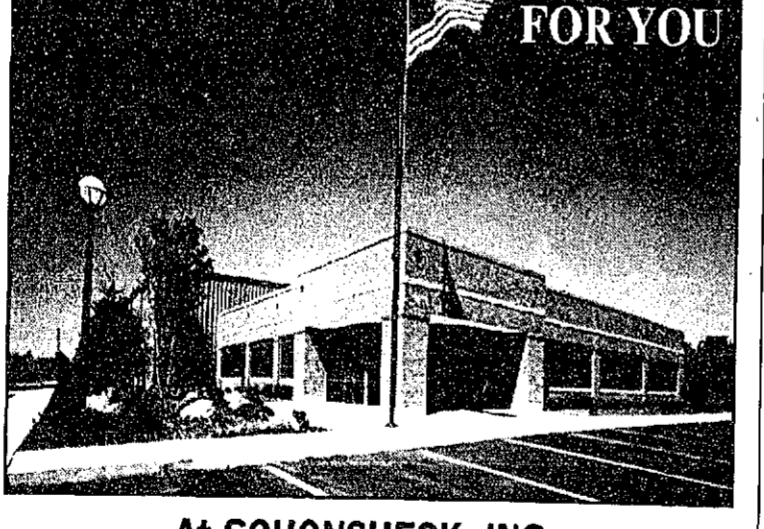
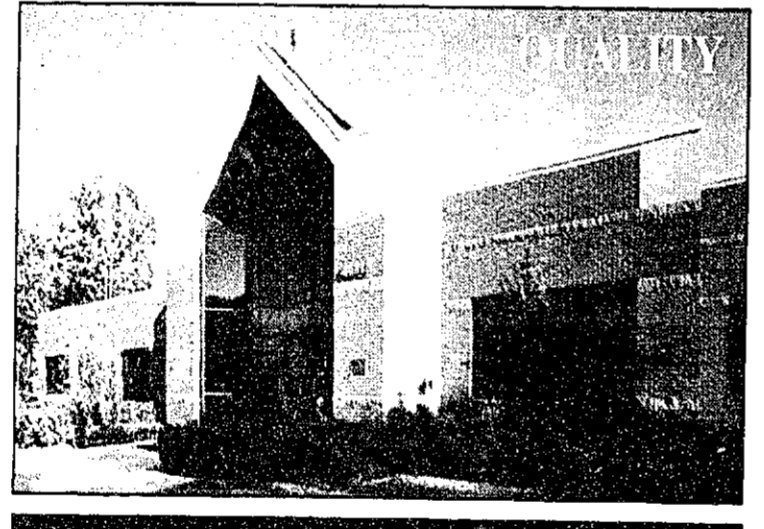
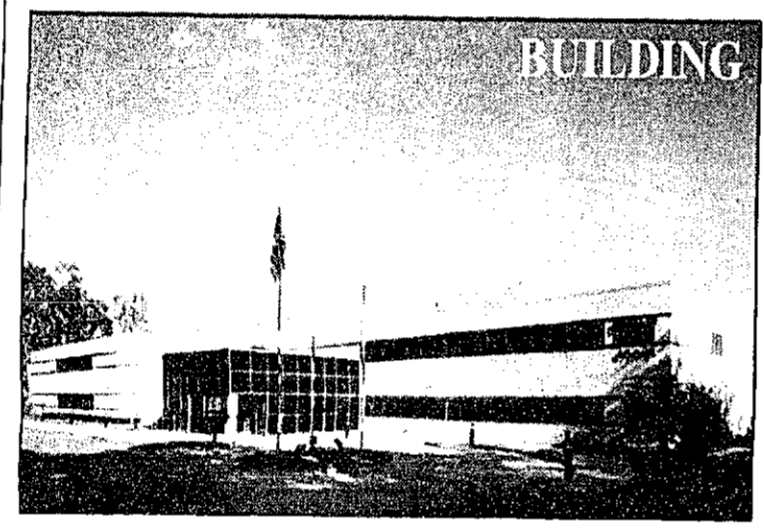
Five buildings are presently being constructed and available for lease at the Century Industrial Park. The available square footage for these buildings is 17,000, 41,964, 49,006, 49,750 and 110,000. There are also several proposed buildings in the park ranging from 25,000 to 75,000 square feet.

Other current projects for Schonscheck, Inc. include a 100,000-square-foot facility for Cortran, Moving and Storage in Novi, a 10,000-square-foot day care center for Tutor Time in Walled Lake, a new 15,000-square-foot building in Brighton for Galaxey Machine and Retrofit and a 50,000-square-foot facility for American Chemical Technologies in Fowlerville, who is relocating from Wixom.

Schonscheck recently completed several projects for Lazy-Boy Furniture Galleries that included two new stores in Canton and Ann Arbor as well as remodeling two others.

Schonscheck, Inc. also maintains an inventory of vacant industrial land that can be sold for building projects. All of the land has been pre-evaluated for site problems that might affect the cost. At this time, Schonscheck is also in the site plan approval process to develop a new commercial center that includes a 50,000-square-foot grocery store in Hamburg Township.

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Obituaries

VERA DEAN DUNHAM

Vera Dean Dunham, age 79, died Oct. 10 in Betsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The wife of the late Leroy Dunham, she is survived by her son, Tony (Robert) McCarty of Novi and her grandchildren, Tony McCarty, Jr., Philip McCarty and Duane McCarty.

Mrs. Dunham's funeral was held Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the O'Brien Chapel/First C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Interment was at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations in Mrs. Dunham's honor may be made to the IHS/Samaritan Care Hospice of Michigan, 24445 Northwestern

Highway, Suite 105, Southfield, MI. 48075.

ELIZABETH J. PHILLIPS

Elizabeth J. Phillips of Plymouth died Oct. 6 in Ann Arbor. She was 79. Mrs. Phillips was born Jan. 24, 1919, in Tiffin, Ohio.

A homemaker, Mrs. Phillips moved in 1949 from Highland Park to the Plymouth community. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by her husband, Gus, of Plymouth; daughters, Suzanne Mynatt of Northville and Sally (Dean Strandt) Flower of Plymouth; sister, Gertrude Flechner of Westland; David

(Margaret) Flechner of Livonia; grandchildren, Debra Riddle of Little Rock, Ark., John Mynatt of Saginaw, Matthew Flower of Novi, and Andrew Flower of Overland Park, Kan.; and great grandchildren, Gabrielle Mynatt of Saginaw, Sarah Riddle of Little Rock, Ark., and Mitchell Mynatt of Saginaw.

Services were held on Friday, Oct. 9 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Lupler officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society or the Right-to-Life Foundation would be appreciated.

Northville district adds to its fleet of school buses

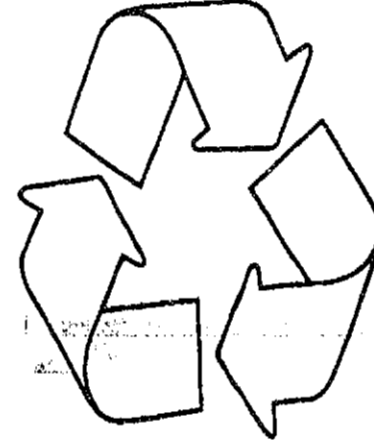
BUS BUY: One 78-passenger and two 84-passenger school buses will be purchased by the district to replace three buses currently on lease. Along with 12 buses purchased with bond money earlier this year, the new buses will maintain the average age of the district's fleet at seven years and average mileage at 120,000.

According to assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho, the district will enjoy a cost savings by purchasing the bus through the Michigan School Business Officials Association. The association buys

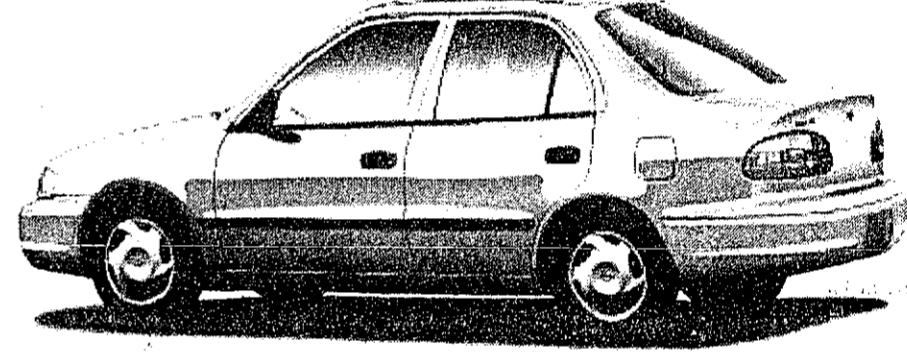
buses in bulk for districts across the state.

Buses cost around \$50,000, Bolitho said. The money will come from the district's general fund or the money the district received in the Durant settlement.

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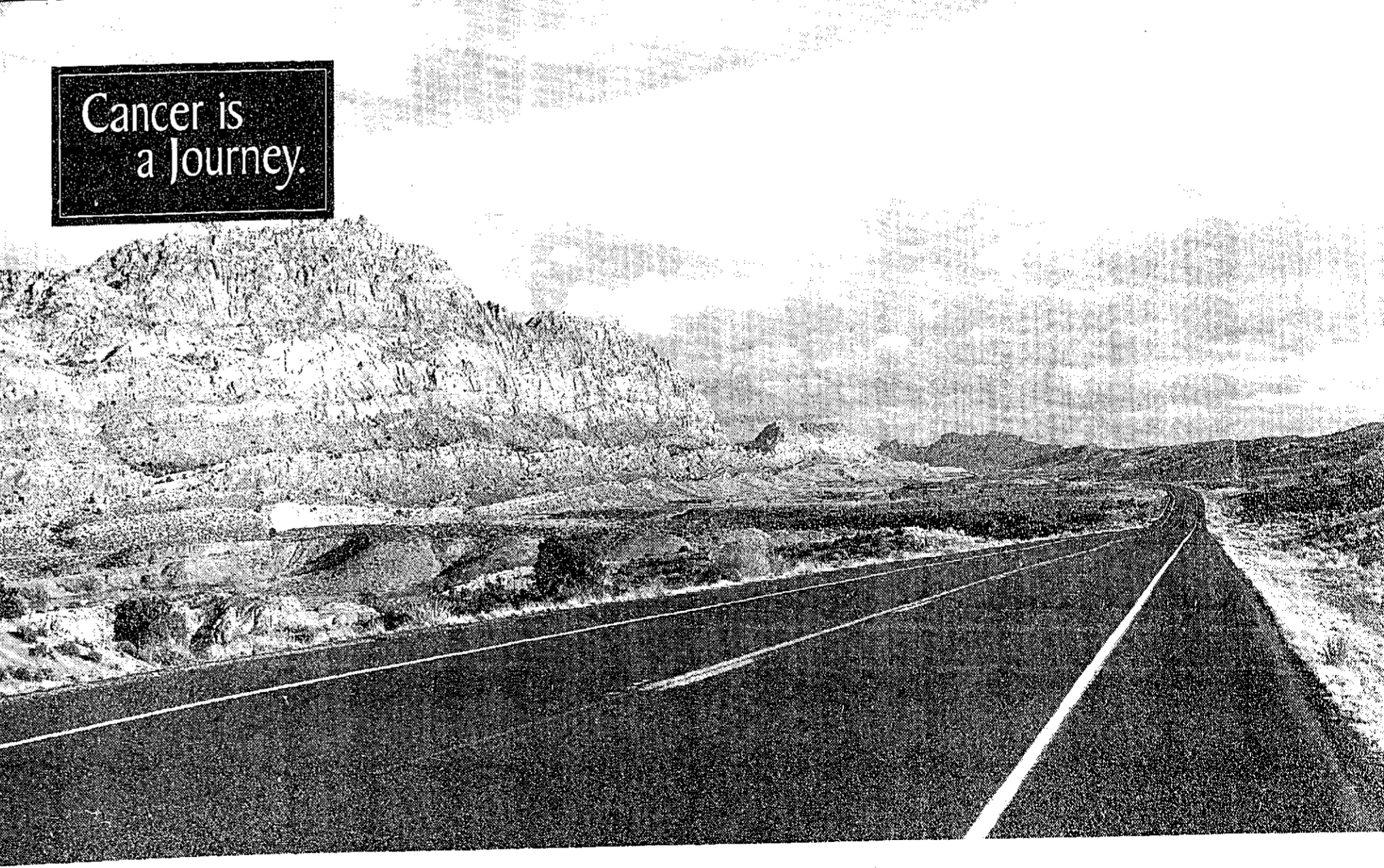
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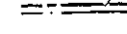


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Mall in dark after electrical short

By JEREMY McBEAN Staff Writer

Shoppers at Twelve Oaks Mall found their shopping interrupted Monday due to a power loss, only to find themselves tangled in traffic when the traffic lights also failed.

According to the Novi Fire Department, there was a power outage in the area around 4:30 p.m., resulting from a failed underground cable.

The fire department said the cable failure blew the cover off a manhole and knocked out the power in the mall and traffic lights at the intersection of Novi and Twelve Mile roads.

Noxi police were called in to direct traffic as the mall closed its doors and sent its shoppers home.

Peggy Haynes, marketing director for the Twelve Oaks Mall, said it was the first time in the mall just

kind of stood around waiting for the power to come back on. When it did, the shoppers just kind of wandered out.

She said the mall closed at 6 p.m. as a result of the blackout.

Scott Simons, spokesperson for Detroit Edison, said the power outage resulted from the apparent failure of a switch gear, owned and operated by the mall.

He said when the mall's electrical crew failed to shut out two underground electrical cables that supply power to the mall.

Crews worked through the night Monday to restore service but were unable to restore power by Tuesday morning.

Simons explained that the cables are under pressure, which can be released when they fail. He concluded that the pressure is enough to lift a manhole cover.

Work begins again at new high school

Drivers who passed the construction site of the future Northville High School in the past month may have missed it entirely.

There wasn't any work going on. Even as the Northville Board of Education approved more than \$13 million in contract bids, construction of the six-Mile Road site was at a standstill.

We know we've lost four weeks of just incredible construction activity," said assistant superintendent David Holtby.

It may be difficult for the district to reach its goal of opening the school in the fall of 2000, he said, as the delay will have cascading effects.

Cooke Middle School, already leasing portable trailer classrooms due to overcrowding, was set to move to current high school in the fall of 2000.

By that time, the city of Livonia plans to reclaim the building that

Northville currently leases for its Bryant Center program for special education.

If the Bryant Center cannot be moved to Cooke, as planned, the district will have to scramble to find a building equipped for about 130 moderately or emotionally impaired students.

The delay was imposed by the state fire marshal, who notified the district that the high school didn't meet laws outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

The code requires the county to approve things that impact public health and safety, such as sewerage and water connections, and heating and cooling systems.

Wayne County health officials worked overtime to approve the Northville High School plans. As of Oct. 9, they gave the go-ahead to the fire marshal and construction resumed.

JUDGE RACE

Job: county-wide general trial court — criminal cases, family matters, larger civil suits; six-year term; nonpartisan.

Politics: only one open seat features a contest this year. Other seats are uncontested. Candidates:

- Steven Kaplan, West Bloomfield; since 1986, assistant prosecutor in Macomb County; also teaches at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University; former staffer for U.S. District Judge George LaPlata, state Appeals Court Judge William Beasley; former Southfield school board member; private practice 1983-4.
- Colleen O'Brien, Rochester Hills; 17 years as practicing attorney, including 10 years in civil practice, including first- and third-party no-fault, premises liability, employment discrimination, contracts; first seven years in general practice, including criminal, family law and plaintiffs personal injury.

Two run for Oakland circuit

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Both have done a wide range of legal work. But in the last decade, Colleen O'Brien has done mostly civil and defense work, while Steven Kaplan has prosecuted capital crimes — murder, robbery, rape.

Voters nominated them in the primary and on Nov. 3 will pick one to be a circuit judge in Oakland County.

They met Sept. 28 before the Oakland County Bar Association's Judicial Review Forum and were asked the most significant case they ever had handled. Candidates are quoted in the order in which they answered.

O'Brien said that in April she successfully helped defend eight Pontiac police officers sued over a drug raid. "It was a very difficult case. It took a lot of preparation. We were required to prepare very quickly, before a visiting judge, on 48 hours notice."

Kaplan said that of his 200 murder trials, the most significant was a drunk driver who killed two teens. "We charged him with second-degree murder. Normally, we charge a drunk driver with manslaughter. He was convicted and received 25 to 50 years in prison."

O'Brien said she tries four civil cases a year. "They usually last several weeks," she said, adding that many involve liability and require expert medical witnesses.

The best judge O'Brien ever practiced before is Hilda Cagle formerly of the Oakland circuit bench, now on the Court of Appeals. "She wrote well-reasoned decisions and was fair to all litigants."

Kaplan said he tries 25-30 cases a year, of which 90 percent are "capital" — long sentences for murder, robbery and rape, with some

juvenile cases.

His nominee for best judge is George Steeh, of the Macomb circuit bench — "kind, patient, erudite; he treated everybody fairly."

They were asked for an example of a "frightful lawsuit that the public perceives as clogging the courts."

O'Brien: A bowler tripped over another's bowling bag and sued. "There are procedures to sanction frivolous lawsuits. A judge can dismiss them. Our courts are clogged with frivolous cases."

Kaplan: In Rochester, a drunk driver crossed the median, killed two people and was prosecuted. The drunk driver filed suit against their estate "claiming the dead motorists had a responsibility to move out of his way."

On just one issue did they disagree: allowing TV and press cameras in courtrooms.

O'Brien was cool: "Judges need to take control of the situation ... What comes to mind is the O.J. Simpson trial that got out of hand." She would oppose cameras in "celebrity" cases.

Kaplan is enthusiastic: "Any time a TV station, a cable station or national network wants to film, that trial should be televised." The public is educated thereby. "I can barely imagine a case where a judge would exclude cameras."

Both opposed term limits for judges because the public would lose the benefit of experience and quality.

They were asked about the Michigan Legislature's tendency to mandate long prison sentences for crimes.

Kaplan: "The Michigan Supreme Court has established guidelines in criminal cases. Judges continue to have discretion — they can impose sentences below or above the sug-

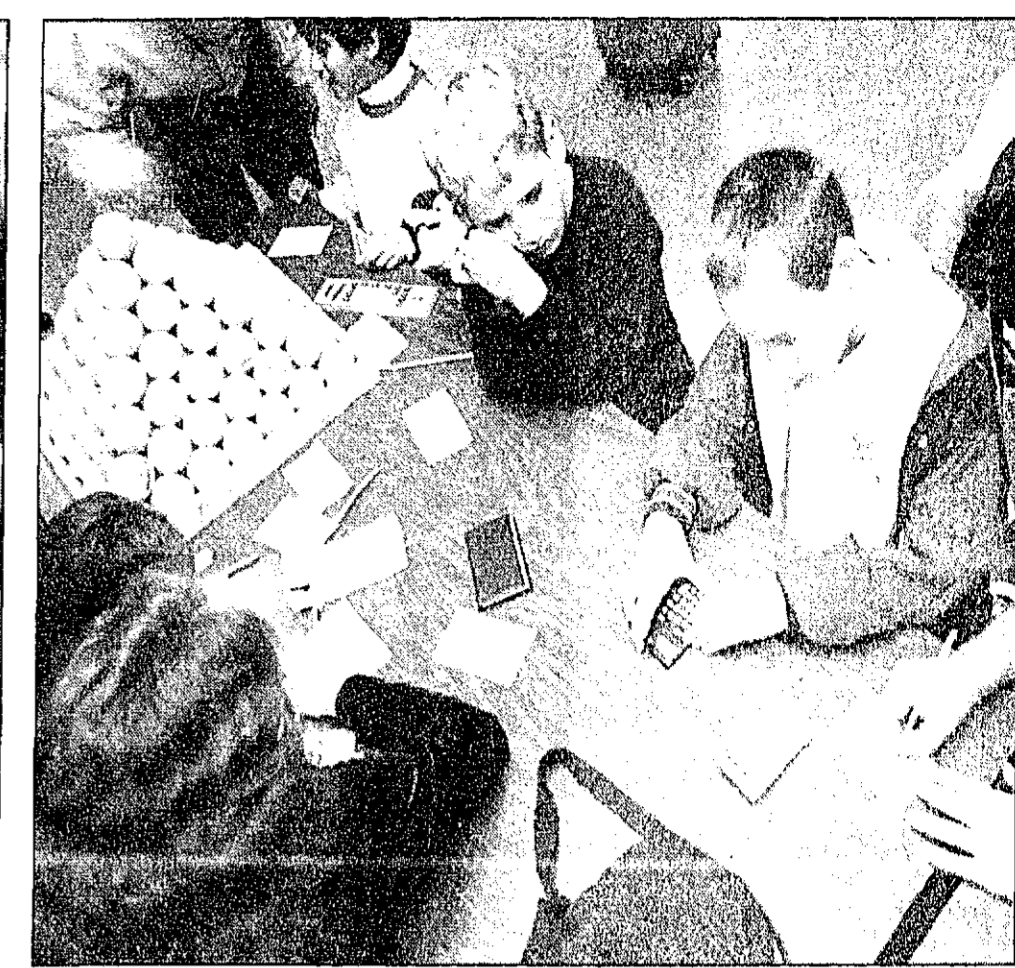
gested sentence if the case is compelling. Judges have wide discretion, and they should use it wisely."

O'Brien: "My opinion is irrelevant. If I'm elected, I must follow the limits the Legislature has placed. In a perfect world, it would be good if a judge could use discretion — the defendant's age, criminal background, the nature of the crime. However, I understand why the Legislature has passed these sentencing requirements."

Candidates were asked about their bar association, civic and teaching activities.

O'Brien: Past president of the Oakland County Bar, board of Women Lawyers' Association of Michigan, zoning board of appeals in Rochester Hills, nine years on the Attorney Discipline Board, hearing allegations of misconduct. "I've become very aware of issues involving women and minorities — I have a heightened sensitivity to their panels."

Kaplan: "I teach at Detroit College of Law — trial advocacy. I'm a frequent speaker before bar association and national network wants to film, that trial should be televised." The public is educated thereby. "I can barely imagine a case where a judge would exclude cameras."



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

A happening place

Novi Woods offers more than an education. Above, students Brad Petroski, left, and Alexander Tollis, center, get some help from Alexander's dad - Dan, in figuring out a math puzzle during Friday Night's Family Fun Night. Students, using a square-root formula, were asked to figure out how many tennis balls were in a pyramid shape. Left, kids got to put their mitts in a bubbling, frothing cauldron of dry ice to grasp at rubber snakes, spiders and rats. The science- and math-based night of fun learning had hands-on chemistry experiments and math puzzles to challenge both children and their parents.

Northville trustee goes right through with MSU

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

When the University of Michigan football team played Michigan State University last Saturday, Mike Poterala was in the bleachers wearing gray.

Until he starts his new job at MSU, the Northville school board trustee said he's remaining neutral.

But at the end of the month, he may be sporting green and white as Assistant General Counsel for Michigan State University, where he'll join a team of attorneys who handle copyright, trademark and intellectual property laws.

There, Poterala's duties may be as varied as helping researchers patent newly engineered frost-resistant seeds to handling broad-

cast rights for Michigan State athletic games.

Poterala will leave his attorney post at Raymond & Prokop in Southfield but he said he won't be leaving Northville right away. Instead, he'll commute an hour each way.

"I hope to get a car with a great stereo system," Poterala said.

Elected to the school board in June, 1996, his four year term is

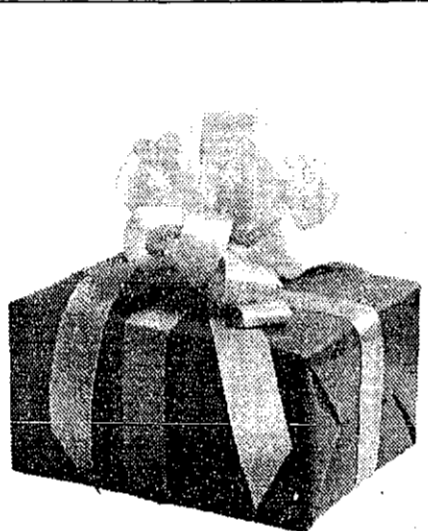
slated to end in the year 2000. He has no intentions of leaving before then.

"I knew it was a four year commitment. I've always thought it was important to live up to commitment. It's my hope and aspiration to finish this term," Poterala said.

He and his wife Heidi Dulich, an attorney with Michigan National

Bank, moved to Northville 10 years ago after meeting at Georgetown University.

Their 7-year-old daughter Johanna is a second-grader at American Elementary School and their 4-year-old son Andrew attends Northville's Early Childhood Education program.



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Warm hearts fight chill

Michigan outdoorsmen are all too familiar with the affect of cold temperatures, and they've already begun preparing for winter.

They're collecting gear for those less fortunate as well.

For the second year in a row, Ted Nugent's United Sportsman of America are holding a food and clothing drive for the poor.

A collection site will be stationed at the Northville Downs parking lot, at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 11.

"There's a lot of people that think hunters are just out for themselves, as they would say, to kill game," said Jim White, a Northville Township bow hunter who is regional director for the group. "There's a lot of us that have hearts too. These organizations do other things. We like to give back."

Clothing for men, boys, women and girls will be collected for Native Americans in Southeastern Michigan, along with blankets, coats, jackets, shoes, hats and gloves of all sizes.

Non-perishable food items are also welcome, as are donations of cash or returnable cans and bottles. Those proceeds will go to buy toys for patients at the Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, which will be delivered by a sportsman Santa Claus.

The collection effort was spearheaded by Pete and Liz Aberhart, club members who live in Wyandotte. Last year's donations went to area homeless people.

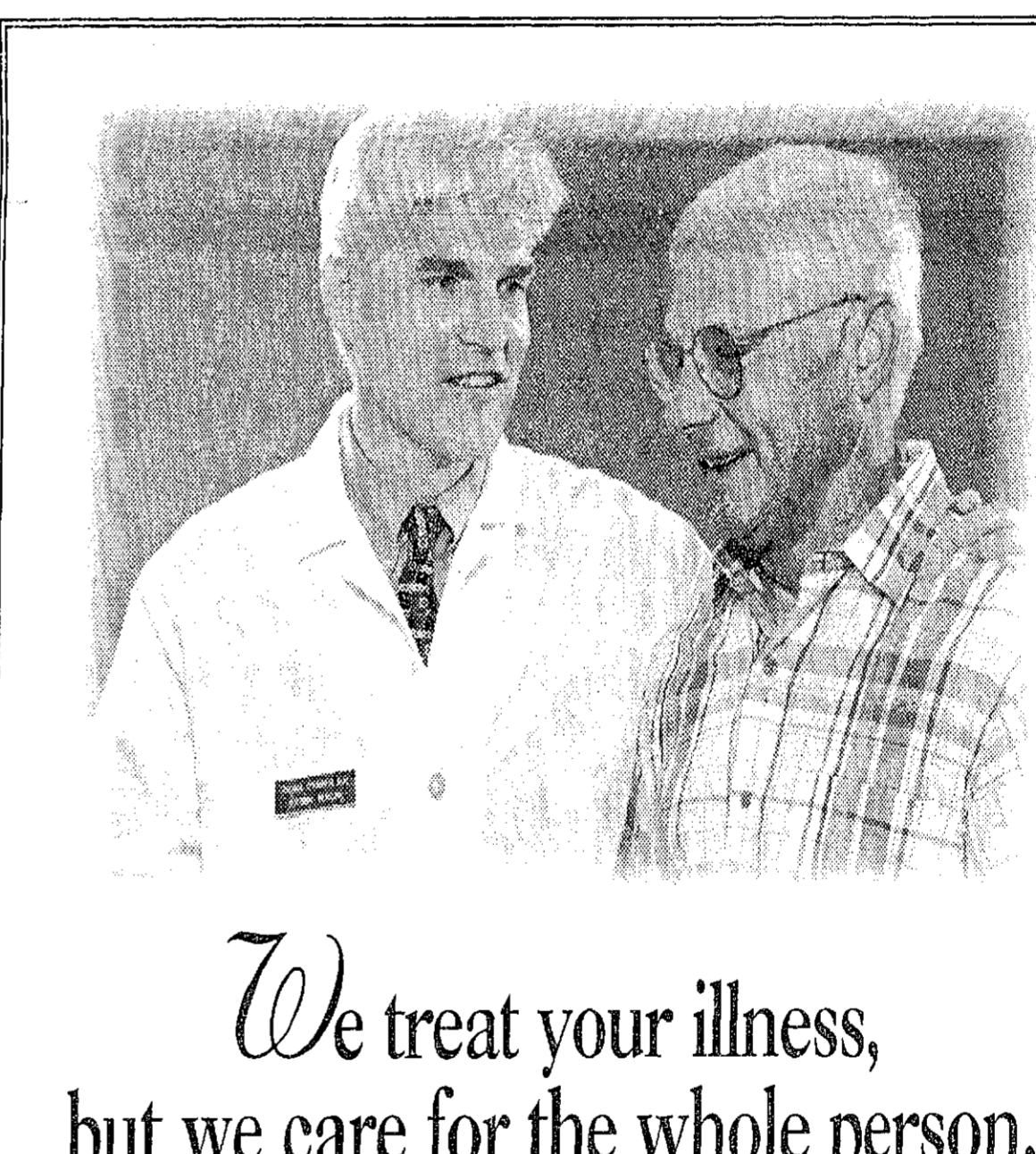
Even if citizens can't make it to any of the designated collections, they can still donate.

"If they can't make the drop-offs, if they're in the general area, I'll go and pick them up," White said. "If they have donations, they can call me."

White said many of the club's 2,000 regional members got involved in the drive to help out the needy.

"To show these people who are less fortunate that we care," White said. "That's what we're doing it for. Plus it makes you feel good to see how happy people are when they get that stuff."

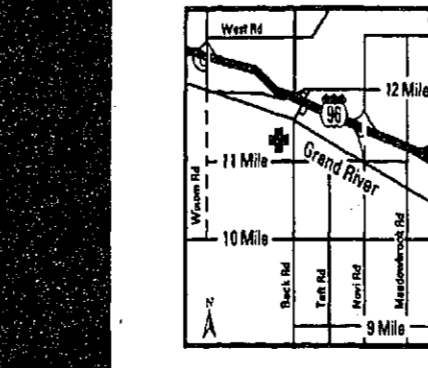
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Steve Tutill, manager of Spencer Gitts' Halloween Central in Twelve Oaks Mall, with masks.

Tricking's a treat Stores ready for scary season

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

In case you're wondering, Spencer's Gitts doesn't stock Monte Lee costumes for Halloween. But oh, how does assistant manager Steve Tutill wish he did.

"We've had a whole lot of people in here asking for Bill Clinton masks, too," Tutill said. "We do sell the heret and Lewinsky hairstyle combo, though."

Spencer's is billing itself as the Halloween headquarters for Twelve Oaks Mall. Tutill has already had to deal with an influx of people looking for the perfect Halloween get-up. And, he said, the next few weeks are almost certain to become as crazy as the day itself.

"It's been really, really busy already," he said. "By the end of this month, it's going to be nuts."

As has become the case in recent years, the demand for a certain Halloween costume has mirrored American pop culture. This year is no different, Tutill said.

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Tutill said the makeup and platform shoes of the rock group which put Detroit Rock City on the map have been requested several times.

Halloween is only 16 days away. Trick-or-treating hours in Northville and Northville Township are from 6 to 8 p.m.

villains of the squared circle.

That's not to take away from the traditional October 31 families, like devils, aliens and witches. Tutill said these costumes have been hot and continue to be this year.

New twists on the old are gaining in popularity, though he said.

"We've had a few people come in here asking for Clucky or that 'Scream' mask," he said. "The movies have probably helped that out."

Clucky, the sinister doll, returned to the big screen last weekend in a new slasher movie, "Bride of Clucky."

And, of course, no Halloween would be complete without the original rock and roll-meets-horror costumes of the band members of KISS.

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Northville pulls Freshman Focus and Senior Seminar

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

The school year is well underway, but the presence of two programs recently launched at Northville High School are conspicuously absent.

Lack of enrollment meant that Freshman Focus and Senior Seminar were pulled from the schedule. "We did not have the numbers in terms of registration," said Northville High School principal Dr. Tom Johnson. "The numbers were so low it resulted in not having enough students in either of the classes to make it go."

Tom Johnson
Northville High School principal

Jarocha and Nancy Arnold planned their classes together around the same themes and often combined classes so they could use longer blocks of time for group projects.

For example, a lesson about the depression era had students reading "The Kill A Mockingbird" in English, applying the novel's geographical locations in math, studying the history of the period in social studies and recreating dust bowls in science class.

The program was recognized in the Michigan Education Association's "Showcasing Public School Success" in 1998.

Surveys of students and parents showed that the program was well received.

"The numbers were so low, it resulted in not having enough students in either of the classes to make it go."

From the beginning to the end when I asked them about the integrated curriculum... the kids were saying "This really makes sense. This is how the real world works." said Sharon Campbell, an analyst who spent time in the classroom and presented her findings to the board of education last year.

Surveys also showed that students felt they had more time to do their homework and teachers reported less stress and more teamwork.

The only negative feedback students gave was that they felt isolated in the Freshman Focus program since they had the same classmates most of the day.

Perhaps that was one reason enrollment lagged this year.

Another reason cited by Johnson was the fact that Freshman Focus limited students' choice of classes. Advanced English or Biology, for example, did not fit into the pre-arranged program.

Johnson also said that the block schedule's debut last year gave all teachers 90-minute blocks of class time to work with, expanding some of the flexibility Freshman Focus teachers had to the entire school.

Looking back, however, Hirko feels that the program was a success and she continues to plan her English lessons in conjunction with Gabrys' social studies classes.

"I don't think teachers and administrators feel it was a waste of time. I think they're sad to see it go," she said. "With the integrated curriculum, students are able to see the way the subjects connect and therefore that life, the real world, is not just English on its own. Instead, English is a part of our lives and we can see it through history, we can see it through math, we can see it through science."

"It should be a capsule to what they had done so far," said Tibble. "You can see it wasn't a piece of cake class."

The class gave students career-oriented, hands-on responsibilities in the community.

"We found we're at a point financially where we cannot afford to go that route, but I don't think all is lost," Johnson said. "Both will be put on the schedule next year."

Projecting classroom lessons into the real world was also the aim of Senior Seminar, an intensive, internship-based class that students credit for taking the semester before graduation.

Initiated by the Coalition for Student Success and developed by government teacher Barb LeBoeuf, English teacher Carla Tibble and business teacher Wayne Saunders, its debut two years ago didn't attract enough enrollment to be held this year.

Last year, 45 students enrolled for the class, which required a challenging research paper, internship, portfolio and presentation based on a selected area of research.

"If enrollment falls under class size targets, the district won't be able to allocate teachers for the program."

Mike Lewnes, for example, studied the effect of birth order on personality as the job shadowed an elementary school teacher.

Jennifer Taylor was interested in environmental law and interacted with a prestigious Detroit law firm.

"That's pretty heavy for a young kid who hasn't graduated from high school. It taught independence, assertion. They did a lot of good things," LeBoeuf said. "I think it's good for kids to get out in the community and to find out what jobs would really have you doing."

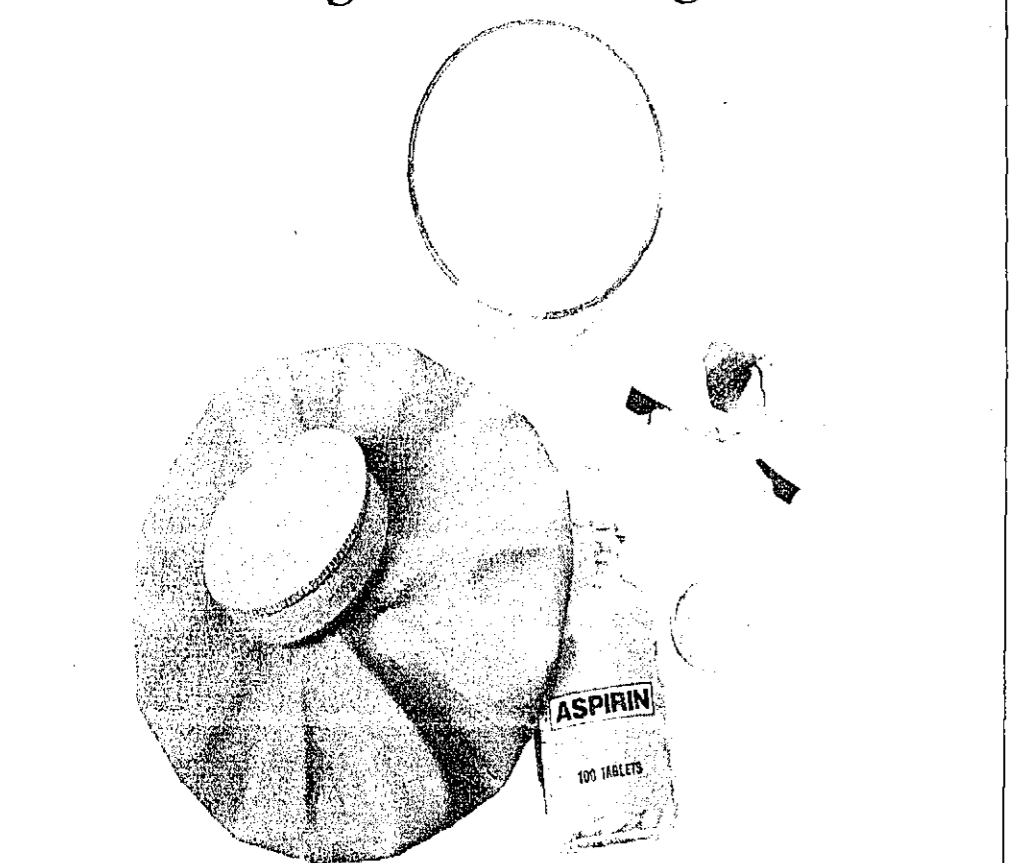
"The class was time consuming for students and teachers alike, and word may have spread to underclassmen that it entailed a lot of work during the months when seniors are occupied with college applications, prom, spring break and graduation."

Still, the class will be available next year if seniors opt to sign up, and Johnson said Freshman Focus may be considered again if demand increases.

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By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The 2nd District includes Oakland, Macomb, Genesee and Shiawassee counties. Judges decide cases in panels of three.

There is one nonpartisan race this year. Candidates are:

• Martin S. Doctoroff, 65, incumbent from Birmingham. Appointed in 1987, elected in 1988 and 1992. Served term as chief judge. Former FBI special agent; taught at Institute for Continuing Legal Education; private practice from 1960-67 was in domestic relations, personal injury and probate; served on bar association grievance and discipline boards; chaired Birmingham planning board.

• Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan, judge of Macomb Probate Court since 1995. As an attorney for 12 years, she specialized in real estate, taxation and corporate law.

Appeals Judge Martin Doctoroff had no one to debate when the Oakland County Bar Association held a candidates' forum Sept. 28 in the Bloomfield Township Library.

His opponent, Macomb Probate Judge Patricia O'Sullivan, was a no-show.

Doctoroff is proud of his work as chief judge in reducing the Court of Appeals' notorious backlog of cases.

"Several years ago, it took an inordinate amount of time for a case to go through to oral arguments. There were too many cases, not enough judges, many frivolous cases," Doctoroff said.

"Now it takes 18 months from filing to oral arguments."

In his term as chief judge, circuit judges were assigned on rotation to serve on the Court of Appeals. The Legislature created more judgeships, and voters approved a constitutional amendment limiting present

Appeals court Two candidates seek judgeship

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Martin Doctoroff
Michigan Court of Appeals candidate and incumbent

He's "not a strong supporter of an elected judiciary. Most states have merit systems." He said Michigan should adopt a merit system for the two appellate courts.

It's tough to ask lawyers to contribute to his campaign, "but I don't know what else you can do. Lawyers are the only ones who know who's best for the bench," Michigan limits contributions from lawyers to \$100, through political action committees can give more. At the American Bar Association, most discussion of campaign reform is based on Michigan's system.

The Court of Appeals was one of five 30-minute panels conducted by the Oakland County Bar Association Sept. 28. It was videotaped by TCI of Bloomfield Township. Contact your local cable company to ask that any or all of the programs be shown.

AAA happy over lawsuit decline

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- Livingston from 2,131 in 1996 to 89 in 1997, a drop of 96 percent.
- Wayne from 11,993 in 1996 to 4,415 in 1997, a drop of 63 percent.

The law 1) tightened the definition of "serious impairment," 2) allowed judges rather than juries to decide

"serious impairment," and 3) prohibited uninsured motorists and those 50 percent or more at fault from collecting non-economic damages.

Statewide, auto negligence lawsuits dropped 64 percent. Said Steve Venrich, spokesman for the insurance agents.

impact on businesses and consumers," Venrich said.

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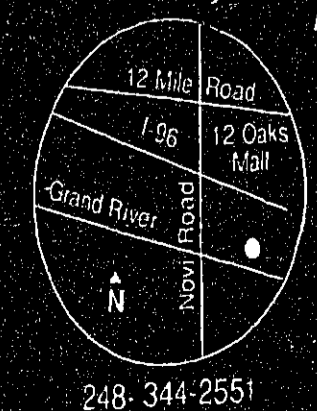
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Novi High School choir members made the 250-member National Honors Choir and will perform in Chicago in February of 1999. From left are Maria Rose, Stacey Smith and Jessica Kellogg.

These girls can sing

Seniors hit all the right notes when trying out for national honors choir

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

While many of us shy away from singing, especially in groups, four Novi High School students will join 250 others singing with the National Honor Choir.

The students will join other high school singers from across the country to sing at the closing of the National Choral Directors Association Convention Feb. 24-28 in Chicago.

Over 1,500 students auditioned by tape for the choir, and of those, only five schools in Michigan had students who were accepted.

Novi was the only district which had more than two students invited to join the choir with four of its students being accepted.

Paula Joyner-Clinard, Novi High School choir director who trained

each of the students who were accepted, said she was proud of all the students.

"I was happy if we would have gotten one. Then we got back the notification and we had four students, no other school has four students. I am walking on cloud nine," Clinard said.

Novi High School seniors Stacey Smith, David Langham, Jessica Kellogg and Maria Rose were the well-voiced students accepted into the choir.

Clinard said each of the students recorded their own audition tape after school, with each tape taking a half of an hour to 45 minutes to complete.

"This proves that these kids are teachable," she said.

Clinard said while she is proud of the four students who were

accepted into the National Honors, she finds every one of the students she teaches are wonderful students, who are not afraid to take risks.

"A lot of people excuse their voices saying, 'Aw, I don't sing very well.' They are afraid of showing something," she said.

"My goal is not necessarily to produce Broadway stars, what I hope is when people leave here they will just sing for the rest of their life," Clinard said.

Jessica Kellogg, one of the students accepted to the choir, said she tried out because it was a really good opportunity that would provide her with help improving her skills for the future.

"You can learn from it no matter what happens," she said.

Kellogg's interest in music began

when she was in her church choir in seventh grade.

"I guess I always wanted to be in it because the teen choir is very big and we get to travel," she said.

From this experience, Kellogg gained self-confidence and tried out for a solo part in the choir. Much to her surprise, she was accepted for the part.

"Ever since, singing has just been everything for me," she said. This love of singing is leading Kellogg to pursue a career in acting or singing.

"I like to sing just about anything," Kellogg said.

Maria Rose, another student selected for the choir also shared Kellogg's excitement and surprise at the honor.

Rose said she really was not sure if she would be accepted or not. "I

figured I would go for it and see what happens," she said.

Rose said she started taking voice lessons six months ago to feed an interest she had always had in singing.

"I had to beg my parents a bit to pay for the lessons," she said. Rose said she started in singing classes from her love of being in the spotlight.

She said she began singing with various musical groups as a chorus singer, but as she continued performing she found her confidence level rising.

Then came the opportunity to try out for the National Honors Choir and she thought, "why not, it sounds exciting."

Like Kellogg, Rose said she hopes to gain more knowledge of singing while she is with the Honors Choir.

She wants to focus on making her voice sound and blend better.

"I will have to work hard, but I think I will be ok," she said.

As for the future of her singing, Rose said she heard it is really hard to get a career in it, but she has given some thought to minor-ing in music while at college.

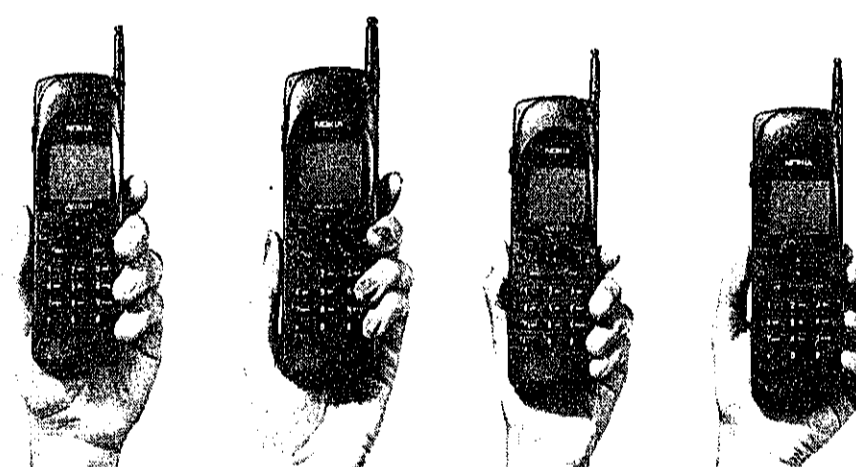
She also plans on continuing her singing with college choirs, but not as a main character in college musicals.

"I am more of a singer than an actor," she said.

However she does it, Rose is planning on continuing to sing in the future, but on more of a hobby basis.

"Probably not professional, but you never know," Rose said.

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State legislature settles budget for courts late

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

With some items still unresolved, the Legislature passed and sent to Gov. Engler a \$2.15 billion budget bill for state courts.

It's 2 percent more than Engler asked and 4 percent more than last year.

Lawmakers opted against making a number of Engler's proposed changes.

A lawsuit over funding of judges retirement cast a question mark over the budget. Engler requests \$476,600 in higher court fees to support the retirement system.

Engler's budget also includes a 2.5 percent increase in the state's share of the federal Social Security program. The House passed the bill 93-14 on Oct. 14. The Senate passed the bill 24-12 on Oct. 14. The House passed the bill 93-14 on Oct. 14. The Senate passed the bill 24-12 on Oct. 14.

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Public Access

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

MONDAY, OCT. 19
10:00 a.m. — Fall Harvest
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor: DIA Exhibit
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
11:30 a.m. — Gosby and Company: Patricia Whiteley
12:00 p.m. — Intersections: Word Ministry: Husbands and Wives
12:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Whimsies
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Cheryl Davis, Insurance
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Cheryl Davis, Insurance
3:00 p.m. — ADL Women of Achievement Award Dinner
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Managing Middle School Madness
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. — Show Me Show With Tattara: Carousel Farm
6:30 p.m. — Kings and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Community Access
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection: Groove Session: Herbie Ross
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

TUESDAY, OCT. 20
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile: Veronica Cunningham
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Paul Eisenstein
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:30 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi: Exterior Painting
1:30 p.m. — MDT Today: 1999 Road and Bridge
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking: Fran and Zoraster
3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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The Disciplines of Snowboarding
12:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books
12:30 p.m. — Automobile Racing
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 and John
3:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Herbie Ross
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Hummus Made Easy
5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Community Access
6:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Sober October Kick-Off Breakfast
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21
10:00 a.m. — Scary Tales From Novi: Exterior Painting
10:30 a.m. — MDT Today: 1999 Road and Bridge
11:00 a.m. — Home for Life Forum
11:30 a.m. — Mountain Ski Series
12:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Paul Eisenstein
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

THURSDAY, OCT. 22
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Power Aerobics Mix
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever
12:00 p.m. — Bagsels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Itaitin
2:00 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi
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: Paul Eisenstein
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Slavery Zedeck
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. — A New and Improved You: Gift of Life
6:30 p.m. — YMCA Video Camp
7:00 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stever
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Paul Eisenstein
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

FRIDAY, OCT. 23
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
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagsels and Talk With Tracy
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9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

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By JEREMY McCAIN
Staff Writer

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These students were: Jeremy Kay, Lindsay King, Matthew Riddle and Justin Yanomatos, of Central High School and Sarah Burkett, Lauren Hughes, Clint Lo, Joseph Morris, Eugene Shilman and John Simmons, of Western High School.

Of these 18 students two, Sarah Burkett and Clint Lo, live in Novi.

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Seven seek Supreme Court posts

Candidates say current justices are 'splintered'

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer
Michigan's Supreme Court issues too many "splintered" opinions, said the seven candidates for the full eight-year term when they were quizzed Sept. 28 by the Oakland County Bar Association. But they had few solutions beyond hard work.

SUPREME COURT

The highest court in the state hears appeals of about 2,500 cases a year from lower courts, supervises the entire state court system and establishes rules of procedure for all courts.

Seven justices are elected for eight-year terms. Two full-term posts are open Nov. 3 on the non-partisan ballot. Candidates may be nominated at party conventions or run as independents. Candidates are:

Republican: Maura Corrigan, Grosse Pointe, chief judge of the state Court of Appeals; and Jeffrey Collins, Detroit, judge of the Wayne Circuit Court.
Democrat: Michael Cavanaugh, East Lansing, incumbent justice seeking a third term; and Susan Borman, Detroit, judge of the Wayne Circuit Court.
Libertarian: Jerry J. Kaufman, Berkley, and David Raafaub, Ann Arbor, both attorneys in private practice.
Independent: Matthew Abel, West Bloomfield, attorney in private practice.

Justice Michael Cavanaugh, a 16-year justice after serving as a Court of Appeals and Lansing District Court judge, said the court needs to make "a conscious, conscious effort by each member to avoid that. Part of the problem is due to the time constraints on ourselves. We try to put out opinions for that term by the end of July. The most difficult and complex cases wind up towards the end. It's sometimes difficult, or impossible, to collate the different points of view," said Cavanaugh, a Democratic nominee.

Jeffrey Collins, a challenger and circuit judge, said that "a diversity of opinion is a good thing in a society with diversity of thought. In an ideal setting, there would be consensus. A vigorous, spirited debate is healthy. It's difficult to get seven lawyers to agree on anything. So it's not surprising to find that condition on the Michigan Supreme Court."

Appellate Judge Maura Corrigan, like Collins a Republican nominee, disagreed. "Splintered opinions, she said, deprive our population of predictability of the opinions. We need to prescribe with greater clarity. The Supreme Court is doing a better job [than in previous years]. Remember the words of Mark Twain. 'I didn't have time to write a short letter so I wrote a long one.'

said. "Splintered opinions are a problem. A splintered opinion is no opinion whatsoever. It's a precedent in deriding future cases. The court should work harder and longer to avoid split opinions. It's not so important to have a prompt decision as it is to have a fair opinion that's understandable to the people."

"I have to agree," said Wayne Circuit Susan Borman, a Democratic nominee. "As a trial judge, I have to scour [Supreme Court] opinions to find some nugget that I can apply. I work very hard as a trial judge to get the parties together to settle. I'm a good consensus builder. I could bring those skills to the Supreme Court. Part of the problem is the justices not spending enough time together. It's important for the court not to widen the opinion. Don't decide more than they have to."

Libertarian candidate David Raafaub did not attend the forum and did not supply a biography.

BIGGEST CASE
Candidates were asked the most significant case they ever had handled, either as a lawyer or judge, and whether it set any precedent.

Hoyman (D): "Bane stands out." She had to file on the admissibility of an expert witness' testimony in a drug case. The case is pending in the Court of Appeals and should set a precedent.

Cavanaugh (D): "Each term the Supreme Court sets precedents. I was on the Court of Appeals in 1978 in the original Duran special education case. We revisited that case in the mid-1990s, ruling the state must pay special education costs if mandated."
Collins (R): "The Heile hole bridge case. A woman jumped from the bridge and died trying to escape an attacker. At the close of the prosecution's case, the defense moved to dismiss. 'I reduced the

charge from murder in the first degree to murder in the second degree.' Despite the outcry, Collins relied on the words of Judge George Crockett III: 'Decisions should not be based on popular opinion.'

Corigan (R): "The public corruption cases I handled in the U.S. attorney's office. It taught me the importance of the public trust. As a judge, I've handled thousands of cases — recently, a horrendously difficult pollution case."
Kaufman (R): "I've been fortunate to handle a number of national recalls of consumer products that have saved the lives of children and issues of toxicity in the workplace." He handled a case where a woman state parole was able to get benefits for her spouse although "she died before she filed on the paperwork."

Abel (I): "From a public policy standpoint, I handled the case of a man who was arrested at a city council meeting and charged with disrupting a public meeting. We tried that case before a jury, and he was found not guilty." Abel also handled Freedom of Information Act cases and real estate cases.

BIGGEST RESULT
Candidates were asked what quality they would bring to the Supreme Court if elected, who was the best judge they ever practiced before and why.

Collins (R): "The work ethic. I'm one of the hardest working judges." Best judge: George Crockett III of Wayne County — "efficient, timely, prepared. Treats litigants with respect."
Corigan (R): "I've done a good job as a leader" on the Court of Appeals, reducing the 5,800-case backlog. Best judge: Cornelia Kennedy, of the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals because "she would hit the gong issue immediately. Invariably fully prepared. Objective on the law."

Kaufman (I): "Common sense. These people, before they were attorneys, had common sense." Favors televising Supreme Court sessions. Best judge: Horace Gilmore of the federal bench — "the silver fox. He taught civil procedure and professional ethics at Wayne State. We're standing on the shoulders of a giant."
Abel (I): "I'm not accepting campaign contributions." He criticized party-nominated candidates for accepting party contributions because in two years they will rule on legislative reapportionment. Best judge: Michael Sappala of the Wayne circuit — "thoughtful, does his own research, listens."
Borman (D): "Many years of experience as a trial judge, every kind of case that can possibly come. I've talked to children in custody. I have more trial court experience than anyone running for or on the Supreme Court."
Cavanaugh (D): "Continuity. We recently lost two outstanding justices through retirement — Levin and Boyle. Our institutional knowledge could be lost." He is working on dealings with the Indian tribal courts. Best judge: Martin Salmon of the Ingham circuit bench — "patient, preparedness, re-measured, steady approach; an excellent role model."

Design-a-plate
The final 1998 Design-a-Plate session is Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.
The cost is \$5 per child, payable that day.
No registration is necessary; please allow 20-40 minutes for the project.
Normal registration for the second session of Fall '98 Story Times begins Monday, Oct. 19, and runs until Oct. 31.
Story Times are for children aged 2 to 5 who have not started kindergarten. Registration forms are available at the library.

Family Fun Night
Children and parents are invited to a drop-in evening of Fall games, crafts and stories on Wednesday, Oct. 21, any time from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
No registration is necessary.

Library Notes

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Musically inclined

Student Steve Gray, left, plays clarinet and Chris Miller, above, plays tuba with the Air Force Band of Flight during Saturday's performance at Novi High School. Six Novi students joined the 60-member band of Flight — one of the Air Force's oldest ceremonial concert bands, stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio — in a free concert before an audience of about 900. Sponsored by the Novi Band Boosters, The Novi News and HomeTown Newspapers, the concert included marches, classic music and a tribute to George Gershwin. The Band of Flight honored local residents who have served in the military by playing the official march of each branch of service while asking veterans to rise during the performance.

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Novi lawmakers are most conservative

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out of 22. That meant his conservative percentage was 77.3 and ranked him in 43rd place for most conservative.
While the area house representatives, known for their conservative Republican stances, voted for at least a couple of liberal bills, this trend did not filter through to the area's state senators.
Both Robert Geake, R-Northville, and Bill Bullard, R-Highland, did not vote on the liberal side on any of the 24 bills brought before them. However, Robert Geake was absent for one of those votes.
Because of this, Bullard tied for the position of most conservative lawmaker in the state senate with two other senators, Matt Dumsikis,

R-Lake Orion, and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.
Geake said he was probably in a committee meeting at the time of "that vote" and was "unable to vote."
Geake said he did agree with the results of the survey and looked at it as one way that legislator's philosophies can be studied.
"I believe I am more conservative than average," he said. "I do believe this reflects on my district."
Bullard also agreed with the survey results. He said he is proud of his votes.
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. 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 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 1998.
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK
(10-15-98 NR, NN 857218)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-042
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Earthwork Engineers is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a storage trailer and a roof trailer on the project site for Husky Injection Molding Systems, Inc., beginning October 21, 1998. Husky Injection Molding Systems is located on the south side of Twelve Mile Road west of Novi Road.
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider QUICKSAND DELIVERY SP 98-21, located on Venture Drive in Hickory Corporate Park, seeking PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT.
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 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 1998.
GERRIE HUBBS PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415
(10-15-98 NR, NN 857208)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants in November for appointment to the Board of Review, Beautification Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Election Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications for City Boards and Commissions are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 347-0456. Please submit your application by Wednesday, October 26, 1998 to allow time for scheduling appointments.
(10-815-98 NR, NN 85647) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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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 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 1998.
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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-043
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Singh Development Company, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a marketing trailer on the project site for Waterwood of Novi beginning November 1, 1998. Waterwood Novi is located south of Twelve Mile Road between Meadowbrook Road and Novi Road.
A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 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 October 21, 1998.
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Residents address court issues

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scuted to the judges was what kind of domestic violence programs the court has.

MacKenzie held the question, saying the court has an award-winning domestic violence program. He said the program started with an agreement made between the police and HAVEN, a woman's shelter. HAVEN trains police officers about what to look for in domestic violence situations and how to handle them, thus creating better arrests made on the part of the police officers.

In addition to this, the courts have also committed themselves to speeding up the trial process, so a person that is arrested for domestic violence is arraigned the next day and the entire case will be over in 14 days.

MacKenzie said the new system seems to be working. He said four years ago, the court only had a conviction rate of 55 percent on domestic violence. Now it has a conviction rate of 92 percent.

Where officers in the past may have had to visit the same home several times for domestic violence complaints, officers now only have to visit a home for the second time in only 4 percent of cases.

Judges were then asked if their caseloads are overbooked and if they feel overworked.

Judge Michael Batechik responded, saying the caseloads taken on by the judges were immense. He said the average caseload for a Michigan judge is 11,500 transactions a year. The judges in the 52-1 District Court however average about 20,000 transactions a year per judge.

Of those transactions, Batechik said 1,200 of them are drunk driving cases.

MacKenzie added that the 52-1 District Court has more drunk driving cases than any other court in the state. He attributed this to bad roads and the high volume of expressway traffic that travels by Novi each day.

He said the court is trying to handle the higher caseloads with a part-time magistrate, who swears out warrants and hears ticket cases.

Judges were also asked what kind of discretion they use in sentencing. The question was held by new Judge Dennis Powers, who said the judges have many guidelines they must follow for sentencing, but they use as much discretion as they can.

Powers said the reason for this is that some people do not need jail time. Rather, he said, they need probation or counseling.

Powers said that even when a person enters a guilty plea, the judge may accept that plea but he still refers the case to the probation department for review. At the subject's sentencing, six weeks later, the probation department has completed a check on the person and can make a recommendation to the judge about whether that person is right for probation or jail.

It is then up to the judge to accept or decline the probation department's suggestion, Powers said.

While Powers said the judges have a lot of discretion as far as probation is concerned, much of the time their hands are tied by a 90-

day jail rule for some violations.

Chris Snow, a Highland Township resident, said she heard that judges at the District Court all give out different sentences than each other.

Judge MacKenzie answered saying, "All three of us are different people."

He said that because of the discretion, judges tend to give out different sentences. But as the judges work together, MacKenzie said they begin to get closer in terms of sentencing.

"But the question shouldn't be how much of a difference there is, but how effective are we," he said. Eric Breda, a Novi resident, said he was happy with the results of the meeting.

"There was a lot of basic issues citizens need to be introduced to," he said. "I am looking forward to other times when we can get into matter issues."

The judges also expressed delight at the outcome of the town hall, despite the low turnout.

"From the number of people that came and the comments, people are really happy with our program," MacKenzie said.

Powers added, "I am pleased they didn't come up with anything we hadn't thought of."

Judge Batechik added that he had a feeling the program would grow in the future.

"I think we have hit on something the public has responded to," he said. "Most people know how the legislature works. Not too many know how the judicial system works."

Batechik did express disappointment with the low number of people who turned out for the meeting on that sunny Saturday morning.

"I wish it was a rainy day, because then we would have had more people," Batechik said.



Carl Miller voices his concerns during Saturday's Town Hall meeting at the Novi Civic Center.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Andris drops latest zoning request

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hopefully, have them available in the near future for the city's review and approval."

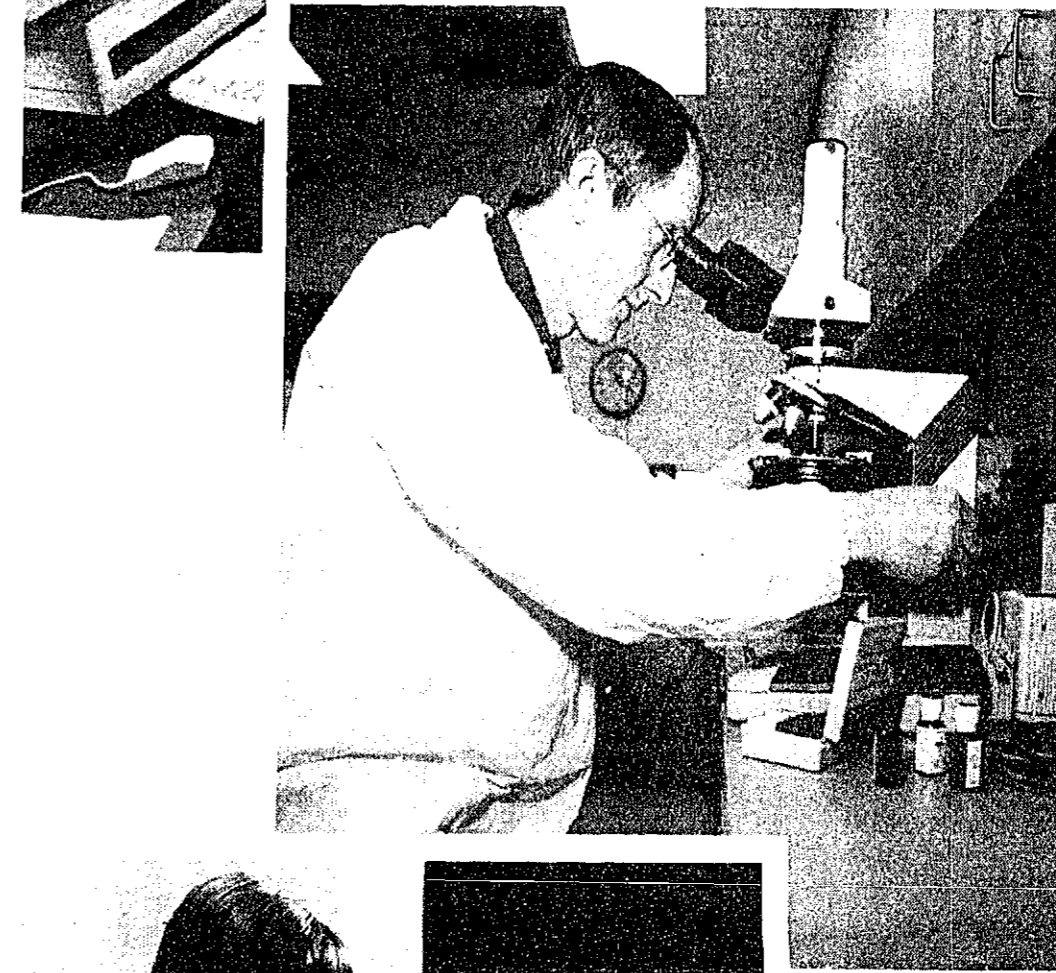
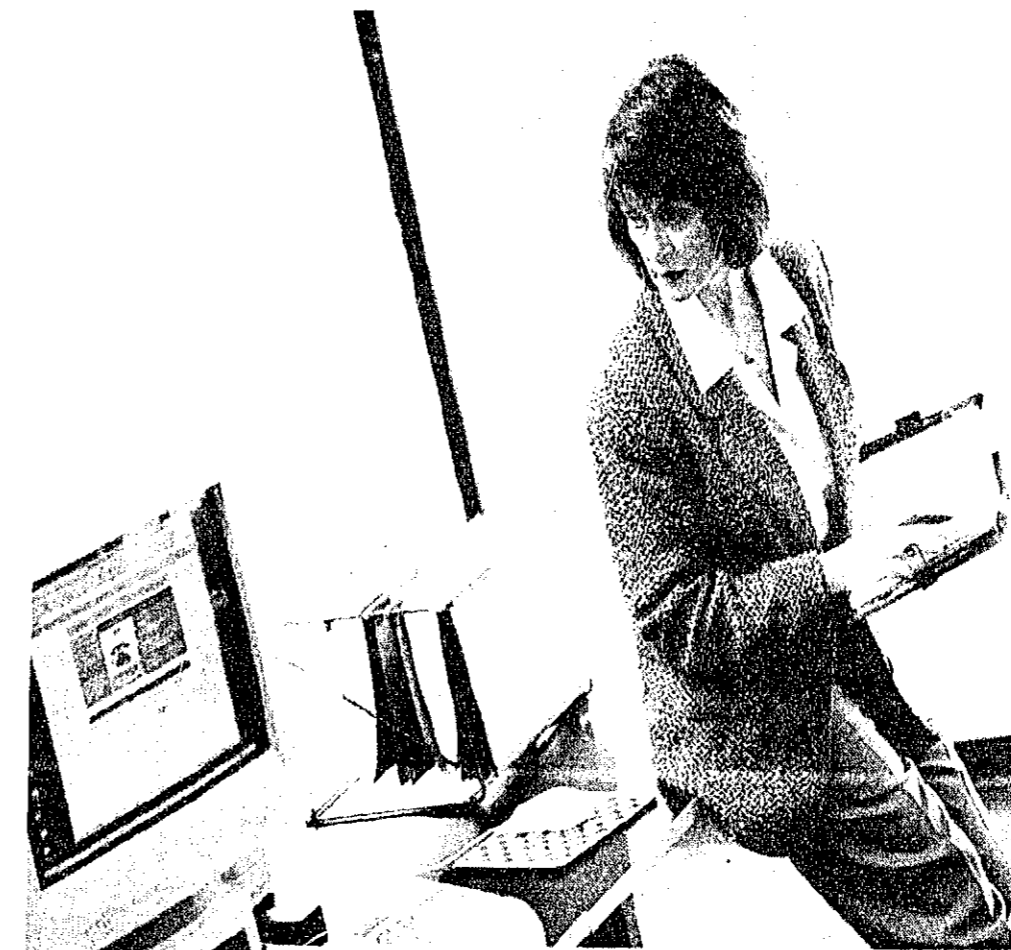
On July 8, the planning commission took five minutes to unanimously give a thumbs down to Andris's application. Then, the issue didn't proceed to the Novi City Council.

Several weeks ago, the city council reviewed Novi's rules and decided that an unrelated rezoning application needed to move quickly to the council, after a planning commission ruling, rather than remaining in limbo. That was a rezoning request from developer Stuart Frankel, who sought to build a Kroger-anchored shopping center at Eight Mile and Beck roads.

Gray and another north end resident, Jim Korte, questioned why the Andris request wasn't being expedited, as well. The council then asked Andris to step up.

In the late 1980s, the developers hoped to build a Greek restaurant on the shores of Walled Lake. That was a lawsuit against the city at the Oakland County Circuit Court. They then won site plan approval from Novi for a restaurant on the land across from the beachfront.

The recent request was to enable the construction of a coffee shop on the beach. They sought to have two properties on the lakefront changed from residential to commercial.



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Opinions

As We See It

Only vigilance will give residents say in development

This past week saw two significant developments in Novi regarding development.

Stuart Frankel, who has been proposing to build a Kruger store and mall on the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads, withdrew his request for a rezoning.

Likewise, Ted Andris, who apparently is going to develop a commercial center at Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive, pulled back his request for a rezoning to allow him to put a coffee shop on the lakefront, across the road from his retail center.

The withdrawal of those two requests for rezoning will come as good news to the residents of the surrounding areas who, for the most part, objected to both. But they will continue to be nervous about the prospects for both parcels for the future. Residents at both locations will have lingering concerns that sooner or later, another proposal for rezoning, or another development idea will come along for those two parcels.

And they are probably right. At least, the potential indeed does exist.

What residents have to realize is that there is nothing Novi City Council can do to block such further requests. Every landowner owner has a right to use his or her land, and according to the law, the owner has a right to use it for its "highest and best" purpose.

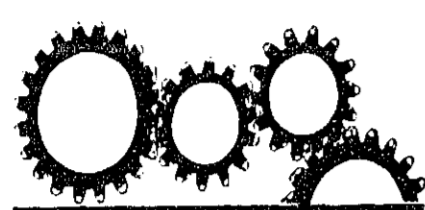
Council can, and does, designate the parcels in question for residential use in the Master Plan. It can, and does, zone the properties for residential use. It could additionally state an intention to keep those parcels that way. But council cannot refuse to hear requests for rezoning from the landowners. Owners can submit such requests at any time they like. They can ask for rezoning to any other designation they want. And they can come back as often as they like. Ted Andris is just a case in point.

Council can't — and frankly shouldn't be able to — prohibit such requests from being made.

All the city can do, through its council and Planning Commission, is turn down the requests if they are unreasonable when they are made.

That means residents will have to remain vigilant if they want to have a say in how such parcels are developed in the future.

That's part of the problem with living in a developing community that has a



Development

lot of vacant land. It's nice to live near vacant land, but unless you actually own it, you can only influence its future development so much.

And until it's built upon, there is no guarantee of what will go there, because the owner can ask for whatever change he or she would like. Actually, after it is built, that's still not a guarantee, because those structures can be torn down and replaced.

Understanding all this is important because there is a sentiment in town that developers are running the show here. Council member Bob Schmid actually said that in a recent meeting and a number of residents have repeated it since.

To a large degree, the sentiment is unfair to council and commissioners because they cannot legally bar landowners from asking for approvals to whatever their schemes are for development. Commissioners and council are duty bound to hear them out and consider them case by case.

They are also duty bound to approve those plans that comply with existing land use law.

Development will continue in Novi. The city is booming and buildings are going up rapidly. But development is also not the enemy. While some developments create resident opposition, most developments are desirable. These days, the city is specifically looking to attract high tech and office development within appropriately zoned areas. That seems to be popular with among Novi residents. And city officials acknowledge they need to make the development procedures more clear and evenhanded for those who attempt to build here.

The real question is the quality of the development. That requires vigilance on the part of the commission and council.

And it requires vigilance on the part of the citizens.

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Walsh construction shows a commitment to Novi

Congratulations are in order for Walsh College.

The college recently held a grand opening for its \$7 million, 35,000-square-foot Novi campus. Of that amount, \$1 million was spent for the technology alone, including a computer lab and laptop computer hook-ups throughout the building. Room to expand the campus by another 7,000 square feet remains.

In 1993, when the college first offered bachelor's and master's degree evening classes here, some 367 students were housed in rental space in an office building next door to the new campus. Today, its 627 students have access to 14 classrooms, conference rooms, a library, an auditorium, a book store and a student lounge.

Walsh offers the last two years for a

bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration and master's degrees in management and finances, as well as a new master's in business administration program.

About 20 percent of Walsh's student population of 3,117 attend the Novi campus.

The construction of the campus shows a continuing commitment to the city of Novi. Walsh officials always said they were here to stay, but lets face it, it's a lot easier to fold up your tent and go home if you are just leasing space.

Building its own building here shows Walsh truly does intend to stay.

That makes Novi a college town, now and permanently.

A hearty welcome is in order for Walsh College.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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THURSDAY
October 15,
1998

Efforts made evening special



Michael Malott

Theater, or the Palace, or the Fisher Theater.

He was heading up the stage crew at the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School Saturday evening for the Air Force Band of Flight concert.

It wasn't the only one being helpful. I went to Steve Goodrich earlier in the evening with a concern about a parrot left up in the auditorium before the concert.

"I saw that," he said, "and I was just about to move it." Need help? Nope. Got it taken care of, he said.

In fact, the entire stage crew, which included Richard Ward, Mike Garback and Jason Thwney, operated like a well-oiled machine throughout the evening, getting the band in the door and set up, operating the lights, showing members to their dressing rooms, attending to incidental needs, tearing it all down afterward and getting them packed up to go.

I mentioned this all to Norm Norgren, Novi High instructor and the manager of the auditorium there. That's the kind of performance he expects from his crew, he said. He hires them, mostly high school students, to run the auditorium like a production house because of the number of events staged there. Nor-

malott had promised his crew would "take care of everything." And they did.

Still others put in a special effort. Working with this newspaper, the Novi Band Boosters co-sponsored the concert. Boosters Dave and Cheryl Miller and Ed and Pam Coles manned the doors for the concert, taking tickets and handing out programs. Their effort was all the more impressive because they were on their feet for the 12th and 13th hour after running a battle drive fundraiser for the band earlier in the day.

It should also be noted that city Public Information Director Lou Martin and Mayor Kathleen McAllen jumped through hoops to get a proclamation prepared in time to welcome the Band of Flight to the city. Beautifully written and nicely bound, the proclamation was a nice touch.

Then of course, there was the special effort of Band Director Scott Boerna, who did the introduction and got six Novi students ready to join the Air Force Band for a rendition of the Washington Post March. Stefanie Ward, Jack Wang, Michael Wang, Steve Gray, Fourbeas George and Chris Miller had only a few days to learn the piece. They also got only one chance to rehearse the number with the band, during a sound check just before the concert. It sounded perfect to me the very first time through.

Of course, the folks from the Air Force Band of Flight were a joy to work with. From the conductor, Major Kelly Bedesco to Officers in Charge TSGt. Steven Browning to TSGt. Barbara Miller, our main contact with the band, they were great.

The entire band turned in a sterling performance, which elicited two standing ovations from the crowd.

The result of all this special effort on the part of so many people was a very special evening for the city of Novi.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

In Focus

By John Heider



Novi Middle Schoolers Shelby Emmert, left, and Audrey Benjamin dance in the cafeteria during the Friday night event. Students showed up to enjoy sports, computer games, refreshments and dance.

Dancing the night away

A lesson is good etiquette



Carol Dipple

head during the hour or so that I sat in Margit's home in Novi.

It's funny how memories come back to you like that.

I vividly remember learning how to walk and pivot with a book on my head during one of the classes I attended at the Sears store on Woodward Avenue in Highland Park where we lived for about 10 years.

It also had me worried that maybe that was all I had retained, a memory of having attended the class. Sitting across from Margit who looked very calm in her crisp white blouse and long green skirt all of a sudden made me want to run a mental check list of everything I was doing.

Yes, I was sitting correctly on her couch with legs crossed at the ankles, back straight.

Although I still have my Sears Charm School book, more importantly, I hope a few manners I learned there became ingrained.

Margit said it is important for children to learn and practice good etiquette while they are young.

Later that day at dinner, with a few of Margit's etiquette tips fresh in my mind, I watched my children to see if they were doing the correct things.

I reminded my children that their napkins stay in their laps from the time they sit down until they get up; and not to salt their food until they have tried it. I also reminded them to use their napkin and not their shirt when wiping their mouths (just kidding).

Margit said that parents are surprised when they get compliments about how well their children behave when in the company of others. But it's true. Sometimes we don't see them on their best behavior because they are at home and want to relax.

Both my sons had a cooking class in middle school that included a segment on etiquette. The teacher said that it would be very important for them to learn now even though they may not use it until homecoming or prom time.

As I thanked Margit for the interview and extended my hand to shake hers, I was given a "tsk, tsk" because my handshake was not correct.

A handshake is not supposed to be painful. Winny handshakes are a no, no, too. Also, as many women tend to do, grabbing the tips of the fingers is unacceptable.

Both men and women should make sure that they firmly, but gently and completely take the other individual's hand in theirs before commencing with the shake.

Etiquette changes over time, according to Margit, but most importantly it is being considerate of others.

I have a dusty copy of "Miss Manner's Guide to Good Etiquette" on my bookshelf at home.

Maybe I should put the very heavy copy on the coffee table where the curious might pick it up and peruse from time to time.

Of course, I think my daughter would get a chuckle out of reading my old Sears Charm School book.

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A new idea from campaigning



Phil Power

So, in addition to being warned of potential bias in this column, readers may wonder just why in Michigan we elect state educational posts - U-M Board of M Regents, Wayne State Board of Governors, Michigan State Board of Trustees and members of the State Board of Education - rather than appointing them, the way the overwhelming majority of states do. After all, those of us who choose to run for these jobs are largely unknown except to our family and friends. During this campaign season, we toil away in relative obscurity, punctuated by efforts to get the news media to notice what we're up to.

When I call the news media, the conversation generally goes like this:

Me: "I'm calling in hopes you will run a story on my campaign for U of M regent. And, while you're at it, if you do decide to endorse in this race, I hope you'll endorse me."

Media: "Thanks for calling. We're pretty busy just now, what with races for governor, attorney general and secretary of

state, not to mention our local races for state Legislature. We'd love to run your story and to endorse, but we don't have the staff or the time or the knowledge to do a good job in it."

Me: "I understand. But the problem is that the average voter has no idea who these candidates are or what their credentials might be. So the outcome of the election will be determined by name ID or coat-tails."

Media: "That's too bad. Say, why aren't you guys appointed anyway? That would be much nearer and cleaner. And it probably would lead to better people being on these boards."

Why, indeed, elect statewide education posts? I see two persuasive arguments. The first is that the Michigan Constitution makes us officials directly elected by the people. Therefore, the universities we serve have constitutional standing as a kind of fourth branch of government. That, in turn, has led predecessor boards to assert in the courts that our universities are autonomous, independent of other branches of state government.

That's important because over time the autonomous status of U-M, for instance, has been a big factor in preserving educational quality. Without that protection, any good university is a sitting duck for ambitious politicians who want to make a reputation by taking cheap shots at the professors.

Moreover, running for election brings all kinds of benefits for the candidates. The process forces us to go out to talk directly with the people, to listen to complaints about high tuition or high-handed admin-

istrators or even highly unlikely make and bid deals around Michigan Stadium. That, in turn, gives us direct insight into what the people — who, after all, own the University of Michigan — like and don't like about their university.

I've always had the theory that I never learned much while I was talking, so I try to work a Q and A portion into any speeches I give on the campaign trail. And, often, somebody says something simple, sensible, thoughtful and entirely new.

The other day, a woman who has two kids in college asked me this question: "How come the University of Michigan can't guarantee what my kids' tuition will be when they enroll? It's tough enough meeting the payments on our family's income, but it's worse when the university keeps upping the tuition. I have to continually re-budget in the middle of the year, and that's not fair."

What an interesting thought! It may turn out to be practical or it may turn out to be impractical. But here is a wholly new idea that I never would have been exposed to if I had not been campaigning and paused to take questions.

As Winston Churchill said, democracy is the worst system of government possible, excepting every other system. And even with all the defects inherent in the system of electing folks to state educational boards, I still think election is the best.

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Recognizing youth for teamwork

To the editor:
Nowadays the headlines in the newspapers and the lead stories on the television are usually stories about tragedies of some sort. It is time that a group of young men who excel at teamwork are recognized.

This letter is about such a group of young men. On Friday, October 9, 1998 I had the opportunity to help with a dinner sponsored by two families of senior players of the Novi Varsity Football team. These dinners are held before every game of the season at alternating senior player's homes so that the young men can concentrate on the game ahead of them. I volunteered to help with this dinner because I have no children of my own and my nephew is a senior on the team.

I want the community to know what a pleasure it was to be in the presence of between 55 and 60 polite, appreciating and respectful young men. They began complimenting the food and set-ups before they even sat down to eat. Before they left for the game, they cleaned up the entire area of all tables, chairs and trash. In addition, each and every one of them shook our hands and thanked us for the meal. The entire coaching and training team needs to be complimented on their skills of teaching teamwork and respect to these young men.

Furthermore, the parents of these young men deserve applause. These young men are learning discipline, respect and above all teamwork by being part of the Novi Varsity Football team. The next time there is talk about eliminating extracurricular activities at our schools, think about this group of young men. The world needs more of them.

Laura J. Shaw

City's reputation is well deserved

To the Editor:
Recently, the Novi City Council failed to approve a real amendment that would have allowed a more dignified innovative type of adult day care center to operate in residential agriculture (RA) zoning districts. It was disappointing to observe that the opposing members on the city council voted based on prejudice, fear, and ignorance. Mr. (Robert) Schmid is apparently deeply afraid that the clients who would attend such a facility (e.g. persons with cerebral injuries, Alzheimer's, etc.) are inherently dangerous and would "escape" and proceed to rape and pillage the countryside. Mr. Schmid has launched into several rambling diatribes that border on the incoherent. He is apparently worried that the use would entail "pig farming" and "growing bananas," none of which has ever been proposed much less been possible (bananas trees in Michigan?). Where has Mr. Schmid obtained his groundless assertions that the clients of such a facility are dangerous to the community? He was provided an example of such a facility in Birmingham that the Birmingham Police Department confirms has had no problems in 15 years. There are many group homes in the City of Novi that house people that might attend such a facility. Mr. Schmid and Ms. Lorenzo is a disgrace to the City of Novi and to enlightened people everywhere.

After a series of meetings with the Mayor of Novi and several other city officials, it was determined that the city would initiate a test change to allow for such a use in the RA District because this was a need that had not been anticipated when the ordinance had been originally written and is only allowed in areas currently zoned for light industrial - zoning which is hardly conducive to the environment we seek.

The impact on the surrounding community is very similar to a children's day care center. Churches, schools, etc. are allowed under the current zoning in RA.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen and the Novi City Planning and Development Department have been very supportive throughout this process. This proposed change was posted for the citizens of Novi and a public hearing was held as well so they could have the opportunity to comment on it. Not one resident came to the council meeting to protest.

Unfortunately, several members of the city council, most notably Mr. Schmid and Ms. Lorenzo, are making judgments based on stereotypes, bias, fear, and ignorance. They were invited to come and tour our business but they chose not to respond. Are they aware that the people they seem to fear so much have the right to live and work in the City of Novi? And without the permission of the city council, I might add. The prejudice and ignorance exhibited by Mr. Schmid and Ms. Lorenzo is a disgrace to the City of Novi and to enlightened people everywhere.

Letters

Ms. (Laura) Lorenzo is fearful that a facility of this kind would hire "criminals" as employees. She proposes to monitor this in some way. Ms. Lorenzo, do you also propose to screen the employees of restaurants, gas stations, party stores, churches, children's day care centers, etc.? Are you going to do criminal investigations on proposed senior players of Novi? Or are your fears directed only at people with disabilities and special needs? Is this the kind of reasoned and informed leadership that Novi wants governing its community?

Cassell & Associates contacted the City of Novi in May of 1998 to discuss how our business might fit into their community. We identified a site in a RA zoning area (with access off of a major thoroughfare) that perfectly fit our needs to locate our business. We were told by the Novi City Planning Department that this site would work for the city as well.

Cassell & Associates provides a daytime work-based activities and care center for adults with traumatically acquired brain injuries. Our goal is to provide increased active options such as gardening, pet care (such as training a Paws with a Cause puppy), in addition to our current activities (which include working on light computer data entry, clerical tasks, table top activities, and arts and crafts). We want to locate in a setting such as RA to enhance quality of life and dignity for people who have had life, as they knew it - and still remember it - yanked out from under them.

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After careful review of the Don Child's consulting feasibility study for the potential golf course at the Novi City Park, I have the following observations:

• The estimates for the number of potential rounds of golf seem low. Tee times are typically scheduled for every 8 minutes but golfers begin their round as soon as the group in front have completed their second shot and moved on. If the golf day averaged 12 hours over the six months of summer operation it would allow 90 tee times of four golfers per day. The maximum number of golfers in that year of operation would equal 64,800 rounds as opposed to the estimated 32,712. While there are times when weather doesn't permit golfing, there are unused tee times, and some groups go out without four golfers, the golf day is actually

longer during mid-summer. I can only assume that their number of 18-hole rounds is based on actual results from other courses.

All golf courses begin with a large field in order to begin operations. Whether the construction is financed through revenue bonds or private investors, the interests of a golf course going bankrupt seems non-existent. The only way that golf courses don't pay off their debts and make money is if they're mismanaged, which can happen in any venture.

Speaking of management, it seems the best choice for operating this municipal facility would be for the Parks and Recreation Department to develop the course under the guidance of an architect, and to sign a lease with a professional management firm for the term of the revenue bonds (21 years). This would insure that there was adequate marketing and professional operation of the course. Our current Parks and Recreation staff has no experience in operating and maintaining a golf course or clubhouse. During the tenure of the management contract our staff could develop the management techniques required, at the end of the lease, the city could determine whether to manage the course internally or negotiate a new lease.

Most golfers understand and support the development of younger golfers. People who golf on municipal courses, in particular, understand that there will be families golfing, primarily on weekends. This fact won't keep the "Core Golfer" from golfing and enjoying the course if it's properly designed. If we want the course to be child friendly, it can be.

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Frankel withdraws plans for Kroger mall

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inal CRD member Frank Brennan. "He (Frankel) probably didn't plan on a united group getting together. There's more people in this whole thing than Ten and Beck and they have a lot more money."

Brennan was at a Northville meeting of the Eight Mile/Beck Road area homeowners when he suggested they recycle CRD's name. Original CRD activists included Nancy Cassis, now a state representative and late Novi City Council member Tim Pope.

Among the Master Plan Committee's goals and objections is to review for possible inclusion in the master plan "centralized, more intense commercial activities" at these locations: Novi Road, Beck Road, Wixom Road and Eight Mile Road.

In addition, the committee will look at zoning for convenience shopping near existing and planned residential neighborhoods, if suitable locations are identified.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the committee meetings. One is scheduled in the near future, but Pham didn't have a date yet.

"We do have citizens coming. You can't speak out, because this is not a public forum to discuss the issues," he added.

Homeowner Lindsay Scheinberg,

who has been following the issue closely, said she was "cautiously optimistic" about Frankel's backing off.

"I don't think he's going to go away. He's probably hoping they will do the rezoning in the committee and his work will be done for him," she said.

Brennan also said he was not surprised Frankel had withdrawn his application. It happened as the city clerk's office was preparing the agenda for next week's council meeting.

"It's very obvious that what the plan is for the developer to have some influence on the people who are refining the master plan. There's some sentiment among some of the people to listen to what he says," Brennan said.

"There will be his fingerprints on changes in the master plan."

Before adopting an updated master plan, a public hearing must be held. Then, the planning commission may approve the new master plan.

Brennan agreed that a grocery store was needed in west Novi, but Eight Mile and Beck Road was not the place.

"I think we need to be sensitive in site selection. There are a lot of corners that are open fields out there," he added.

'There's a New Road in Novi' Ballot Form & Guidelines

This year Novi residents have the opportunity to re-name West Road, including the new extension that is being constructed to Twelve Mile Road.

The extension project is due to be completed in mid-summer of 1999, and at that time the winning nomination will be listed on the city map and stamped onto road signs from Pontiac Trail all the way to Twelve Mile Road.

To enter your idea, please follow the instructions below and submit your form.

1. Please submit only one entry per ballot.
2. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number on the ballot.
3. Entries are limited to Novi residents only.
4. All ballots must be turned in to Novi City Hall no later than Monday, Nov. 2, 1998 at 5 p.m.

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City holds contest to name road

The City of Novi will be conducting a road naming contest, in cooperation with The Novi News, in order to encourage public input on the Taft Road extension project.

As part of this promotion, members of the Taft Road Extension Route Determination Committee, along with the City Manager, the Department of Public Services Director and the Public Information Director will select the winning entry.

At left is a clip-out ballot. Initial ballots will run in the newspaper throughout October. Judging will take place in November or December, and the winner will be announced in January.

The review of all the entries and choosing the new road name by the committee would take place a one or possibly two meetings later this year, and will then be presented to the City Council.

Winning name will be included on city maps and street signs for the newly named road will be posted along its length.

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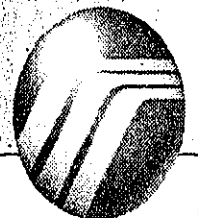
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Lessons on Graceful Living

Local expert gives advice on good manners

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Etiquette goes beyond the correct way to wolf down a burger and gobble up a handful of fries. Etiquette is a way of life, and one that is best learned early on, according to Margit Erickson, etiquette and protocol consultant.

Erickson, a Novi resident, started her career as an etiquette and protocol consultant about 10 years ago partially as a result of the outcome of asking a teenage guest in her home to set the table. The guest was a very bright young woman, according to Erickson, but didn't have an idea as to how to correctly place the silverware, glasses, etc.

Erickson trained with Dorothea Johnson whose company is now called the Protocol School of Washington, D.C. but also had done research and studying on her own.

"Even now I'm learning new things and getting new skills and, I think, adding to my seminars all the time as new things come up," she said.

Erickson is still teaching etiquette classes for children and adults. Her most recent class "Growing Up Gracefully" began last Saturday and will culminate with a luncheon at Too Chez restaurant in Novi. Chef Greg Upshur is putting together a special menu for the final session where the children will get to practice what they have learned in the previous two sessions.

Just prior to the beginning of a session, Erickson will send an introductory letter to each child. She also instructs the children not to wear blue jeans and tennis shoes. Gum chewing is not allowed. Girls must wear dresses. Boys must wear a shirt and tie.

In a seminar for children some of the topics she includes are dining and how to hold fork and what to do with the napkin, as well as answering the telephone, introductions, and the importance of hand written notes.

During a seminar, she will place a stack of envelopes on the table and ask the children which one they would read first. They inevitably choose the handwritten envelope.

"They all agree that that's kind of special," she said. "That shows that for those few minutes it took you to write that letter you put everything else and



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Margit Erickson has been teaching etiquette to children and adults for ten years.

Etiquette Tips from Margit Erickson

- **Introductions:** A child should always introduce an older person first when making an introduction to one of their friends. When it's not "mom" or "dad," use both the first and last name of the individual.
- **Hand-written notes:** Even in this age of faxes, e-mail, etc. it is still appropriate for children to send a handwritten note or a store-bought card to which they have added a handwritten sentence or two to those who have sent them a gift, for a sick friend, at holidays, etc.
- **Food preferences:** If served something you don't think you will like, take a little taste first. No exclamations, like "yuk," are ever necessary. With a fork, push the food around gently on your plate to make it look as if you have eaten some. The same goes for something if you are allergic to it. When a host or hostess is giving a dinner, at the time she issues the invitation, she should ask "Is there anything you cannot eat?" rather than "are you allergic to anything?" The hostess should plan the menu accordingly.
- **Salt:** Don't season food before tasting it. It is an insult to the hostess who has worked hard to put the meal together. The hostess may even inform guests to feel free to use salt if they find that more to their liking which takes the embarrassment away from the guest.
- **Napkin:** The first thing you do when you sit down is put the napkin in your lap where it should stay until you get up from the table to leave. The only time a napkin goes under your chin is if you are eating ribs or lobster or are under five years of age.

aside, and everyone else aside, and you thought of that one person and what you could tell them and that makes them feel very important," Erickson said.

Parents sign their children up for the classes for a variety of reasons, according to Erickson. One might be that the parents never learned proper etiquette, or with both parents working, there's little time at the end of the day for much more than a hurried dinner. It could be that the information registers better when it comes from someone other than the parents.

"The main thing about etiquette is that you are considerate

of other people," Erickson said. "You are considerate of other people's feelings, that is the bottom line in good manners and in etiquette. When you go out and

your hair is all messed up or you haven't brushed your teeth, you haven't used a deodorant, and you are offending other people you are not being considerate of them."

Erickson incorporates a life-long interest in fashion with etiquette.

"Without your realizing it, it's playing a part of that," said Erickson a former model.

"I bring in good grooming to children too, keeping finger nails clean, brushing their teeth."

Erickson has cable television show on Time Warner called "The Elegant Life" which includes segments on etiquette, fashion, as well as special features.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

American Express Travel Counselor Erin Robinson can book trips around the world.

Customers can shop, make travel plans under one roof

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

A year ago Novi's Bavarian Village Ski & Golf shop began offering a full-service travel service in the Novi Town Center store when the Michigan-based Bavarian Village Ski and Golf teamed up with New York-based American Express Travel.

The Novi store was the first to open as a result of the venture.

"It's a great time saving factor for our customers," said Tony Aquirre, store manager.

A recent popular trip was Shell's Wonderful World of Golf which was promoted in September.

To bring attractive packages to customers, the American Express travel counselors and Bavarian Village have developed relationships with Switzerland, Aspen, Vale, Banff and northern Michigan resorts.

"Last year, those seemed to be the most popular destination stops," said Aquirre.

Half of their business comes from customers over the phone while the rest are from the customers who see their desk in the

store, according to Erin Robinson, travel counselor with American Express Travel Services.

Robinson has been booking families on cruises and ski trips, couples on honeymoons, business travel, as well as groups to Las Vegas for the weekend.

Although they specialize in ski and golf packages, they are a full service travel department and can print the airline tickets.

"With everybody's busy schedules now, we're finding out that more people are traveling in shorter bursts of time, maybe three or four day trips more often, instead of a week-long trip once or twice a year," Aquirre said. "We can really target our customers as we get feedback from them."

Travel counselors can do full packages, resort only for people who want to drive or those who are using frequent flyer plans, or air only if people have a resort already lined up.

"Regular travel agencies don't get that kind of volume that we go through in ski-related questions," he said.

Three, five and seven night "Crazy Like a Fox" ski packages are currently being offered.

"As we grow and expand we will be offering special deals throughout the year blocking group space at different resorts and on the airlines," said Robinson who has been with American Express for two years but only moved to Wixom in May after transferring from a Manhattan branch.

Robinson said she keeps her ears and eyes open when looking for package ideas, gets other ideas from her own personal experience and listens to customers.

"It all kind of comes together," said Robinson.

Even though the snow has not yet begun to fall, Aquirre said it's not too soon to think about upcoming trips.

"We encourage travelers to start planning as early as possible because air and resorts book up fast," he said.

Robinson is a certified Disney

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Community blood drive has been scheduled

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is the time and date for the Novi Community Blood Drive. This year, the drive will be held at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road near Meadowbrook Road, across the street from Farmer Jack Shopping Center. Appointments may be made by calling Gerry Stepp at (248) 442-2292.

A reminder — you must wait eight weeks or 56 days before being a donor a second time. Some items listed on the donor prescreening criteria include: blood donors must be 17 years of age; not eligible while pregnant but eligible six weeks following delivery; and a minimum weight of 110 pounds. Special requirements apply if the donor has had cancer, Hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, Malaria; body and ear piercing; electrolysis; recent tattoos require a 12-month waiting period; and acupuncture, acceptable if done with sterile needles or studs.

Donors are reminded to bring their social security number and some form of I.D. with them. Information from the American Red Cross indicates that each blood donation is processed into various blood components used to treat four or more people. They also indicate that giving blood is easy and takes approximately one hour. Red Cross supplies nearly 100 percent of the blood used by patients in 60 area hospitals. A

safe and adequate blood supply will only be available if donors choose to donate, so plan to give the "gift of life." Make an appointment by calling (248) 442-2292; walk-ins are always welcome.

ORCHARD HILLS CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Straight is the new pastor at Orchard Hills. Eight weeks ago, he and his wife, Stacey, and son, Aaron, 15 months, were welcomed into the church family. His former pastorate was at Bunkerly Baptist Church in Alpena.

The church recently hosted the annual meeting of Southern Baptist Churches in Oakland County, approximately 75 people attended both service and dinner. Following dinner a program of special music and message preceded the annual meeting.

Recent revival meetings were held featuring special guest speaker Wade Taylor of Tennessee; these meetings were held from Sunday through Wednesday evenings.

Church services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a children's church available during the 11 a.m. service. On Sunday evenings, several groups meet and formulate plans for the coming month. Some of which are: Men's Brotherhood, the W.M.U. women's group, the drama team, worship team, the young adults, and others. Scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m.

Novi Highlights

is a Bible study for college and career young women. Wednesday evening's worship service led by Pastor Straight, the theme of his current message being, "Living Our Christian Values." Also available are programs for the preschool age group, directed by Betty Frohm, for grades 1-12, under the direction of Stacey Straight; youth group from seventh grade through 12th, under the direction of Rob Wain; and the visitation program on Thursdays. For more information about these and other church programs, please call 349-5665.

ACTEEB is a program directed by Nancy Garner and/or Tabitha Kowalski, it involves girls 13 years old and older who are interested in volunteering their time.

NOVI CO-OP PRESCHOOL

The preschool, formerly known as Novi Co-op Nursery, has been in the Novi area for 26 years and is starting its 15th year at the Novi United Methodist Church.

Returning teachers are Jean Sellers, June Rutowski and Tracy Smith. Starting her fifth year will be Rutowski. Sellers will be starting her 19th year, and Smith will be returning for her second year. Three-year-olds are in 2-hour sessions, offered by both morning

and afternoon, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; four-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 2 1/2 hour sessions.

Some of the planned activities include: a family nature walk at Macabury State Park and a trip to Meigs on Eight Mile for pumpkin picking. Parents recently met at the Civic Center with a special speaker who addressed violence and its effect on younger children. Plans were also made for Halloween parties complete with costumes and a V.L.P. night, when children will host a party for the Very Important Person in their lives. In addition, plans were made at the meeting to attend the GPNC Greater Detroit Cooperative Nursery Council on Nov. 7 in Southfield. Reservations must be in by Friday, Oct. 16, to Patsy Miller, delegate to the conference.

Christie Santore, health chairman, arranged for the special OSHA training at the membership meeting. For anyone who was unable to attend, we encourage you to contact her as this is a yearly training session for those working with children.

Five more information about the preschool and its programs, please feel free to call membership chairman Linda Griffin at 344-9296 or president Kim Haynes, 6415-

1085.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Oct. 16 is the deadline for making reservations to attend the Chamber Luncheon at Providence Medical Center on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The special guest speaker will be Brian Connolly, president/CEO of Providence Hospital and Medical Center.

Reservations made by 5 p.m. on Oct. 16 will be \$15 for members, \$20 for members after deadline or without reservations, and for prospective members and attending guests.

The announcement of new staff member Denise Semon was made by executive director Lisa Willard. Semon's duties include membership recruitment, retention

of existing members, and assistance in event coordination. She has an extensive background and experience in public relations and sales/marketing, and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Detroit College of Business.

Recently held Red Hat & Blue, Memphis Pit Barbecue was the "Benefit Extravaganza." Attending were over 20 chamber businesses, promoting their company benefits available to chamber members.

Prizes included in the drawings at the extravaganza were cell phones, gift certificates, face massage certificate, etc.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call (248) 417-0173.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
2505 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9400 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)
13400 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
11325 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4571 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC
2345 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7135 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI
4571 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between I-96 & Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. James N. McNamee Senior Pastor
6000 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
12 Mile west of Novi
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
4571 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
3457 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
2450 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21260 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL
On I-96 near 11 Mile Road
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.
10 Mile between I-96 & Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH
A Christian Family Church
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2345 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
430 N. Cedar St.
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

OAK POINTE CHURCH
Northville High School Auditorium
8 Mile & Center St.
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday Education: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. (with nursery)
Sunday Fellowship: 11:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Providence Chapel
10115 Beck Rd. (between 5 & 6 Mile Roads)
Pastor: MARGIE WHITE
Pastor Ken Roberts (ELCA) 734/459-8181

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
2345 Walled Lake
Worship Services: 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Preschool - 4th grade)
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Meeting at SEND International
3620 Freedom Road
(West of Drake Road)
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00 a.m.
(248) 830-8202

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349-1700

Halloween Happenings

Throughout October Halloween Happenings will appear weekly to inform readers of activities in and around town.

COSTUME BALL: LaBroom term night club will host a Halloween costume ball on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Teens ages 15 to 19 are welcome. A DJ will be playing music all evening. There will be a costume contest for best, scariest, etc., and a money wrap contest. Prizes include a waterbed and cash, and the first 50 people with a costume will receive tickets to the Terror Jinx haunted house.

LaBROOM is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. For details, call the hotline at (248) 926-1000.

COUNTRY DANCE: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time will sponsor a Halloween Country Dance on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Singles and couples are welcome to either come in costume or as you are. There will be a lesson at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8. \$7 for seniors 55 and over, and \$7 for Novi residents. Non-alcoholic beverages and munchies will be available for sale. No beverage carry-ins allowed. For details, call (248) 348-9146.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: Glenda's Garden Center will host its second annual Halloween Party on Oct. 24 and 25 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The spook-a-treat celebration will include face painting, pumpkin hunt, pumpkin ring toss, coloring contest, guessing games, hayrides, and party games. Witches Hilda, Glenda and Ms. Fit-Forie are waiting to get you under their spell. Ms. Fit-Forie will also be doing a magic show from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on both days.

Come in costume and get a Halloween treat from Glenda the Witch.

The event is free. Glenda's is located at 40575 Grand River between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi. For details, call (248) 471-4794.

HAUNTED FOREST WALK: The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is bringing back the Maybury Madness Haunted Forest Walk on Friday, Oct. 23, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and are available at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

There will be games, treats, and entertainment by master Halloween magician Dave Schwanger. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 26.

PUMPKIN PALS PARTY: The Northville Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor Pumpkin Pals Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

There will be games, treats, and entertainment by master Halloween magician Dave Schwanger. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 26.

HAUNTED WAREHOUSE: The Phantom-Canton Jaycees have created a 3,000 square foot spine tingling walk through a century-old warehouse. Not recommended for small children.

The Haunted Warehouse is open Oct. 15-Nov. 1. Hours are Sunday-Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight. Friendly monsters on Saturdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 7 and under. Group discounts available.

THE HAUNTED WINERY: Approximately 7,500 square feet of horror in 24 rooms filled with ghosts and goblins has been assembled in a 119-year-old winery. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Farmington Historical Commission.

The Haunted Winery is open Oct. 16-18, 22-25, and 28-31. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m.; Sundays-Thursday, 7 to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. The Haunted Winery is located at 31505 Grand River just west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington. For details, call (248) 477-8833.

BARN OF HORRORS AND THE BLACK HOLE: Sponsored by Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill the event includes horrifying illusions, special effects, live demons and new scares for '98.

The City Mill will be open for refreshments, nightly buffets. New this year is a Barn of Horrors which will also be open from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 1.

The adult Haunted Barn and Black Hole will be open from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, and 30 and from 9 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. Advance tickets are \$11.

The Barn of Horrors and The Black Hole is located at 61475 Silver Lake Road. Take I-96 to the Kent Lake Road exit, go south one mile, turn left at Silver Lake Road, and go to Route 17, turn right and follow the signs to Erwin Orchards in South Lyon.

For details, call (248) 437-0150.

THE SCREAMATORIUM: Sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees, the Screamatorium will be open Oct. 15-18, 22-25, and 29-31. Hours are Thursday and Sunday from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 to 11:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5. The Screamatorium is located on Orchard Lake Road between Thorton and Farmington Mile roads next to K Mart in Farmington Hills. For details, call (248) 477-JCCS.

FUN FEST: The Downtown Farmington Halloween Fun Fest is sponsored by the Downtown

Sports medicine is topic of seminar

Primary care physicians through metro Detroit will hear a host of experts in the fields of orthopedics, physical therapy and family and athletic medicine on Saturday, Oct. 17, when Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (TRAC) and Tri-County Orthopedics present a sports medicine seminar.

Targeting family practice and internal medicine physicians and residents, the seminar features an array of topics by some of the area's top sports medicine specialists: "Ankle Injuries" by David Preskorn, D.O., "Knee Injuries" by Homer Linard, D.O., "Back Injuries" by Miles Singer, D.O., "Shoulder Injuries" by Jack Lennox, D.O., all of Tri-County Orthopedics; "Physical Therapy Modalities for Sports-Related Injuries" by Milt Thak-berg, PT, A.T.C., and TRACC manager, and Jeanne Hurst, A.T.C., also with TRACC; and

Registration will be held from 7:30 to 8 a.m. A light breakfast, luncheon and tour of TRACC is included in the \$35 fee, which must be pre-paid. No payments will be accepted on the day of the seminar.

For information or to register, call (248) 473-5600.

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On Campus

Walsh College has named the following Novi students to the President's Honor Roll — a grade point average of 3.75 or better: JOHN M. BEBB, master of science in management; JOAN E. HUGHES, master of science in management; TIMOTHY J. JEWELL, master of science in finance; MICHAEL KAROL, master of science in management; BHAVANI KONEERU, master of science in management; SRINIVAS KONEERU, master of science in management; MICHAEL S. KRAMER, master of science administration; GLENN R. MACQUEEN, bachelor of business administration, major in management; and KERRY A. WITTMAN, bachelor of business administration, major in management.

Dean's Honor Roll — a grade point average of 3.5 through 3.749: LIESA M. AMATO, master of science in finance; ROBERT C. ERWIN, master of science in management; RALPH H. KLASSA, master of science in management; LIFING SUN, master of science in taxation; LAURA D. TERZES, master of science in management; TODD E. VANDEVORD, master of science in finance; DEREK D. WARTNER, master of science in finance; and MICHAEL S. ZIELINSKI, master of science in management.

Western Michigan University recently held graduation exercises. Novi residents receiving bachelor's degrees were JAMES R. LOUIS, criminal justice; and JEFFREY M. VAN DOREN, biomedical sciences.

Registration will be held from 7:30 to 8 a.m. A light breakfast, luncheon and tour of TRACC is included in the \$35 fee, which must be pre-paid. No payments will be accepted on the day of the seminar.

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Resident's documentary set to open

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

"Walk This Way," a documentary film about Northville resident Ron Bachman, will premiere locally at the Penn Theater in Plymouth on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"All this hard work and it finally all coming together," Bachman said.

Scott Santos, owner of Overturn Music in Novi, was asked by Bachman to score the movie.

Santos and Bachman met about seven years ago when Bachman frequently went to hear Santos and his band play at area establishments.

Most of the music Santos selected for the score was written by him on the Overturn Music label.

"The 30-minute documentary

focuses on the extraordinary life of Bachman, whose congenital birth defect left him with a useless pair of legs which were amputated when he was four years old.

"The Director, Kathy Fender, left it to my discretion but she had final say and approval," Santos said. "I have known them both for so long they had a lot of faith that I would put together the right score."

Santos and Bachman flew to Los Angeles and saw "Walk This Way" on the big screen when it premiered at the Five Star Theater on Sunset Boulevard on Sept. 17.

"It was exciting, but it was also kind of emotional," Bachman said. "It was the coolest thing in the world to see your movie in Hollywood like that."

The film is the winner of the CINE Golden Eagle Award and has been screened at the Nashville Independent Film Festival.

"I'm really excited for Kathy because she has worked so hard on this," Bachman said. "I'm really flattered to be the subject of one of her movies. I have a feeling we are going to hear a lot about Kathy after all this."

For the documentary to be considered for a nomination for an Oscar, it has to play in either Los Angeles or New York for one week, according to Santos.

"When I'm scoring a movie I'm looking for music that fits the scene and builds the emotions properly for what's on film," said Santos who watched the video beforehand. "You want to move the viewer."

Santos, who is also in two series in the movie as well, plans on attending the premiere.

The premiere information about six years worth of filming. Santos worked on mixing the dialog and sound effects took about two months at Overturn Music's studio.

About 900 people are expected at the two showings at 7 and 9 p.m. of the 16mm "Walk This Way" at the Penn Theater which is located in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$10 and should be purchased in advance by calling (248) 522-8835.

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Marquis presents musical

The Marquis Theatre Children actors are presenting the musical comedy "Annabelle Broom the Unhappy Witch" for the entire family through Oct. 31.

Imagine a witch who really doesn't want to be a witch at all. That is Annabelle Broom. She isn't even good at casting spells. She would rather befriend than scare Peter and Judy, two children lost in the woods. A delightful show for the entire family to see.

Come enjoy the decorated theater and dress in your favorite Halloween costume.

Performance dates and times are Fridays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30, at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, at 2:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 18 and 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to all general performances are \$5.50.

No children under age three will be permitted.



Photo submitted by CHRISTINA ZAVIT
Cast members of "Annabelle Broom the Unhappy Witch" include, back row, left to right, Emily Wiik and Danielle Pivetta; front row, left to right, Michelle Bulkovich, Chelsea Rourke, Lauren McCabe, Eddie Rubin, and Hana Kalinski.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

Sugarloaf art fest returns to Novi Expo

More than 325 artists from 37 states will sell their wares from Oct. 23-25 at the fourth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair at the Novi Expo Center.

Customers can pick their favorites from 38 categories of fine

art and contemporary crafts, including garden sculptures, 14 carat gold and sterling silver jewelry, hand-woven clothing, pottery, paintings and bookwork.

Adult admission is \$6 and children under 12 are free. There is no charge for parking.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all three days.

If you're seeking a discount, pick up a coupon at Farmer Jack stores, slash your Farmer Jack Club membership card at the gate or call 1-800-210-9900 before Oct. 19.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for "A One-Act Festival" to be presented by the Performance Plus acting group, ages 13 through college, on Oct. 27 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.
Performances of the one-act plays which include the mystery "Who Calls," the comedy "Who Am I This Time?" and the drama "Trifles," will be Jan. 15, 16, and 17.
Actors may pay a participation fee of \$125 when cast.

For more information, call (248) 349-1700.

VOICES IN TIME: The Northville-based mixed repertory chorus announces open membership for the fall/winter season.
The group is looking for first and second sopranos, but welcomes all voice parts. Call Ed Meade at (248) 493-6540.

CCC SYMPHONY BAND: Rehearsals for college students and residents for Eb clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone and percussion sections are held on Mondays from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Campus Student Center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.
There are also two openings in the Youth Band in the French horn section. Applicants must be enrolled in their high school bands to qualify. Rehearsals are held on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon, also in the Student Center.
Call (248) 360-6218.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Hopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1998 concert season. Rehearsals take place Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions.
Call (248) 932-9244.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for conductor 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/mcb.html.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROMANCE AUTHORS: Farmington Hills romance writers Ruth Langan ["Blackthorn"] and Marianne Williamson ["The Lost Bride"] will join New York author Stephanie Mittman ["A Kiss to Dream on"] as she kicks off her first book signing session at Read It Again Books in Novi on Saturday, Oct. 24, from noon to 2 p.m.

Read It Again Books is located at 39733 Grand River just west of Haggerty Road in the Pheasant Run Plaza.
For details, call (248) 474-8066.

COOKING CLASSES: The Kitchen Witch will bring in Detroit area chefs for the Fall Cooking Classes which will begin mid-October and go through November. The chefs will conduct demonstrations and tasting classes from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Call for a list of classes, dates and fees. Pre-registration is necessary.
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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.

BARNES & NOBLE: Children's special storytimes are Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Open Mike Poetry Readings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series includes M. L. Lieber, Ridgeway Press, on Nov. 10; Nancy Nelson, Rick Bailey, Henry Ford Community College, on Jan. 12; MacGuffin editors on Feb. 9; Herb Scott, New Issues Press, on March 9; Linda Nemer Foster, "Living in the Present," on April 13.

Upcoming events include Elizabeth Cohn King author of "A Wok a Week - 52 Lite and Easy Meals" on Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Virginia B. Parker author of "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton" on Oct. 29; "Spot the Dog" on Oct. 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.; and Marian Nelson author of "Priscilla's Patch" on Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.

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This production by the little players is written and directed by Mary Kay Davis.

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Friendship proves greatest treasure in 'The Mighty'

Based on the acclaimed novel by Rodman Philbrick, "The Mighty" is the funny, inspirational and adventuresome tale of two outsiders who, in the noble spirit of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, set out on a mighty quest for greatness and the common good, only to discover the truest treasure of all—friendship.

It all begins when young Kevin Dillon (Kieran Culkin) and his mother (Sharon Stone) move next door to Maxwell Kane (Elden Henson) and his grandparents (Gene Rowlands, Harry Dean Stanton). Thirteen-year-old Max is a giant boy in size 14 shoes who's slow in school, short on courage and long on not fitting in.

But then he meets Kevin, a tiny Einstein in leg braces with more smarts, lip and nerve than any kid in town.

Both boys have been outcasts all their lives. To the local hoodlums,

they're "Frankenstein and Igor." But united as one—with tiny Kevin perched atop the shoulders of Max—they form a single, courageous warrior: an imposing force with an iron will, a wild imagination, and the mightiest air of nobility since the reign of King Arthur.

Together, this fearless combination that calls itself "The Mighty" will set out on the ultimate quest: to right wrongs, slay dragons and rescue damsels in distress—in a kingdom as fierce and overflowing with dark forces as their own hometown.

"What is really special about the story of 'The Mighty' is how it shows that all kinds of people can find each other, care for one another and help each other out," says producer Jane Startz.

"It is particularly poignant because it shows two boys who care for and take care of each other and make the vital difference in each other's lives."



Kieran Culkin and Elden Henson prove that physical differences do not matter in the way of true friendship in "The Mighty."

'What Dreams May Come' comes up short on spirituality

By Kasey Eversly
MOVIE PAGE EDITOR

"What Dreams May Come" is a film that I don't think Hollywood is quite readily equipped to create just yet.

Yes, the technology is there. If it is possible to depict a slice of heaven on screen, the recent innovative computer technology seen in "Dreams" has made it so. It's a masterpiece of imagination as far as setting is concerned.

The outstanding cast of actors are there too, ready and waiting to make you feel emotions you didn't even know you had.

Robin Williams and Annabella Sciorra really are a match made in heaven for movie makers. They are one of those rare on-screen matches who have a real, feeling relationship that goes beyond sex appeal, and drives into the spirit and sacrifier of a committed love relationship. Both Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Max Von Sydow hold their own as Albert's Spirit Guide and The Tracker.

Even the audience mind set is there. People are ready for a movie that wrestles with spiritual issues. The sad thing is it's the writers, directors and producers of the film who are not.

"What Dreams" lacks most isn't style but substance. It's more than just a technologically daring film—the subject matter borders on scandalous. How much

more controversial can you get than when dealing with themes of heaven and hell and the afterlife?

In light of that, I have to ask...why didn't the production team insist on going deeper with the script? Why did the writers feel the need to package the plot as a typical Hollywood "happily ever after" storyline? And where the heck is God in all of this?

Here's the rundown (those who haven't already heard him use the key points of the movie may want to skip this): Chris (Robin Williams) and Annie (Annabella Sciorra) meet, fall in love, get married, have kids and lose their kids in a tragic car accident all by the time the opening credits are over.

The couple works through their sorrow and manages to survive despite this awful tragedy that has struck. Just when things are starting to look up, Chris is killed and leaves Annie alone to pick up the pieces of her broken world.

Chris is escorted to paradise by Albert (Cuba Gooding, Jr.), who gives Chris the lowdown on the workings of the spirit world—that we now only exist for our own pleasure and that paradise is what we create it to be.

Nothing is ever really what it seems in this heaven. We can stay or we can leave and do it all over again as a reincarnated being if we didn't like the way we did things in the previous life.

In a nutshell—death is just another phase of life. (Albert explains, "Chris, you didn't disappear, you just died!")

In the meantime, Annie is sinking deeper and deeper into a world of grief that she can't seem to pull herself out of. She decides to give up on her situation and kills herself. When Chris gets word of this, he is told that Annie can never join him in heaven because she was sent to hell.

In essence, she's in hell not because she's done anything wrong by killing herself, but because she's dead and doesn't realize it because she's taken a sort of "spiritual shortcut" into eternity instead of living out her full life on earth and paying her dues.

Chris, being Annie's "soul mate," won't take no for an answer and sets out on a quest with Albert and The Tracker (Max Von Sydow) to reunite with her in paradise for all eternity or until they decide they want to reincarnate and do it

all over again—or something. The rest of the movie is all about his journey to hell to bring her back to a place she never really was to begin with.

As I've said—the visual effects really are breathtaking. I enjoyed seeing the filmmakers' interpretation of what they see heaven and hell as being like from an aesthetic standpoint. But the movie fails to take it to the next level.

In this film, heaven is little more than a technicolor earth. We still feel pain, sadness, need and fear. I failed to see how it was all that different from their interpretation of hell.

There seems to be little room for justice and the question as to what life is really all about is left unanswered. Heaven isn't a place where pain is forgotten—just understood.

God is left out almost entirely. When Chris asks where he is, the best explanation Albert can come up with is "He's out there somewhere, screaming that he loves us

and wondering why none of us can hear him."

It makes me wonder whether or not the writers skirted around that issue because they were afraid to tackle the issue of God in heaven for fear of stepping on the audience's toes. I ask though how can a movie be viewed as outrageous and visionary if it skirts the very

issues it tries to shed light upon? Those looking for an opinion as to whether or not to see this film, I say see it. See it for it's visual imagination. See it because it's a great love story. If you're going to spiritual insight, you may be disappointed. I'm left trying to appreciate the sleep Hollywood was almost willing to take.

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I'm an easygoing SWM, 34, 5'10", I enjoy boating, fishing and camping. I'm seeking a SF, under 40. Ad# 1258.

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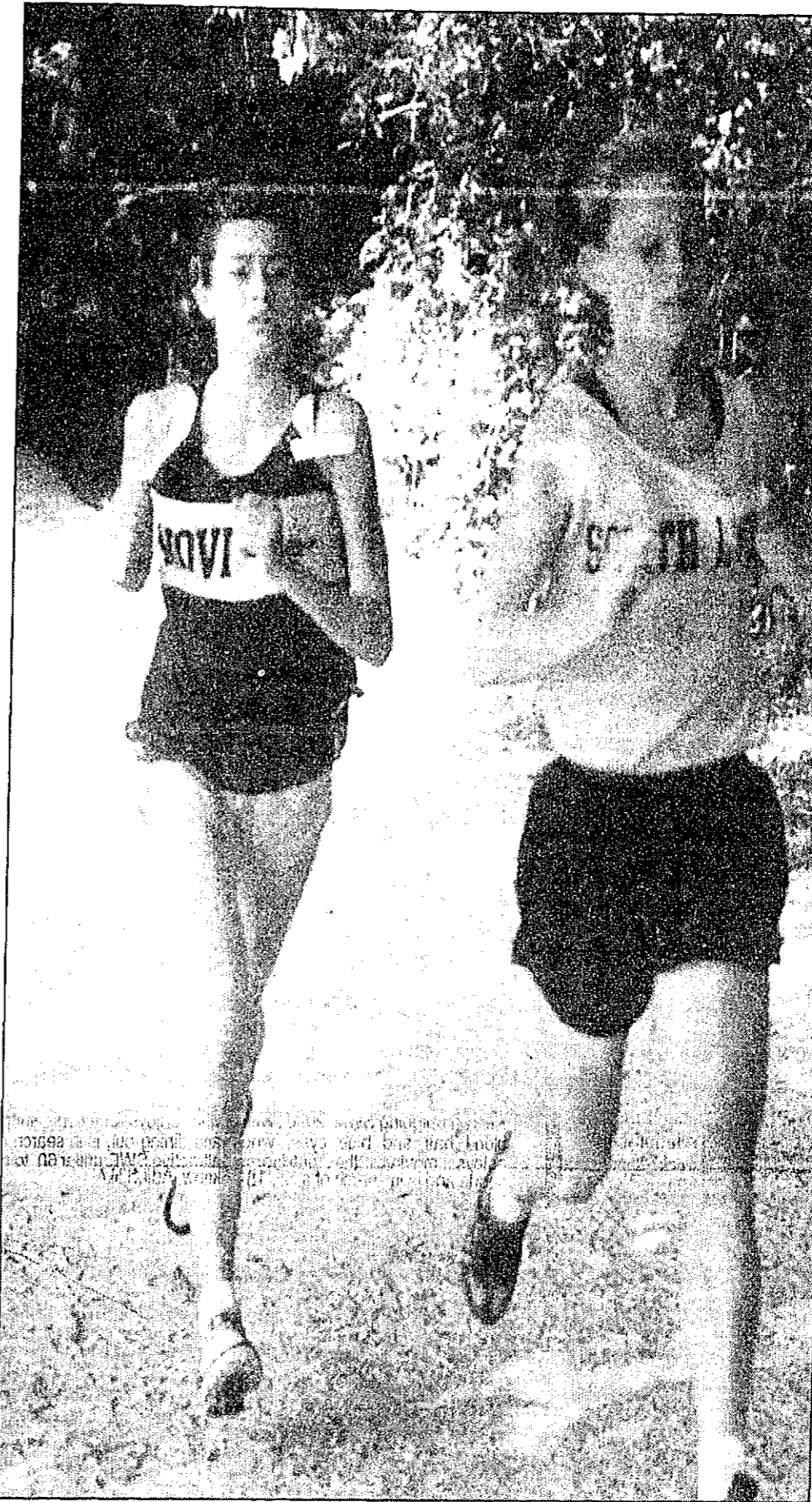
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the NOVI NEWS Sports

A week to remember



Boys, girls X-C teams bring home Oakland County trophies

All five boys finish with Oakland County honors

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Being the best is what the Novi boys' cross country team has done best this year.

And it continued that streak with an Oakland County Championship last Saturday against 40 other teams, including defending state champion Lakeland. Novi finished with 60 points, far ahead of the second-place Eagles (119). Lake Orion (126) was third followed by Clarkston (128), Millard (148) and Birmingham Brother Rice (173).

Kevin Averitt was the top Wildcat finisher, taking fourth in the Division I regional tournament #7 at Schoolcraft College by one point over Farmington Hills Mercy.

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Girls take second, again

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Novi has the best girls' cross country program in Oakland County.

The Wildcats finished runner-up at the nation's biggest county meet last Saturday, their fifth top two finish in the last five years. Novi had 155 points, trailing only Troy Athens (119) and edging out Troy (171), Clarkston (173), Rochester (192) and Millard (198).

Three Novi runners finished among the top 20, earning all-county honors. Junior Kristin Echols led the way with a fourth-place finish in 19 minutes, 42 seconds. Last year she was 10th overall in 20:46.

Cat Waller was 10th this year for the Cats in 20:31 and second on the team. Brittany Albright (17th in 20:51), Vidya Mahadewan (50th in 21:57) and Val Stefanson (74th in 22:35) rounded out the scoring for Novi.

Novi finished second to Millard last year, and had five runners in the top 21. This year the team has been banged up. Senior Abina Chipponnet missed the race and should miss the rest of the regular season with a severe ankle injury. She is a two-time all-county performer and finished 15th last year.

The race was Stefanson's second of the season. The junior finished 21st last year, but has been hampered by leg injuries which has kept her out most of this season.

Regional champions

First-ever title leads Novi to 1st state final in seven years

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

In the sport of tennis, moving up in classification is not always a bad thing.

The Novi girls team found that out last Friday by winning the Division I regional tournament #7 at Schoolcraft College by one point over Farmington Hills Mercy.

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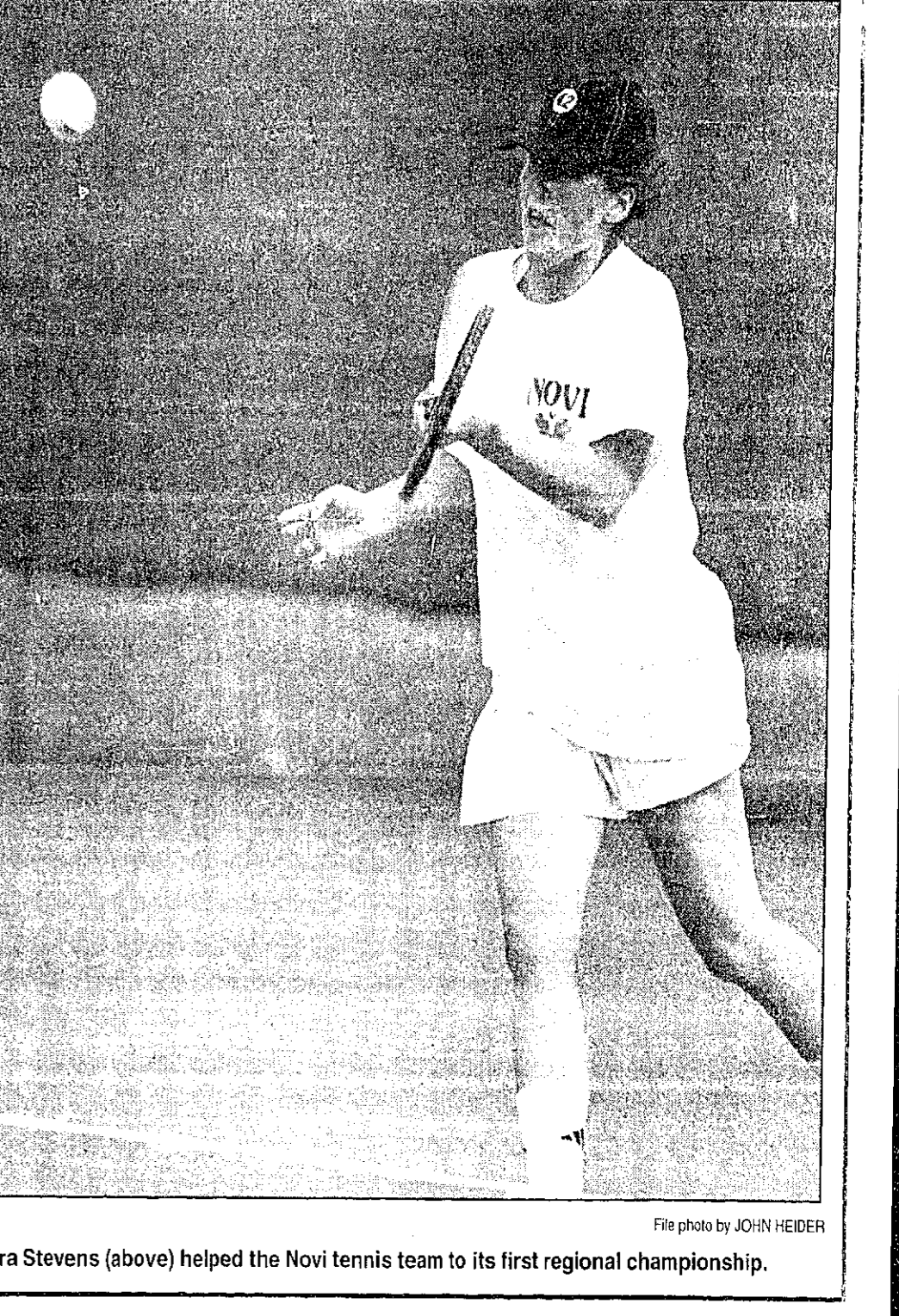
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Tara Stevens (above) helped the Novi tennis team to its first regional championship.

Cagers bump heads with Howell

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

One of the Kensington Valley Conference's biggest early season games found Novi on the short end last week. A then undefeated Milford team topped the Wildcats 55-53 in overtime Oct. 6.

But since then the Redskins fell to Howell last Thursday, creating a three-way tie in the loss column in the standings. Howell (4-1) and Novi (3-1) were set to face off Tuesday night at Novi High School after The Novi News' deadline.

The Wildcats actually held a 12-point lead over the Redskins with about three minutes left in the game, but let the game slip away.

"Unfortunately, we had some nice shots that didn't fall for us," coach Dennis Cichonski said. "We were doing a nice job of hitting the clock, but an errant pass here along with them making their shots and going to the free throw line set them back into the game."

"We gave ourselves a chance to win it at both the end of regulation and overtime, but we didn't execute and do it."

Milford won the game as freshman Stephanie Anderson hit a shot with :00.5 left in the game.

"We did do some silly things and unfortunately they related to turnovers," Cichonski said. "It was one of those traditional KVC battles, back and forth."

"We would have been in the driver's seat if we had won that game. But it didn't help us to worry about that loss. We've got to be ready to play."

Relly Bendersnager led the Cats with 16 points and Adrienne Farrell pitched in with 11. Milford star Christie Schumacher led all scorers with 28 points.

Novi led 38-30 going into the fourth quarter, but were outscored 21-13. Schumacher scored 15 of her 28 in the fourth.

The Wildcats travel to Lakeland tonight in a KVC matchup before visiting Baseline high Northville Saturday.

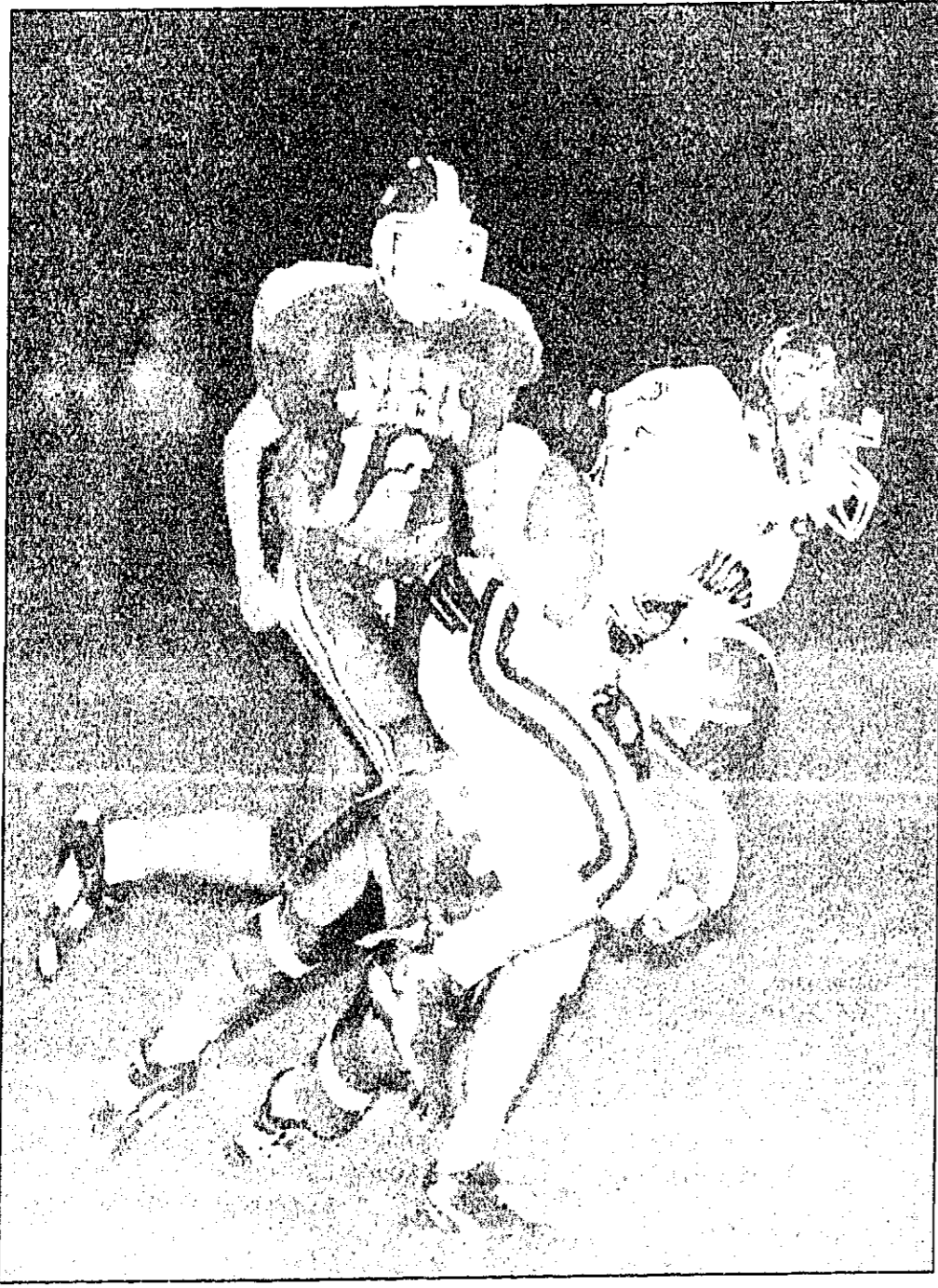


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Mitch Maier (12) and John Gauruder attempt a tackle against Farmington earlier this year. The Wildcats had trouble defensively against Flushing last Friday night.

Soccer team almost there

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The Novi soccer team took another step closer to a conference title with a 4-0 win over Milford Oct. 6.

As has been the case most of the season, the Wildcats held a slim 1-0 lead at the half before breaking the game open in the second. Doug Gibson scored off a corner kick by Ryan Lezoka to give Novi the first goal of the game.

It took the team 31 minutes of the second half to add an insurance goal. With 8:55 remaining, Derek Oranick took a pass from Scott Jettie and scored to cushion the lead.

Rzepka scored from Pawlak and Kevin Callender took a long pass in for the score to pad the lead.

"If we get our chances early and don't take advantage of them, it's going to hurt us eventually," coach Brian O'Leary said. "Hopefully when we get to the state tournament that doesn't happen."

Novi had the advantage in opportunities, outshooting Milford 22-5.

The Wildcats played Lakeland Tuesday after The Novi News' deadline and play Howell today before beginning the district tournament Wednesday. Novi drew a bye in the first round and will play the winner of Walley Lake Western and Milford. Walley Lake Central and South Lyon play in the other half of the draw.

The Cats have beaten each of the teams in their district, including two wins over Milford and a 2-0 victory over Western. O'Leary said the Warriors will be the biggest obstacle Novi must overcome in the draw.

"They play in a tough league (Western Lakes) and we can't take anybody for granted," the coach said. "But the kids seem really focused right now."

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Brian O'Leary, Novi soccer coach

Shootout game shoots down Novi

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The last thing Novi football coach John Osborne wanted was for his team to get into a shootout with Flushing on the road.

Unfortunately, that's what it did. Novi gave up 28 first half points in a 41-21 loss to the Redskins on a scoring another touchdown on a scored, another touchdown on a scored. Another touchdown on a scored. Two times Novi had the ball deep in Flushing territory, but turned the ball over both times. One of those turnovers came as the result of a fumble on the one-yard line.

"They are a good football team," Osborne said. "After we got into a shootout early, we never really settled down."

Novi got on the board first, taking their first possession down the field for the touchdown. Quarterback Mitch Maier capped off the drive with a six-yard run to make it 7-0.

Flushing would answer right back after a fake punt and face mask penalty gave the Redskins the ball at Novi's 10-yard line.

The two teams would trade touchdowns, with Novi coming on a six-yard run by Dan Jig which tied the game at 14. Flushing came back with a 52-yard and 48-yard touchdown passes to take control of the game.

"Failure to step the play flag is always key," the coach said. "We had some poor tackling on one of the touchdowns and blown coverage on the other. We seem to struggle with spread out formations teams rather than the tighter formation teams. They had some size."

Mike McShane had six tackles and Scott Maize and David Tarabala each had five. Novi actually outgained Flushing offensively 303-290 total yards.

Novi faces Howell this Friday at home. Novi is 2-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference and Howell sits at 1-3.

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Flushing put the game out of reach with a touchdown on its first possession of the second half. Novi scored another touchdown on a scored, another touchdown on a scored.

That could have changed the complexion of the game," Osborne said. "That was a great fourth-down. Our confidence was with us before. We had some chances to get back in the game, but we didn't make the big plays when we needed it."

Maier led the way both on the ground and through the air for Novi. The junior had 81 yards on 16 carries and completed 9 of 21 passes for 127 yards.

Cervi had 43 yards and Jig added 29 on the ground. But Mustang grabbed five passes for 87 yards and Jig and Dan Flores each had a reception.

Novi's best round of golf was not saved for last, and the team suffered because of it at the regional golf tournament last Friday at the Pontiac County Club.

Golfers 6th in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The seniors have the swing and are extremely dedicated, but they just didn't have the experience," Huss said. "It was Rob's first year and Brad and Larry's second on the team."

The Wildcats shot a 347 and failed to advance to the state tournament this weekend.

Birmingham Brother Rice won the regional championship with a 307. Detroit Catholic Central was runner-up with 315 and Ikhonia Stevenson was third with a 317. All four teams advanced to the state finals this weekend.

Freshman Pete Kobylarek shot a team-best 83 to lead Novi. Rob Strikulus, Brad Coffield and Robb Overfield shot 87, 88 and 89 to complete the team's scoring. Matt Peurach had a non-counting 92 for the team.

"The kids didn't finish as well as I'd have liked them to," coach Brad Huss said. "But again it's not about this year. I have five kids in particular (Kobylarek, Peurach, Overfield, Kyle Major and Ryan Miller) who have proven themselves this year and should be a force in two years."

Peurach, Kobylarek and Overfield joined seniors Larry Drury, Coffield and Strikulus as the core of this year's team.

Novi sixth in KVC

The Cats didn't have their best stuff at the league meet last week either. Novi finished sixth out of seven teams at the Kensington Valley Conference meet at the Lakes at Whitmore.

The team shot a 330, which placed them ahead of Milford (336), but behind league champion Hartland (293), Brighton (310), Howell (315), South Lyon (319) and Lakeland (328).

Kobylarek led the team with an 80 and Coffield followed with an 81. Peurach fired an 80 and Overfield completed the scoring with an 87. Strikulus (90) and Drury (94) also played for Novi.

The KVC, known for its golf teams, had 14 players shoot under 80 at the meet.

"I don't think there's any question about it. Huss said of the KVC being the best golf conference in the state. "Hartland's the best high school team I've ever seen."

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Echols streak of top two finishes came to an end, but she finished a remarkable fourth at the country's largest cross country meet. She finished the Possum Hollow course in a time of 19:42.

Despite missing its number two runner, the Wildcats still managed to come home with the runnerup trophy.

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Harriers take second place

Continued from 9 "They ran very well," coach Norm Norgren said. "We had a very good start, and we actually started fading throughout the race. If we would have had a healthy Val or Alaina, we'd have won."

Sports Shorts

BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE The National Honor Society at Novi High School will be sponsoring a community blanket and coat drive tomorrow night (Oct. 16) at the Novi/Howell football game. All blankets will be donated to the Salvation Army. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

Warriors Win Fall League Championship

After trailing 5-0 in the fifth inning, the Novi Warriors rallied to beat the Braves 8-7 in the sports academy fall league championship. Novi's rally included a triple by Danny Cash, a double by John Stachowick and singles by Johnny Diaz, Josh Christopherson, Derrick Cole, Casey Krenzberg, John Falone and a RBI by Jamie Dalton.

Hawks Win State Championship

The U-13 Michigan Hawks recently won the 1998 State Cup tournament in Midland by defeating the Thundercats from Romeo.

Indians Travel Tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will be holding tryouts for the 1999 travel baseball season on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. on the Don Massey Field located at the intersection of Haggerty Rd. and Plymouth Rd.

Hot Picks: A grid of names (Jason Schmitt, Bob Jackson, etc.) and photos, listing various categories like WL Western at Northville, Howell at Novi, etc.

FREE EXTERIOR DESIGN BOOKS: Advertisement for Siding World with prices for vinyl siding (\$29.95 per sq. ft), aluminum coil stock (\$42.95 per roll), etc.

GOLF DIRECTORY: A large advertisement featuring a map of Michigan and details for several golf courses including Downing Farms Golf Course, Whispering Pines Golf Club, and Oxbow Golf Club.

Health Column

Menopause frightening for women

For many women, the thought of going through menopause is a frightening prospect.

In an era where youth is much prized, evidence of our advancing years is not to be displayed openly. Yet how do you hide the hot flashes that come on with terrible indiscretion, or explain why you can't remember something you were just discussing not five minutes ago?

Women who are approaching menopause today are vastly different from those in previous centuries. Prior to the late 19th century, fewer than 30 percent of women lived to reach the menopausal age of 51 years. Today, 90 percent of women reach menopause and 60 percent live to age 75. Most women can expect to live a considerable portion of their lives in the post-menopausal years - and these are quality years. Women in their 50s are every bit as active as their younger counterparts and many are just hitting their stride.

In addition to a longer life span and better health, women are taking a more active role in their health care decisions. It therefore becomes more important than ever that women understand what is happening to them and the treatment options available.

Menopause occurs when the ovaries run out of eggs or when the ovaries are surgically removed. During her reproductive years, a woman will ovulate approximately 400 eggs (at puberty she has approximately 500,000 oocytes - immature egg cells - most of which degenerate and are reabsorbed by the body).

When there are no more eggs in the ovaries, they shut down and no longer produce estrogen and progesterone. The declining levels of these hormones cause the symptoms commonly associated with menopause.

Some of the early symptoms of menopause include hot flashes, irregular periods, changes in short-term memory and a slight loss in bladder control, especially during moments of muscular stress like exercising, laughing or sneezing.

Other parts of the body are also affected by the decline of these hormones and may have a significant effect on a woman's health. Osteoporosis (thinning of the bones) occurs in all women after menopause. In order for the bones to utilize calcium to stay strong, estrogen must be present.

When the levels of estrogen begin to decline, the bones cannot utilize the calcium as efficiently and bone mass begins to decline. This can eventually lead to fractures in older women.

Because osteoporosis takes a long time to develop and is often asymptomatic, a fracture is often the first sign that something is wrong. The cardiovascular system is also affected by the decrease of estrogen. Studies show that the incidence of coronary artery disease increases steadily in women after age 50.

However bleak a picture this appears to be, there are things that you can do to feel good and help you adjust to the changes happening to your body.

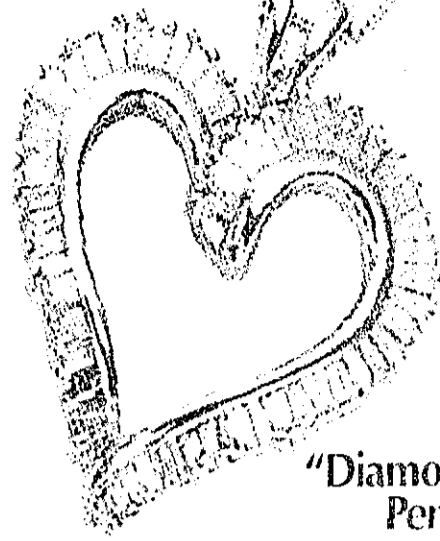
At the forefront is taking care of yourself and staying in good health with regular check-ups, watching your diet and participating in a regular exercise program. Finding a physician you are comfortable with and with whom you can forge a partnership is vitally important. Hormone replacement therapy can help alleviate some of the uncomfortable symptoms such as hot flashes and provide protection against osteoporosis and heart disease.

Next, find out everything you can about menopause. This includes attending lectures and programs put on by your local hospital or community education department, as well as checking out the library or bookstores for books on the subject.

Finally, realize that you are not alone. Many of the changes that occur during the menopausal period can make you feel like you are losing your mind. Seeking out others either through a support group, classes or just informally with your friends can go a long way in helping to maintain a sense of normalcy during a difficult time. You may even be able to learn some coping mechanisms that have been successful for others. You may be able to turn these hot flashes into power surges.

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Health Notes

Breast Health Clinic

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a breast health clinic from 9 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 in the Marian Women's Center.

A physician will perform a complete breast examination and provide instructions on how to perform a breast self-examination for a \$21 fee. If indicated, a mammogram will be done for an additional fee. (This cost may be covered by insurance.) Registration is required by Oct. 14. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Breast Cancer Awareness

St. Mary Hospital is presenting a free lecture on "Breast Cancer Awareness" by Susan Ford Bales, daughter of former President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford. Bales, national spokesperson for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will be discussing the effects of breast cancer on both patient and family, and emphasizing the importance of early detection and proper treatment. The lecture will be held in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7-9 p.m.

To register for the free lecture, please call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615. Seating is limited.

Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. \$55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. \$30 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. \$20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. \$70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes available, \$35-45 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC,

39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Free Foot Screenings

Every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction

Risk assessment and reduction programs to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. Fee is dependent on level of programming. Botsford General Hospital's Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Education Library

Books, pamphlets, videos and more on a wide variety of disease and wellness topics. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call (248) 380-4110 for more information.

Speakers Bureau

Interested in a speaker to present a health care topic to your club or community organization? We would be happy to arrange one for you through Providence Hospital and Medical Center's professional speakers bureau. Just call us at (248) 424-3279.

Cancer Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. Call (248) 424-5543 for more information.

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.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

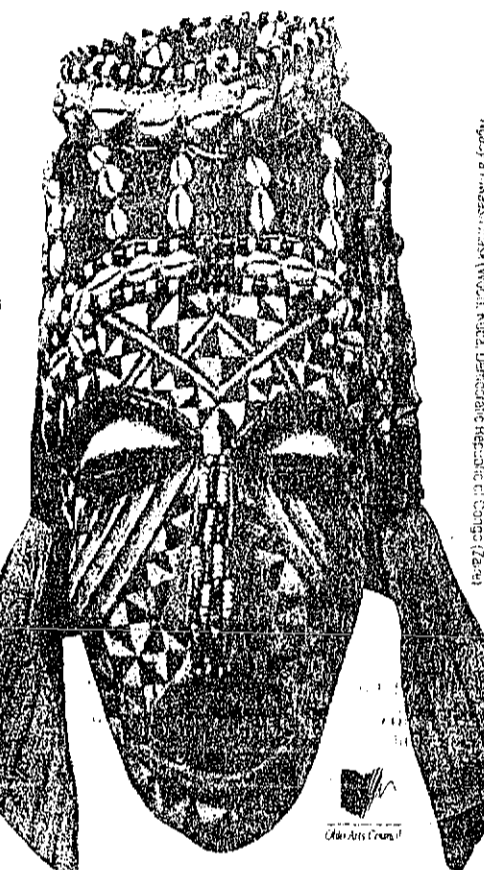
Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

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