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Council to ponder future road bond

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Voters in 1999 could be faced with Novi's third road bond proposal of the decade.

At a Nov. 29 study session, the Novi City Council will consider possible roads to include in the multi-million dollar package.

Council Members Laura Lorenzo, Craig DeRoche and Ed Kramer were in favor of broadcasting the session, but were overruled by the majority. Traffic is a top priority with citizens, Lorenzo said, asking that the council waive its policy of not televising study sessions.

"The public has a lot of misconceptions. I think they'd benefit greatly to learn what's going on ... with the level of concern that the citizens of this city have for the roads and the planning of the roads and the existing problems," DeRoche said.

A meeting away from the council chambers in the city's Activities Room is more conducive to "a free exchange of exchange of ideas," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford explained, in voting against the cable TV proposal. The Activities Room isn't set up for live broadcasts.

"The policy is study sessions are not on TV. With a telecast it becomes a political agenda for someone, perhaps even myself."

Council Member Bob Schmid said.

"These kinds of sessions, there is a lot of give and take between the administration and the engineers and so on. I don't think it is conducive to television."

The session will be open to anyone who cares to drop in. Future discussions of a road bond package are expected to take place in televised regular city council meetings.

"A study session is free-form discussion. You can express an opinion or raise a question without having any other meaning attached to asking a question," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

"I don't find the burden when I have to go to a public meeting that overruns. It is different than when you just flip the channel and see ten minutes of a discussion."

For an Oct. 26 study session on a proposed golf course, the council waived its policy and that will be televised.

Kramer said he didn't favor putting all study sessions on cable, but did think the road bond discussion should be on air.

"In general, I think we ought to be as public as possible, being that we are headed towards putting a package together for a bond issue," Kramer added.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Seated in her Novi kitchen, artist Catherine Hilker paints the head of a clay doll.

'Live your dream'

Local dollmaker joins Sugarloaf Art Fair at Novi Expo

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

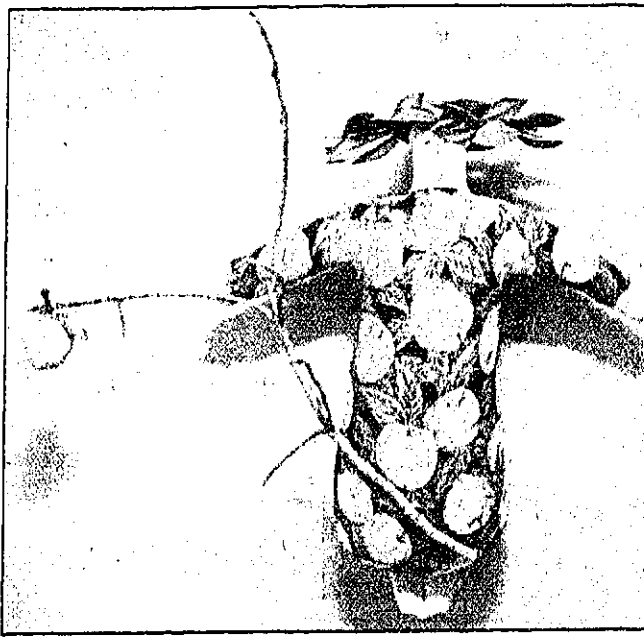
Deep in the heart of Mystic Forest is a lady who lives in an enchanting house where she creates little people who bring joy to strangers.

Really. If you attend the Sugarloaf Art Fair this weekend at the Novi Civic Center, you may run into her.

Novi resident Catherine Hilker renounced a career in sales and management five years ago to pursue art and has been living her dream ever since. She's a dollmaker with a message.

"I went into business by mistake, although it was good preparation for having my own business," Hilker said.

"I really love what I do and it doesn't feel like work, but I work more doing this than I ever did in



A fabric doll by Catherine Hilker adorns the wall of her home.

Police seek HQ upgrade millage

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Faced with an expanding police force and a building that fails to comply with ADA regulations, Novi police are asking voter approval of a bond for 0.15 mills Nov. 3.

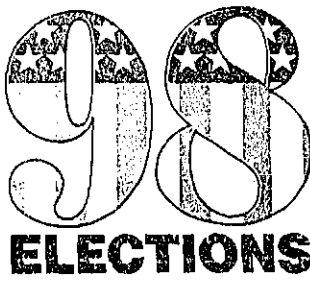
John Chambers, chairman of a citizens committee that formulated the ballot question, said the population of Novi has grown 108 percent since 1978, resulting in an increase in the number of officers by 86 percent.

This means there are currently 86 employees (59 officers and 27 support staffers) working in a police station designed to hold only 54.

With expected increases in Novi's population, that number will continue to grow to about 125 employees total (95 police officers and 30 support staffers) by 2010.

Additionally, the number of female police officers working in the station continues to grow.

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Roads top agenda in state race

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

To get to Twelve Oaks Mall and avoid the traffic jams, State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, takes the back door via Beck Road to Donelson Drive.

Her opponent in this year's election, Democrat Kristy Demas of South Lyon, is tired of potholes eating her tires.

Both see roads as the major issue for the 38th District, which includes Novi, Novi Township, a portion of Northville, South Lyon, Milford, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

"One of the problems in my area, especially where I live, South Lyon, we get a great deal of new development and it doesn't seem that the infrastructure has kept up with it," Demas said.

She questions how road money is distributed statewide and said that more work appears to be done on highways outstate than

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Talk, not action, on Kroger plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A rezoning application for the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads never made it to the Novi City Council's agenda on Monday night.

But that didn't stop four of seven council members from airing their views about the issue, which has been one of the most controversial in Novi - and Northville Township - for the past few months.

Council Member Bob Schmid introduced the topic, but others jumped on the bandwagon, leading Mayor Kathleen McLallen to issue a general call for comment.

"Does anyone else want to make a political statement about shopping on the west side of Novi," McLallen asked.

"You guys always want to get out early, but you can't pass up a political statement."

She suggested that the city council discuss any upcoming changes in Novi's Master Plan in an upcoming joint meeting with the planning commission. The planning commission adopts the master plan.

Last week, developer Stuart

Frankel withdrew his application to change the zoning of the J & J Zayti Trucking Company property from large-lot residential to the community business category, much to the relief of a coalition of area homeowners.

Residents locked in resistance to the Frankel proposal remain concerned that the planning commission's Master Plan Committee, now working on a rewrite of the master plan, may agree with Frankel that the west side's growing population will have a need for food consumption that could best be met at an Eight Mile/Beck Road Kroger.

Schmid said he favored centralized commercial zoning in Novi and would not have approved the rezoning.

"I'm absolutely opposed to it. I don't think it's a good idea," he said.

"The only ones I'm aware of that would like to see shopping in the western side of Novi are the developers."

Westside residents can do their marketing at grocery stores in neighboring cities, he added.

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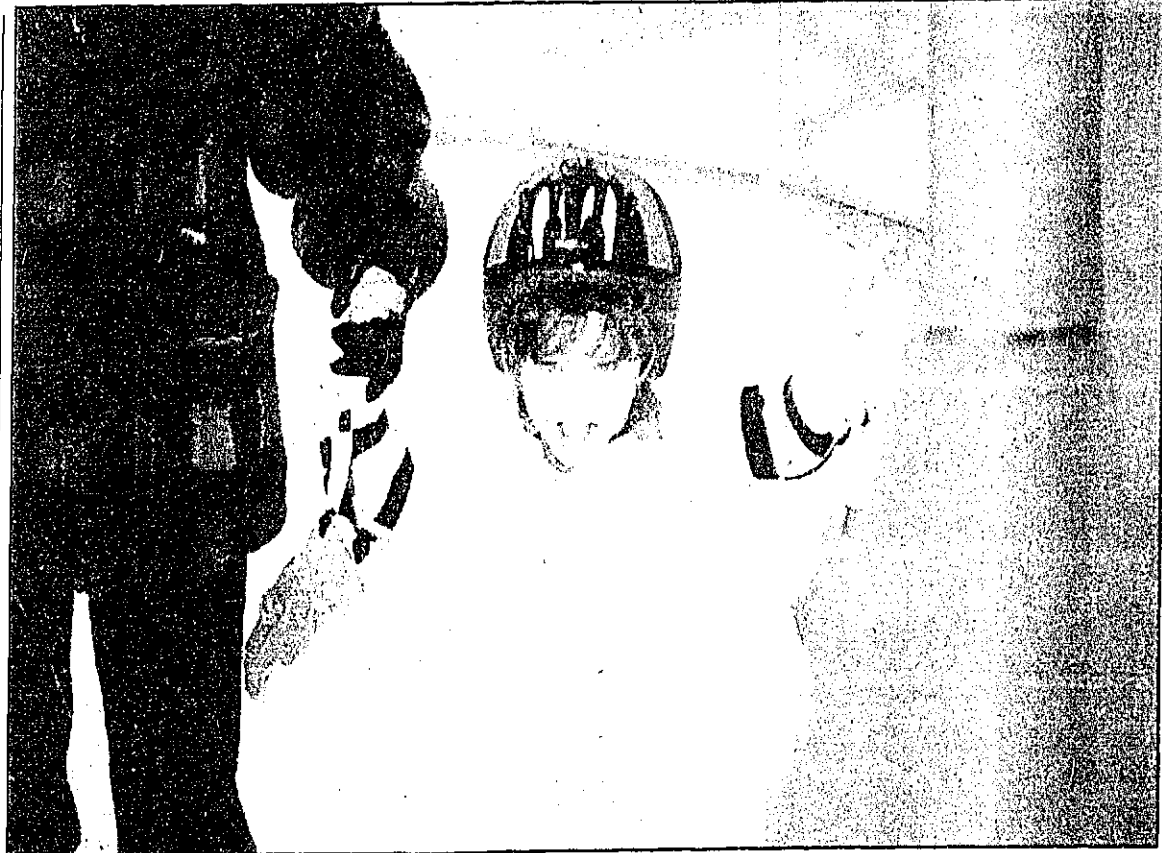
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In today's issue



A special section ...



On ice

Melissa Weiss, 3 1/2, skates for the first time at the Grand Opening of the Novi Ice Arena last week. Her dad, Dan Weiss, donated some of the land on which the arena was built. Additional photos of the rink's Grand Opening celebrations appear on page 14.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Public Access

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

MONDAY, OCT. 26

10:00 a.m. - AAUW Candidates for School Boards - Wayne State
10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor: Rock Band Ape
11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: MIM David Kahn
12:00 p.m. - Intercessions Word Ministry: Husbands and Wives
12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - Cornucopia Ball
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Berman/Whitely
2:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure
3:00 p.m. - 1998 Candidates Forum
3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: William Van Regenmorter
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. - Children's Foundation
6:00 p.m. - YMCA Video Camp
6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. - AAUW Candidates for School Boards: University of Michigan
8:30 p.m. - Community Comments: Community Access
9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Herbie Russ

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - Spers Profile: David Clements
11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Richard White, AAA Michigan
11:30 a.m. - (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. - Sunnunt University
12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Jennifer Granholm
1:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. - Center for New Thinking: Capitol Punishment
3:00 p.m. - (cont'd)
3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. - Farmington Families in Action: Managing Middle School Madness
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and the Life
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: A.S.P. Program
6:00 p.m. - ADL Women of Achievement Award Dinner
6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators: All Aerobic Workout
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Berman/Whitely
8:00 p.m. - AAUW Candidates for School Boards: Michigan State University
8:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure
9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Colleen O'Brien
9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

10:00 a.m. - AAUW Candidates for School Boards: State Board of education
10:30 a.m. - MDOT Today

11:00 a.m. - Orphan in the Sands
11:30 a.m. - (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. - 1998 Candidates Forum
12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
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. - Scary Tales From Novi
3:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Herbie Russ
4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - Community Connection
5:00 p.m. - Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. - Community Comments: Community Access
6:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Candice Miller
6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company: MIM David Kahn
8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat
8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. - Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Films
9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

10:00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators: All Aerobic Workout
10:30 a.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Clifford Taylor
11:00 a.m. - (cont'd)
11:30 a.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: A.S.P. Program
12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. - Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. - Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. - That's Italian

2:00 p.m. - Global Connections: Armenian Memories
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: Richard White, AAA Michigan
4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: John Smetanka
5:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. - Farmington Families in Action: Kick-Off Breakfast
6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. - 1998 Candidates Forum
7:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: A.S.P. Program
8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Richard White, AAA Michigan
9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

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. - Community Connection
6:30 p.m. - Groove Session
7:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
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8:00 p.m. - Movie Lovers Guide to Horror Films
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9:00 p.m. - Law Talk
9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

Leaf burning outlawed due to air pollution

Autumn leaves may fall your way. Just don't burn them.

That's the word from Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan. "Open burning is no longer allowed. It's due to air pollution," he said. "It's a hazard to people with respiratory problems. Several years ago, the city implemented an outright ban on leaf burning. People have been cooperative, the Fire Chief said. "We were one of the last cities to allow it. We've had very little trouble," he added. "We've been called out a few times on open burning in the north end. We're not looking to issue a ticket. We're looking for compliance."

So what's to be done with the stuff? Novi doesn't have citywide trash collection. Lenaghan, a Novi resident, matches his leaves. Other homeowners just put them in brown bags at the curb, individually paying trash collectors to haul the yard wastes away. Barclay Estates resident Richard Zyczynski, a board member of the City of Novi Homeowners Association, said his subdivision is thinking of joining the City of Novi South

East Neighborhood Coalition. The coalition has a contract with Great Lakes Waste Services. For yard waste collection, it charges are \$2 a month.

At present, like many other neighborhoods, households in Barclay Estates contract individually for curbside collection. "I've been putting my leaves in the big paper bag. If you pay for that service, composting, they will pick that up," Zyczynski said. "There is a new subdivision, so we don't have a lot of trees. Many residents just have little, spidgy things and they can compost them. They can use them in the garden."

Lenaghan dumps his leaves in his flower beds for fertilizer. "It works good for me," he said. "The leaves can't be burned, the city doesn't have a fire, so you can't burn them. In certain parts of the city, especially around Walley Lake, a permit can be received from the Fire Department for a bonfire built with dry firewood. Local churches, schools and other organizations may also apply for the one-day bonfire permit. "You can't tell us you're going to build your bonfire for six days and then burn your leaves," Lenaghan explained.

Police offering seniors tips on how they can stay safe

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department is helping to combat crimes against seniors by giving them the know-how to protect themselves.

Detective Tom Lindberg said the police department will be going out on a variety of topics including personal safety and protection at luncheons in the Senior Center located at the Novi Civic Center about once a month. "You can never have too much information about scams," Lindberg said. "You can never give people too much information about scams," she said. "There are seniors who are being targeted by scammers every day with programs that allow so much more access to information, such as credit card numbers and Social Security numbers," he said. "Each one of the luncheons are run in conjunction with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's senior center, which hosts luncheons every day with programs covering a variety of topics. Lindberg said he has had officers speak at luncheons in the past, but it was never part of a regular program. Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation, said she is really excited about the Novi police officers coming in and giving the lectures to the seniors, especially

"You can never have too much information about scams."

Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation

educate seniors about different types of scams and how "telemarketers" get their names and phone numbers. "There are seniors who are being targeted by scammers every day with programs that allow so much more access to information, such as credit card numbers and Social Security numbers," he said. "Each one of the luncheons are run in conjunction with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's senior center, which hosts luncheons every day with programs covering a variety of topics. Lindberg said he has had officers speak at luncheons in the past, but it was never part of a regular program. Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator for Novi Parks and Recreation, said she is really excited about the Novi police officers coming in and giving the lectures to the seniors, especially



Novi Police officers (from left) Todd Anger, Detective Tom Lindberg and Pat Panning, talk to Novi Senior Center coordinator Kathy Crawford about their upcoming series of safety lectures to the senior community.

Candidates divided on assisted suicide issue

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Proposal B, a ballot question that would permit assisted suicide, leaves the candidates for the 38th District State House of Representatives pretty much on the same side of the fence, but with totally opposite philosophies. Kristy Demas, the Democrat challenger, favors assisted suicide in principle, but has reservations about Proposal B. GOP incumbent Nancy Cassis, R-Now, is strongly against the idea of hastening death, no matter how a ballot question is phrased.

On Nov. 4, voters will be asked whether or not mentally competent Michigan adults, or their out-of-state relatives, with six months or less to live can seek a physician's help in ending their lives. Two doctors would have to certify the patient is within six months of death and a psychiatrist would evaluate the suicide candidate's mental health. "It's a tough question. Demas finds. "I guess I would support an individual who said they wish to choose when they want to end their lives," Demas, a South Lyon resi-



Demas added that's not convinced that Proposal B has the solution. "I don't know if I would support it or not. I generally support an individual's right to choose," she explained. "It has to be carefully legislated so you don't run the risk of people taking this into their own hands." Cassis voted in favor of a state law making assisted suicide a felony and categorizes Proposal B as "flawed." She questions the provision that would not allow assisted suicide to be listed on the death certificate.

"It raises the question of creating another level of bureaucracy and the issue of lying to the public about what was the cause of death. The record keeping might be problematical, as to how to look up what really happened," she said. She suggested that Proposal B, if passed, could encourage "doctor shopping" as patients looked for a physician who would give them the lethal dose of medication. She also said that legalized assisted suicide could lead to a rash of lawsuits, if some family members fear another family member pressured a relative into assisted suicide.

Cassis said she also feared that doctors would be hesitant to prescribe powerful pain medications, for fear that the patient would use the drugs to commit suicide. If that were the case, she explained, a patient who didn't want to commit suicide might not have his or her pain level brought under control. "I have been a very strong supporter in favor of pain management and hospice care so that people do not have to feel fear regarding pain and assistance with a terminal illness," she said.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 18. Each accident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, OCT. 12
Medical, 41138 Marlson, 9:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, 128 Moulton, 2:15 p.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 27743 Novi Road, 4:38 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 5:16 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Penny/Twelve Oaks, 5:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 5:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Woodchips burning, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 6:56 p.m., Engine 2.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13
Medical, 22805 Heslip, 7:47 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:27 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 11955 Twelve Mile Road, 10:29 a.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle fire, 196 and Haggerty, 4:20 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 43100 Crescent, 10:17

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14
Medical, 15788 Irvine, 12:40 a.m., Squad 4.
Trash fire, 25047 Pottersmouth, 10:27 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 1:51 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29290 Meadowbrook, 4:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 29290 Meadowbrook, 4:35 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Fuel spill, Novi Road and Grand River, 5:27 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:23 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15
Fire alarm, 15045 Pontiac Trail, 2:25 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 41129 Stossen, 6:07 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41208 Eberhart Court, 8:12 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23709 Stanchione, 8:49 a.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, 22469 Fuller, 11 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 23860 Whimsy Court, 3:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, 25631 Duckminster, 4:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Town Center and Crescent, 7:19 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 20951 Springlake, 10:10 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16
Medical, 22540 Brook Forest, 9:26 a.m., Squad 5.
Medical, 22550 Novi Road, 2:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel fire, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 5:26 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 24535 Novi Road, 6:22 p.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, 156 Eberhart, 7:29 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 11530 Grand River, 7:33 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
Medical, 24031 Glen Ridge, 12:44 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22647 Deerfield, 11:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 39900 Eight Mile Road, 11:08 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Fire alarm, Novi Road and West Oaks, 12:26 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18
Medical, 26650 Woodland Glen, 11:07 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 12000 Arena Drive, 1:15 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 39156 Walden, 3:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Open fire, 23616 Broadmoor Park, 4:37 p.m., Engine 1.
Building fire, 22740 Heather woods, 7:08 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Building fire, 22460 Garnett, 9:34 p.m., Engine 3, 4.
Medical, 21463 Kings Pointe, 10:17 p.m., Squad 1.

City officials looking at DDA/TIFA to fund roads

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

With crumbling roads plaguing Novi and a lack of state funds for repairs, city officials are looking at new ways to provide the needed dollars.

Some of the ways being studied are a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA), said Ed Knezwil, Novi City Manager.

According to Knezwil, a DDA and a TIFA work pretty much the same way. A district is set aside and all the city tax dollars from new development in the district go back to that area for needed improvements.

For example, tax dollars for a new development on Grand River Avenue would go to the surrounding area for road upgrades and landscaping.

Jim Wald, Planning and Community Development director, said the difference between a DDA and a TIFA is that a DDA is for a downtown district while a TIFA can be used for other districts, such as industrial areas.

Knezwil said the plan could have some positive outcomes. These would be through increases in

improvement dollars for certain areas of the city covered by a DDA or a TIFA.
Yet, Knezwil said he does not know how he feels about the plan overall. The plan will have to be studied to see how much it would increase the city's tax base.
Wald said his department is hoping to have a study of funding options, in conjunction with the Grand River project, finished by the end of this year or sooner.
Wald was more optimistic about the idea than Knezwil, especially when looked at funding for the Grand River corridor.
"I think we have looked at it on and off and at anytime it might be helpful it appears this might be an opportune situation."
Knezwil said the Grand River project needs additional tax base so these optional funding plans need to be seriously reviewed.

U of M regent candidates debate charter schools

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

No more padded gloves. The race for the University of Michigan Board of Regents is about charter schools.

Republicans favor chartering them. Democrats say there has been a lack of oversight — particularly at Central Michigan University. The split became apparent during a Sept. 21 forum conducted by the American Association of University Women in Livonia.

Candidates are quoted in the order in which they replied.
"Personally," said Democrat Cathy White, "I'm not in favor of public funds for private purposes" — a reference to the fact that many charter schools now getting state aid were formerly private schools.

White added that U-M should do a "detailed analysis" and exercise "fiscal responsibility" as needed if schools are chartered.

"I'm for charter schools," said incumbent Dennis de Foa. However, "the problem is oversight. There needs to be some kind of accountability. That's been a problem."

Power cited a "very discouraging" 1997 report by the state Auditor General about CMI's problems. CMI has chartered 46 schools, about half the state's total. CMI board chair is Brandon, who has made charters a campaign issue.

Power cited the charter schools' hiring uncertified teachers, failure to provide special education, and refusal to turn over documents to the auditor. "We're going to have charter schools, sure, but they

shouldn't be run by sloppy oversight." "I believe in charter schools," said Brandon. "I not only talk about them, I do them." He called CMI the "most public" issuer of charters in the state.

"I think it's wrong that U-M hasn't been on the leading edge of chartering schools," he said, suggesting public schools aren't held to the same high standards as charter schools.

Republican nominee Jessica Dalmond and the Libertarian candidate didn't attend the forum.

Of the three major state universities with elected boards, Wayne State has issued one charter. U-M and Michigan State, none. Asked directly whether U-M should issue charters, the candidates continued

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Candidates have little agreement

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Clifford Taylor, is being challenged for his Supreme Court seat by Carole Youngblood, who wants to be elected to a bench where there is no justice with experience as a circuit court judge.

"I've been a lawyer three times as long as my opponent," said Justice Taylor in the Oakland County Bar Association's judicial forum.

Taylor taught trial practice at Cooley Law School in Lansing and is one of three authors of a two-volume work on tort practice, telling lawyers what they need to know about personal injury cases. "It is the only scholarly work by a sitting justice of the Supreme Court since the late 19th Century," he said.

"No justices have ever been circuit court judges," said Youngblood, dealing with the kinds of felony, custody, job discrimination and divorce cases that usually are appealed to the Supreme Court. "You try to answer 40-60 questions an hour. It's different from reading a transcript," as appellate judges do.

Youngblood said she has no teaching experience but has been

president of the Women Lawyers Association in Wayne County, writing for its newsletter, and a vice president of the liberal National Lawyers Guild.

TOP CASE

Candidates were asked by Kelly Allen, president of the Oakland Bar, what was the most significant case they had handled, either as lawyer or judge, and if it set a precedent.

Youngblood cited a class action lawsuit against the "Blues" that she tried. "Women who had had breast cancer were denied narrower transcripts," she said. The suit was settled in favor of the women and set a nationwide precedent.

And they disagreed about whether TV and press cameras should be allowed in a courtroom. The Supreme Court leaves it to the discretion of the judge, with no "chance for the media to appeal an adverse ruling." Photographers must remain in one spot and may move in and out of the courtroom only during breaks.

Youngblood: "In favor. I have

never kept a camera from my courtroom. The public has a right to know what goes on in the courtroom. They (media cameras) are not disruptive. Witnesses forget about them."

Taylor: "There was a time in my life when I was unqualified in favor of it, but the O.J. Simpson trial changed my view. A court has to be careful in high-visibility cases because there is a natural temptation for misbehavior."

ELECT OR APPOINT?

They also disagreed on whether judges should be elected or appointed.

Taylor: Continue to elect local (district, circuit and probate) judges, but appellate judges should be appointed by the governor with confirmation by the Senate for a single 14-year term. During that term, there would be a total disbursement from politics. There would be no reappointment.

Youngblood: "Michigan voters by 75 to 80 percent want elections. I agree. Judges should be answerable to the people because they are the third branch of government."

that needs to be subjected to courts and over zealous prosecuting attorneys. Many physicians would be some righteous objectives."

"It's an absolutely appropriate thing to be in the hall," replied Shapiro of Merian's Friends. "A doctor's religion should not affect his religion, whatsoever. He has an ethical responsibility to tell me if he's opposed to this and to help me find another."

SECURE ISSUE

Prop B sets up a 17-member state Oversight Committee to review patients' records and determine compliance by the two physicians and psychiatrist. It would be entirely exempt from the "sunshine laws" - the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Act.

Shapiro disagreed that everything would be a secret. "The only thing that would be denied are the individual patient records," he said.

But Sec. 5685 would provide: "All proceedings, minutes, conclusions and actions" are exempt, not just the patient's medical records. Only the panels' statistical summary would be a public document.

Obituaries

DAVID J. BEAVIS
David J. Beavis, 43, died Oct. 17 at his residence in Novi. He was born July 18, 1955 in Detroit.

Mr. Beavis graduated from Cooley High School and was employed at Progressive Machine Tools.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons, Jonathan, James and Jeffrey; parents, Jack and Betty Beavis of Novi; and brother, Steve.

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Resurrection Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jonathan K. Bongert officiating.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Thevet Park Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials to the Blue Hill Children Education Trust, 7638 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48202, would be appreciated.

room ranch completed in 1995. Since its completion, the home has already undergone an expansion which includes an open air swimming pool, a ballroom, table and guest quarters.

The Ozarkia residence, a contemporary two-story detached colonial dome, is situated on an all-around acreage of the home which may describe a home a year-round summerable apartment.

The Hartsock home, featuring 5,000 square feet of living space and 10 rooms, the home is located in Northville Township.

The Marrs home, a 3,500-square-foot New England colonial, whose main feature is an outdoor pond and garden.

The Osborn home, a southern style, 3,500-square-foot property featured in Architectural Digest. A tree in the yard of the home hangs year-round and will be decorated for the season.

"We're hoping for a good turnout," Peters said.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. They may be purchased at the Northville Township Civic Center, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Northville Township Executive Building, and at participating florists. For more information, call the Township Foundation at (248) 374-0200. The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Northville Twp. Foundation offers area home tours

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

It's running a string of flashing lights through the bushes just isn't getting you in the holiday spirit anymore. Keep Nov. 13 free on your calendar.

The tour is being organized by the Northville Township Foundation, the group responsible for honoring Northville Township's 100th anniversary. The celebration wraps up at the end of this year.

"We wanted to put an additional flair to the regular home tour we do," said Foundation chairperson Shari Peters. "Normally, we invite people to go through the various homes around town and that's fine, but this time we got the help of decorators who can give people going through the homes ideas for their decorating and make things just a bit easier."

Gardensview of Northville, Heidi's and Friendly Persuasions of Plymouth, The Flower Pot of Canton, Parmenter & Bloom and Diner's of Novi will provide decorations in the homes.

Among the homes which will be featured on the tour:

- The Archibson bed and breakfast, a Victorian two-story in the city of Northville, described as a spacious example of older Northville's classic architecture;
- The Blay home, a three-bed-

Proposal B offers much to debate

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The ballot language is blunt: "Merian's Friends," the group that collected a quarter million signatures to put it on the ballot, doesn't use the word "suicide." It prefers "physician aid in dying" and "terminally ill patients right to end unbearable pain or suffering."

On Nov. 3 the argument will come to a head when voters decide for or against Proposal B, an amendment to the Public Health Code that would legalize and regulate a physician-prescribed lethal dose so a patient could end his own life.

EXCESS RED TAPE?

Prop B is long (40 pages, at least 10,000 words) and complex. It involves an attending physician, a consulting physician, a pharmacist, a large Oversight Committee appointed by the governor, a residency rule, a list of options the patient must be given, and a seven-day waiting period.

Isn't Kevoorkian's way simpler and less bureaucratic? "Those are safeguards," said Ken Shapiro, a spokesman for Merian's Friends, the Northville-based group pushing Prop B. It was named for Merian Frederick, an

Ann Arbor woman who was an early Kevoorkian patient. "And what's wrong with the way Kevoorkian is doing it?"

"If people have any complaints, it's with the physicians who aren't doing anything for their patients before they get to Kevoorkian. Like him or not, everybody has to give him credit for bringing the issue to the front."

"When this is legalized and regulated, you have fewer people that will take it than when you ban it. The reason is that you know you're in control," said Shapiro, a retired Champion Products worker who has had melanoma for 20 years.

'TREATABLE'

Opposed to Prop B is Dr. John Finn, executive medical director of Hospice of Michigan in Southfield. Finn said physician-assisted suicide is "more of an issue for the worried-well and the chronically ill suffering with untreated depression and social isolation."

"Pain and depression are treatable," said Finn. "The solution is not (Prop B) but improved physician competencies in end-of-life care."

Finn called Prop B "flawed" because it's difficult to predict that

a patient has six months or less to live.

Meanwhile, he said, a 1996 law called the Dignified Death Act gives patients the rights to know their prognosis, to have pain management, to refuse even life-sustaining treatment, and to appoint a decision maker with durable power of attorney.

Shapiro said a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association says "doctors are very good at predicting who is going to die, when they're going to die." He said the 1996 law doesn't help patients who don't respond to pain control.

M.D. AS C.O.

Suppose a Catholic doctor — who believes with Cardinal Adam Malina that "physician-assisted suicide is morally wrong, such actions destroy God's gift of life" — is asked by a patient for help in dying and refuses. Prop B says the doctor "shall" refer the patient to a more cooperative doctor. If he doesn't, he can be fined \$10,000 and jailed 90 days.

"Is that fair?" Dr. Finn and Shapiro were asked.

"It isn't fair," said Finn, "because it stretches a Catholic physician's ethical zone ... This is not an area



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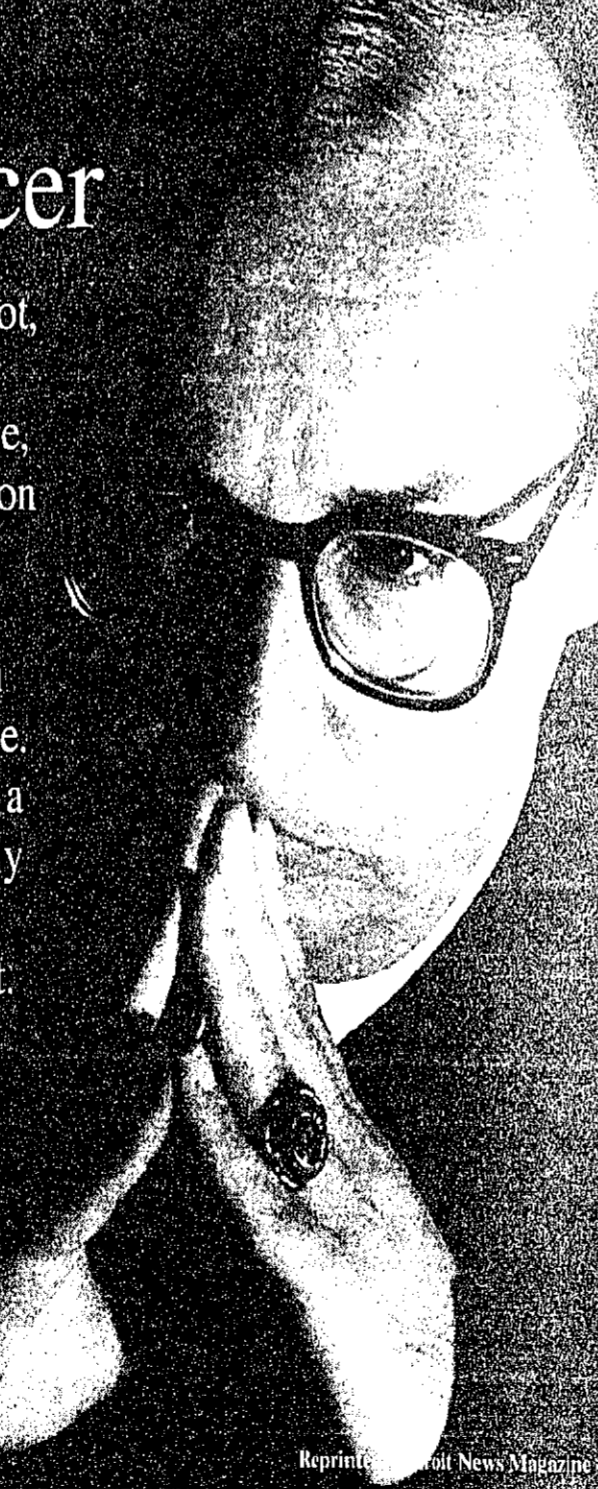
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Council talks over defunct Kroger plan

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Someday a grocery store may be needed in west Novi, Council Member Craig DeRoche said, but it should be located where the citizens want it to be.

"In this particular one, it's the wrong type of development placed in the wrong area. I personally told the developer my vote would be negative on this," DeRoche added.

There's no need to alter the master plan to accommodate west side commercial in that area, Council Member Laura Lorenzo contends.

"I think we are here to serve the citizens and if the citizens don't want to be served in a way a developer wants them to be, so be it," Lorenzo said.

"I see no reason to change the master plan. If it's changed willy nilly just to accommodate a developer, I'm not going to look at that plan as having validity, as I did before."

The last to speak out on the issue, Council Member Kathy Mutch said she'd "try to be as apolitical as possible," noting that she had not "made a commitment one way or the other regarding any development."

However, she suggested that restricting Novi's grocery shopping opportunities to the east side of the

"I'd like to think that the planning commission and city council ... did not intend for Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road to be the center for that type of service for the city south of the expressway."

Kathy Mutch
Council member

city put a traffic burden on homeowners in that end of the town.

"Even though the city decided to centralize the shopping district, I'd like to think that the planning commission and city council at that time did not intend for Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road to be the center for that type of service for the city south of the expressway," Mutch said.

"I don't think we should ignore the costs on the rest of the community."

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Below: In Saginaw, which is one of the many day trips offered every year, a visit to a historical home is included. SUBMITTED Photo
Right: Jan McAlpine, left, and Kathy Crawford take a look at the flyers offering a variety of day and extended trips which are updated almost daily by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and are located in a rack at the Civic Center. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Golden Opportunities

Seniors live it up with trips across the land

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

You've probably seen them on the highway and wondered where they're off to or returning from. They're lined up outside restaurants, malls and theaters.

It's the tour bus. These popular trips through area senior centers fill up fast.

Kathy Crawford, director at the Novi Senior Center, scheduled 29 extended and 46 day trips in 1997.

"There's usually a bus coming or going pretty much all the time," she said. "You could go on a trip from now until doomsday and not see everything."

Anybody is welcome to take advantage of Novi's travel program, it is not just for seniors, except the Mackinac Island trip which is for those 55 and older.

"Every age imaginable is traveling these days," Crawford said. "It is a painless way to go."

Crawford's philosophy on the travel program has changed since she first started the senior program in Novi 16 years ago. Now instead of getting a few trips completely booked and having everyone go together, she offers a variety of destinations at a range of prices to attract a wider audience of travelers.

"Travel is an important component to a senior program," she said. "I just keep offering as many different opportunities for people as possible."

Traveling with a group has advantages.



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The Detroit River day trips are popular in the summer and fall and include a narrated cruise along the river with a stop for dinner at various restaurants.

The group can get better prices, offer door-to-door services, arrange connections and take care of luggage. On theater trips, they can include behind-the-scenes tours which would not be available to individual travelers.

A Detroit Symphony Orchestra day trip, for example, is a good bargain.

"Tickets alone are \$29," said Karl Peters, coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation Senior Center. "We can take the senior bus and with the ticket it's only \$26.50 because we get the group dis-

count."

Seniors returning from a recent four-day trip to Mackinac Island were already making plans for 1999, partially because at \$420 per person — which includes overnight stay at the Grand Hotel — the price makes it a real value.

Crawford uses about six tour companies because they have different areas of expertise.

"No one tour company can be everything

Novi Trips for Seniors

The following are just a few of the upcoming trips offered through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department:

Windsor Casino Gambling
Oct. 29; Limousine bus to casino with lunch

Wheeling Festival of Lights
Nov. 3-5; Tour of Pittsburgh, tour of Lights at Oglebay Park, performance at Jamboree USA by Englebert Humperdink.

A Capitol Christmas
Dec. 7-11; Visit Wheeling's Spectacular Festival of Lights, United States Holocaust Museum or the Smithsonian Institution, all-day tour of Washington, D.C., tour of the U.S. Capitol, and a performance at Ford's Theatre of "A Christmas Carol" as well as a show at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Holiday Swing
Dec. 18; Day trip to Fenton to dance to the big band sound of the String of Pearls Orchestra with dinner.

DIA Brunch
Jan. 24, 1999; Hotel St. Regis/Detroit Institute of

Art; Sunday brunch and a tour of the DIA.

Las Vegas
Jan. 24-28, 1999; Stay at the Stardust Tower.

Fly Florida
Jan. 27 - Feb. 10; A tour of the Key West Aquarium, Duval Street and Ernest Hemingway's house, as well as the Fort Myers homes of Thomas Edison; cruises to the Mangrove Forest and Florida Bay; matinee performance of "Oklahoma," a visit to the Naples/Fort Myers Greyhound Track; and the Naples Trolley Tour.

Australia & New Zealand Explorer
March 5-19, 1999; Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Melbourne, Sydney, Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, and Mt. Cook National Park.

Scandinavia
June 13 - June 27, 1999; Fifteen-day tour which includes Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Steamboat! Vacation
Aug. 4-11, 1999; Travel on the American Queen, an overnight paddlewheel steamboat, for seven days from St. Paul to St. Louis.

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Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Barbara Whell will be volunteering with Light Up a Life.

Whell is lending a hand at benefit

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

One can find Barbara Whell pitching in where ever needed at Angela Hospice in Livonia, including the upcoming "Light Up a Life" benefit.

"It seems like it starts when the last one ends," Whell said of preparations for the upcoming benefit which raised \$90,000 last year.

Whell has attended several meetings throughout the year and has been busy getting ads for the program book.

But, Whell said, "anything that comes up, all of us try to do it." Angela Hospice's 11th annual Light Up a Life fund raiser is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 8, at Jacobson's in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

"I feel so pleased to be part of something like that," Whell said.

The evening's festivities include a performance by Karen Newman, the "Star-Spangled Singer" of the Detroit Red Wings; WXYZ's Cheryl Chodun, Carolyn Clifford, Mary

Conway, Mike Holfield, and Joanne Purian; WDIV's Paul Gross and Lila Lazarus; and WYUR radio's Jimmy Launce.

A raffle, live and silent auctions, fine cuisine, raffle prizes including a trip for two to Las Vegas, a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate and a Princess Di Beanie Baby are also highlights of the benefit which runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$40. Special \$75 tickets are also available for a VIP champagne reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Whell's involvement with Angela Hospice began about five years ago.

"Some people concentrate on one area," said Whell. "I'm still trying to find mine."

Whell is helping facilitate training classes, the same one she attended herself five years ago.

"Like so many of the volunteers that go through the training, you get acquainted with it through personal experience," said Whell, whose husband Gerald had home hospice care just prior to his death

in 1992.

"Once you get involved with something like that you want to give something back," said Whell who is retired from Michigan National Bank where she had worked for 16 years.

Whell also helps with grief support which has four sessions a month.

"The groups seem to get bigger and bigger all the time," she said.

A couple of months ago Angela Hospice began a weekly high tea for patients, families and guests.

"You can really get frailly when you do high tea," said Whell, "but we make it casual. It gets them, for a little while, away from the reason they are there."

Whell is also on the speakers bureau for Angela Hospice and gives talks about hospice care to organizations, clubs, etc.

"It's funny because I always had a problem standing in front of groups speaking," said Whell. "When I'm talking about hospice,

you turn me on and you can't get me to stop."

Whell will also visit with patients and talk to their families.

"My theory is I walk in the door and whatever needs to be done, filing, dishes, whatever, I'll do it," she said. "I've done all the things I thought I would be doing and a few more."

Whell, who moved to Northville in 1995, has a son Michael who lives with his wife Laurie in Livonia. Her eldest son, Chris, who was always healthy and a racquetball fanatic, died suddenly 14 years ago of a rare form of spinal meningitis at the age of 23.

"That was quite a blow," she said. "He wasn't sickly."

For more information about volunteering at Angela Hospice, call the Volunteer Manager, Donna Kolodtsick, at (734) 953-6049.

Tickets for Light Up a Life may be purchased by calling (734) 464-7810 or in person at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

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Health Column

Does exercise reduce the risk of getting breast cancer?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and while the list of benefits of regular exercise is a lengthy one, growing concern is ranging from lowered blood pressure to reduced risk of diabetes, breast cancer prevention has been rarely found on it... until now.



Chris Klebba

Does exercising reduce your risk of getting breast cancer? One of the highest investigations ever

done on the topic suggests that the answer is yes.

Researchers in Norway traced the health of more than 25,000 women over a nine year period. They found women who exercised at least four hours a week had a 37 percent lower breast cancer risk, compared to women who did not exercise at all. (New England Journal of Medicine, May 1, 1997.)

Anne McTiernan MD, Ph.D., of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle has completed studies suggesting exercise has some association with reducing risk of breast cancer, not dependent on exercise intensity.

"We're not sure how much exercise women need to do, but we do know that women who are overweight have an increased risk of

breast cancer. Literature suggests there are three strategies available to lower risk of breast cancer: inhibiting estrogen levels, inducing reversible menopause at a young age and now physical activity. Animal, experimental and epidemiological evidence indicates that physical activity, because of its influence on hormones, may be an attractive, non-invasive option to decrease your risk." (Douglas Kalman MS, RD and Laura J. Villani MS.)

The bottom line... this is another reason to add to your "why to" list. You know the other list... no time, too busy. I will start after the New Year...

In other words, get and stay more active. So many of the components of a healthy, full quality of life depend on it.

Do you need to start exercising

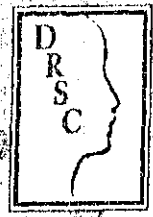
six days a week and eat salad for the rest of your life? No. Even if you tried, you probably would not stay consistent.

Take some small but positive steps starting tomorrow. Walk up the stairs instead of taking the elevator or escalator at the mall or at work. Use the copier down the hall. Instead of playing on the computer with your kids after that late dinner, take a walk or play some catch.

Exercise now and odds are for so many reasons, you will not regret it later.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, Owner and Operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a Certified Personal Fitness Instructor.

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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 informa-

tion 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.

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• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a \$6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to register.

Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

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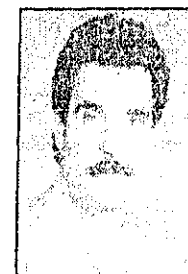
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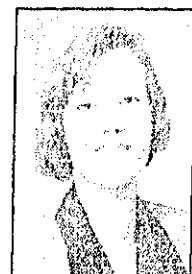
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