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Planner in hot water over wetlands waiver

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Council Member Laura Lorenzo intended to call for the resignation of Planning Commissioner Kim Capello on Monday night - but was told by Mayor Kathleen McLallen to restrict her comments to a report on the commission's waiver of a wetlands mitigation requirement.

"I was going to say that I think he should resign, based on his recent actions and comments that were made in planning commission meetings regarding the wetlands, also his business with developers and as a developer," Lorenzo said Tuesday, adding that she will bring the issue up again at the council's Nov. 23 meeting.

Capello said he's not about to quit the unpaid city post. Planning commissioners are appointed by the city council.

"Laura and I have a disagreement as to how small pockets of

wetlands should be handled. She is on some type of mission. It doesn't bother me," Capello said Tuesday.

"I am certainly not going to resign because one person on the council is off on a witch hunt.

As is council practice, at the beginning of the Monday session, Lorenzo asked that the staff report be discussed at the end of the meeting.

"It should be evident to everyone that the planning commission's recent decision was not based on a lack of information. The decision was made knowingly, willfully and showed blatant disregard of established city practices on an issue of paramount public importance," Lorenzo said at the council table.

"I have equally disturbing information at the the last planning commission, the same action again occurred."

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No. 1 ... twice



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi soccer team celebrates its state championship, earned in a 4-0 victory over Brighton Saturday.

Democrats say they aren't 'endangered'

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's Democrats are alive and well.

"They're not even an endangered species, local party members say. That, despite the fact that throughout the 1990s, Republicans have rolled over Democrats here, with last week's election no exception. If local voters had their way, President Bob Dole would have taken over after George Bush served a second term in the White House. And John Smetanka would be Michigan's new Attorney General.

Democrat delegate Michael Breckenridge from Precinct 13,

has his own theory as to why the GOP elephant leaves its footprint on Novi elections.

"A lot of people, when they start to make more money, then, they're Republican. They don't want to be identified with Democrats," said Breckenridge, an electrician who serves on the executive board of UAW Local 163.

"I think some of the union members, the better the house they live in, suddenly even these people are Republicans. Some people forget where their roots are. They have a little more money and they become a snob."

Breckenridge isn't doing badly

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Novi soccer, x-country squads win state finals on the same day

■ Full coverage of Novi's wins in state soccer, cross country finals appears on pages 9-10B.

It wouldn't be a stretch to say that this past Saturday was the most exciting day of sports Novi High School has ever seen.

Winning a state title in any sport is an accomplishment, but to win two in a four-hour span is almost unheard of. With the soccer team's 4-0 win over Brighton in the Division I finals coming just 3 1/2 hours after the boys' cross country team learned of its stunning upset over state-power Rockford, the city of Novi was the state's athletic powerhouse for at least an afternoon.

"I had people coming up to me all day long and congratulating me for our team taking second place," Novi athletic director John Funduklan said. "They weren't even giving us a chance."

Funduklan's son, John, Jr., now the coach at Walled Lake Central, told his dad that Novi would need two Kevin Avenius' to beat Rockford.

"We did have two Kevin Avenius', and the second one's name was Dan Christopherson."

Fortunately, I was able to take photos at the cross country meet and then shoot over to Andover High School to catch the tail end of the championship soccer game.

I was expecting Novi to win, as it had beaten Brighton twice already. As I approached the field with 16 minutes remaining, I heard some-

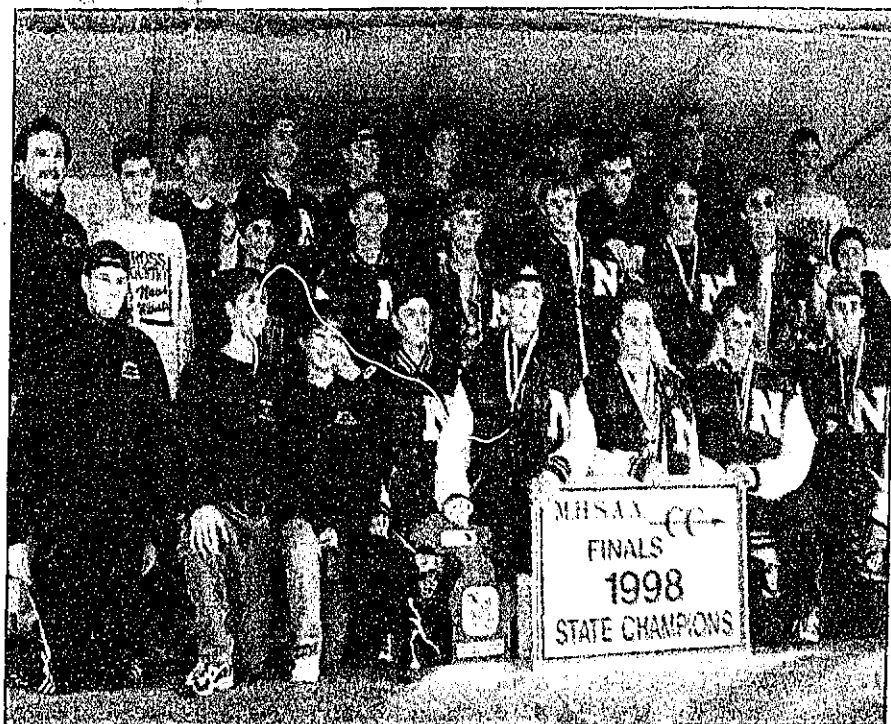


Photo by JASON SCHMITT

A surprise ending, Novi's cross country squad won its state championship Saturday at Michigan International Speedway. Rockford had been the favorite to win.

one say Brighton was winning.

I don't know what planet she was from, but Novi again proved that it was the deepest, most talented team in the state.

The best part about the soccer team's championship; the fan support. A whole slew of students, family and faculty made the 20 mile

trek over to cheer the team on.

For this sports editor, it was a day I won't soon forget.

Nor will anybody associated with Novi athletics.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for The Novi News.



Jason Schmitt

City Council, Parks to discuss north park

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Time for the Novi City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission is Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., when the two groups will talk about development plans, including a golf course, for the North Novi Park.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen asked that the purpose of the meeting not be "so narrowly focused on the golf course" but include the total plans for the land and "how this particular recreational use fits with the master plan of the North Novi Park."

Along with the golf course proposal, the park plans are expected to include uses such as hiking and biking trails.

The meeting will be held in the Activities Room at the Novi Civic Center and will not be televised.

Council Member Laura Lorenzo asked that the meeting be broadcasted on Cable Channel 13, but did not win support from her colleagues.

Also on Monday, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis told the council that in a not-yet-approved budget for the city's Community Development Block Grant money, \$42,000 is proposed for the North Novi Park.

"As we finalize plans, this will give us seed money. We've left it general, as we finalize what is going to happen to the North Novi Park," Davis said.

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A special section ...



File photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Marching Band placed second in state finals.

Marching band pulls in 2nd in state finals

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi High School Marching Band chalked up another award for Novi High School Saturday, with a second place finish at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Finals.

The MCBA, which hosted its finals at the Pontiac Silverdome, invited the 40 best schools from all over the state.

Each school is placed in one of four "flights." These schools are grouped in "flights" according to their size and Novi High School was placed in Flight II.

The top ten schools from each flight were invited to the competition.

Scott Boerma, Novi High School Marching Band director, said the band played a set of music inspired by the 1970s funk rock group, "The Tower of Power."

With this retro-music set to a marching band beat, the Novi High School Marching Band had a final score of 87.25, giving them the second place win in Flight II.

Boerma said this is the highest score the band has ever received.

Boerma expressed great pride his band of 142 students and said, "Each year it seems to get better. The kids seem to each year figure it out more and more."

He said he is very impressed with his band members work ethic, saying it has seriously improved from past years.

Boerma added the band is composed of very young players, compared to previous years, because many band members graduated with last year's senior class. This year's freshman class is very large.

With so many band members

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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 Nov News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, November 12

Historical Commission

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

Parks meeting

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

Youth baseball

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

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 11671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500. This meeting will feature a visit from the district governor.

Monday, November 16

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Woodham 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 Golley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 980-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Bosford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 35750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Labitt at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

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Tuesday, November 17

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30 a.m. at Kirby's Honey 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 rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows 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 Siggate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

Chess Club

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

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

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, November 18

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Novi Woods school building at 7:30 p.m.

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Planning Commission

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

Thursday, November 19

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500. Lisa Fockler, Oakland County Public Health educator, will speak on "Raising Drug Free Kids - Setting the Limits."

Monday, November 23

City Council

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

Wills and probate

Robert J. Essick, attorney at law, will talk about wills and probate in a talk at the Novi Civic Center, in Room A, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be a question and answer period after the talk. There is no charge for attendance.

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Board ok's tower negotiations

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi school board voted to begin negotiations on a proposed by AIRT to place a cellular phone tower on Novi High School property.

Board of Education members suggested to AIRT that the tower be placed on a larger parcel of land, but the tower would be built to handle any number.

John Riley, a representative for AIRT, said the company is asking for a 180-foot tower, but would be happy with a 150-foot tower.

Riley said a 180-foot tower would be more attractive to other cellular companies than one that is less than 100 feet tall because more of those companies could fit their equipment on the taller tower.

Riley added he felt there is very little difference in the look of a 150-foot tower and a 180-foot tower.

But school board members were skeptical about the size and appearance of the proposed tower.

Riley said each cellular company would require their own "deck." A deck is a level on the tower that

holds various antennas.

With more companies on a tower, more decks would be needed. He added the height of the tower really does not limit the amount of decks because the towers can be built to handle any number.

Riley suggested a taller tower because it would look more attractive, with decks spaced out more.

He added even though a larger tower would extend 180 feet in the air, it would not need lighting. He said he could provide the board with a statement from the FAA as confirmation.

As for the losses, Riley said he was thought the board did not want to see the losses until the negotiation stage. The board disagreed and said they wanted to see sample losses as soon as possible.

As for the height of the tower, trustee Carol Ellring said she has seen 150-foot towers and 180-foot towers and believes there is a difference in appearance.

Because of these concerns, the board said it could not commit itself to a lower size until it has more information.

While members did disagree with

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George Korlantz,
Chair of the Novi School Board

suggestions for the size of the tower, the board did agree with Assistant Superintendent Jim Koster's suggestion that if a tower were placed on the property, the south side of the home-side football stands would be the best place.

Koster made this suggestion after a meeting with Riley and Novi High School Principal Jennifer Chel. During the meeting, the three walked the school grounds and discussed various locations for the proposed 150- to 180-foot tower.

While walking the grounds, Riley took pictures of the various proposed locations. He then superimposed an image of a tower on each one of the locations to give the board members an idea of what the site would look like.

Representations of a 150-foot tower and a 180-foot tower were placed in each of the pictures.

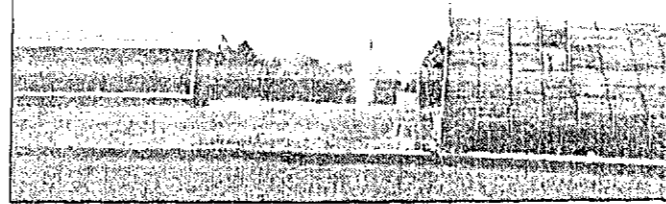
Trustee John Streit said the board can gather more information on the proposal by voting to begin negotiations.

He said this would give the board a chance to study similar losses in other school districts. It will also give the board time to look into concrete results from a cellular tower on school land.

The other members agreed and voted unanimously to move the proposal into the negotiation stage for further information gathering.

Board President George Kort said he stressed this decision does not approve the proposal.

"The fact that we entered into preliminary negotiations does not mean we have finalized," he said.



Proposed 180-foot cellular tower on the grounds of Novi High

MEAP results encouraging

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

School administrators are smiling a little more after seeing the high marks Novi students received on last year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

With 79 percent of its 11th grade students having taken the test last year, over 90 percent of the students passed each section of the exam.

The test is broken up into four sections: math, science, writing and reading.

Of the 11th grade Novi students who took the math portion of the test, 93.7 percent of them passed the test.

This high number was repeated in the science, writing and reading portions of the test. In science, 92.8 percent of the students who took it passed, for the writing portion 92.2 percent of the students passed and for the reading portion, 92.3 percent of the students

passed.

Last year, students at some schools protested the test and refused to take it. Because of this, Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction for the Novi school district, said Novi can't compare itself with other schools' results.

"We are proud of Novi students, because they didn't fall into that trap that other students were doing," she said.

While the numbers cannot be compared with other schools because of the protests last year, Traynor said, "The real story is the high number of students who were endorsed."

In order for graduating seniors to receive an state endorsed diploma, they must receive a passing score on their MEAP tests. The test is given during the students' eleventh grade year, usually in May.

Students who do not receive a passing grade can get a second chance at improving their scores at a retest given around the end of their senior year of high school.

Novi's results will probably take place in April. An actual date is yet to be determined.

Traynor said more businesses and colleges are also looking at student's MEAP scores as valid indicators of the students' learning levels.

She added the MEAP scores are also very valuable to teachers, who study the results to determine what changes need to be made in the school curriculum.

Parents can expect to receive letters giving them the detailed results of the children's scores on the MEAP test soon.

"We are certainly going to continue to encourage students to take the test," Traynor said. She added, as for last year's protests, she said she believes the state has reexamined the test and improved it accordingly.

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Goodfellows prep for holidays

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

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"If a child needs a coat, we provide a coat and usually we put a toy in with it, too," said Goodfellows President Bob Peterson.

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"I ask people to help and they help," Peterson explained.

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Driver arrested after almost hitting officer

Police News

A 38-year-old Tennessee man was arrested near the intersection of Twelve Mile and Novi roads for drunk driving around 2 a.m. Nov. 4.

An officer received a call a civilian was following a possible drunk driver on Novi Road.

The officer was sitting at a stop light when he observed the man's vehicle turn onto east Twelve Mile from north Novi Road.

The Tennessee man's vehicle turned the corner so wide it crossed the center line and in doing so, it missed colliding with the rear of the officers vehicle by only a few feet.

The officer then followed the vehicle, where he observed it cross the center line several more times. The vehicle was then stopped.

Upon contact with the driver, the officer observed the he had a very limited knowledge of English.

The officer asked him how much he had to drink and the man admitted to having three beers.

The officer asked the man to exit the vehicle, but had to unlatch the door for the man, because he could not do so himself.

He was given a roadside sobriety test and was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

TWO ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

Two 17-year-old Howell women were arrested around 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 5 outside of JC Penny in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to an employee, the women were observed entering the lingerie department where they both selected several items of clothing and entered the store fitting rooms.

After about 10 minutes, the women were seen leaving the fitting rooms but with only one article of clothing.

They then attempted to leave the store and were stopped by store security.

Both women admitted to stealing clothing.

IS SLURRED SPEECH ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Town Center around 1 a.m. Saturday for drunk driving.

An officer driving east on Grand River Avenue noticed the man's vehicle in front of him traveling in-between the east lanes, swerving from lane to lane.

Both the vehicles stopped at a red light and the officer noticed the man's vehicle was in-between the lanes again, with the front of his vehicle almost stretching into the

intersection.

The light then turned green and the man did not proceed. The officer stayed behind the man, to see how long it would take for the driver, who was now slumped over in his seat, to proceed through the light.

As soon as the man's vehicle moved, the officer initiated a traffic stop.

Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the car.

He attempted to talk to the driver, but because his speech was so slurred, the officer could not understand a word the man was saying.

The officer then had the man exit the vehicle, which he did. The man was very unbalanced and confused, asking the officer why he was being stopped, where he was and why was he parked in the road.

The officer gave the man a sobriety test, after which he was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

VERY DRUNK DRIVING
A 48-year-old Berkley man was arrested around 1 a.m. Sunday near the intersection of Novi Road and I-96 for drunk driving.

Novi Briefs

Successful Babes and Bullies

How successful was the Novi Senior Center's "Broadway Babes and Bullies" musical show?

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis in his September report to the Novi City Council noted that the center served 800 brunettes and 1,500 cups of coffee to senior audiences arriving in 20 buses from other Michigan cities.

Over 45 volunteers dished up lunch and ushered guest to their seats for the show, which boasted a cast of 49 seniors.

Over 1,100 tickets were sold for the event. Also on hand for the event were five Fire Protection Officers from the Novi Fire Department, just in case problems arose when the center hosted an audience of 400 people mostly over age 70.

"They really went above and beyond by making extra coffee, carrying the big pots for us and even assisted a poorly sighted individual into the bathroom," Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford noted in a thank you letter to the fire department.

Appointed

On Monday night, these individuals were appointed to local office by the Novi City Council:

- Beautification Commission, Patricia Barney
- Board of Review, Katherine Cosentino
- Election Commission, Pamela Superfisky
- Parks & Recreation Commission, Rob Mittel
- Zoning Board of Appeals, Michael Meyer, LaVerne Reinke

Dream car?

Ever wonder what it costs to buy a dump truck of your very own? Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to accept Tom Holzer Ford's low bid of \$48,479 for a dump truck. A second bidder quoted the dirt a price of \$49,216. The vehicle will be used by the Department of Public Works.

Horsing around

Trotting around the exposition ring, an owner shows off his Kentucky Mountain Horse during Friday's North American Horse Show at the Novi Expo Center.

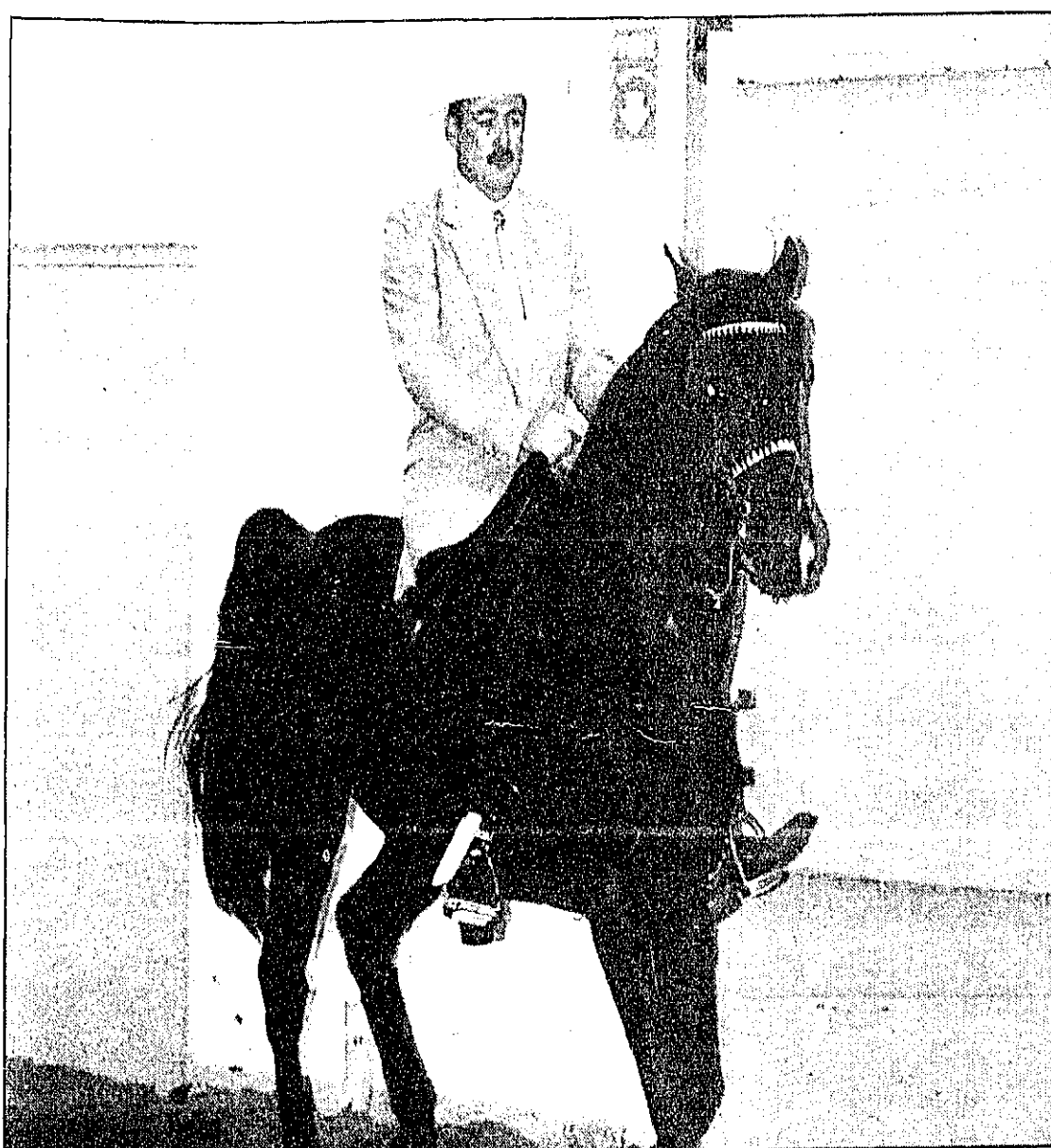


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Cemetery plan angers some

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While one planning commissioner expressed anger at the development, Novi Planning Commissioners unanimously approved construction of a office building at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

The commissioners' action approved the project's preliminary site plan, allowing Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens to build a office building on approximately two acres of the 137-acre cemetery. It also granted a special land use permit and a woodlands permit.

Brian Geer, construction engineer for the cemetery, said the development will create a new main entrance on the east side of Novi Road in addition to a larger office building.

However, the decision caused considerable anger from a Novi resident and Commissioner Brent Canup.

Debbie Bundoff, a resident of Novi who has family members buried in the cemetery, said she is very concerned with the project's close proximity to a portion of the cemetery set aside for babies and

single adults.

In reference to a roadway running close to the section, Bundoff said, "I hate to think that people would be driving over gravesites."

Geer admitted the road has been moved closer to the graves in that area, but added none of the graves will be covered.

He said, even though the road is closer, it is still 10 to 15 feet away.

But this did not ease Canup's mind, who expressed displeasure with the creation of a new main entrance.

"By closing that (other) main entrance, you have committed a betrayal of trust to the people that have bought sites in there, including myself," he said to the developers and owner of the cemetery.

However, Canup said since there were no ordinance violations with the project, he had to vote in favor of the development, but added it was a very reluctant vote of approval.

A motion to approve the development was made by Commissioner Louis Cordas and seconded by Commissioner Robert Churella.

Oakland Community grads in demand with employers

Employers seem to like Oakland Community College graduates. Six months after graduation, 96 percent of alumni had jobs, "even during times of high unemployment," says the two-year college's Office of Institutional Research.

And now employers are being invited to join advisory committees not only on technical applied science programs, but also on the liberal arts and business programs.

"Continued guidance on the direction of our degrees" is how OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson described the Oct. 26 meeting of 35 people - half faculty and administrators of OCC, half representatives of businesses and governments that employ graduates.

"The assembly was broken down into three 'focus groups' of 12 persons each," said college spokesman George Cartsonis, to

consider three categories of OCC degrees - liberal art, business and applied science. "It was the first of several sessions of the Business and Community Alliance. The next will be March 8.

What did the focus groups have to say about each curriculum?

• Liberal arts - Although designed for students transferring to a university, its graduates impress employers with the "flexibility, breadth of outlook and critical thinking attributes," reported Imogene Bailey, counselor at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

Judith Eaton, personnel director of Oakland County, said liberal arts graduates show awareness of the broader world, critical thinking and communications skills. Liberal art includes English, humanities, science, social science and math.

• Business administration -

This, too, was designed as a transfer degree for universities with a foundation in accounting, economics and math.

The advisory group said instructors, as well as students, need to keep current with "real life" experience in the workplace including "externships" for faculty.

• Applied science - The 100 or so technical specialties prepare students for entry-level employment in fields ranging from dental hygiene to robotics. Industry advisors liked the general education component, though one suggested the physical ed requirement be dropped in favor of more class hours in the specialty.

Graduates earn more when they find jobs in their areas of study, the Office of Institutional Research said.

Missing boys found in mall after community searches

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

A couple of Novi parents received the scare of their lives, when two 8-year-old boys disappeared Saturday from home.

Happily, the boys were found unharmed three and half hours later in the Kaybee Toy Store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

L. Tim McNamara of the Novi police department said one of the boys was visiting the other at his home on Meadowbrook Road, when the mother noticed they were missing around 4:30 p.m.

She searched for the children and could not find them, so she contacted neighbors, who searched the surrounding woods. Around 5:30 p.m., they called the Novi Police Department requesting help.

McNamara said the department started a search at the Meadowbrook home and radiated out. The boy's homes and the surrounding woods were searched twice, he said.

Novi police then called for additional help, bringing in the Novi Fire Department, Farmington Hills police, West Bloomfield police, canine units from Van Buren and West Bloomfield, and a helicopter from the Detroit police department. The Michigan State Police helicopter was placed on standby in case it was needed.

Based on further questioning of one of the boy's mothers, the Novi police discovered the youngster had taken his backpack and some money when he went missing.

McNamara said it was determined the boys may have walked to the Twelve Oaks Mall, located about a mile away.

A store-to-store search of the mall was conducted by Novi police, mall security and concerned neighbors. It was a neighbor who located the boys in the toy store.

"When (the parents) showed up there was a lot of hugging, kissing and crying," McNamara said.

He added that many Novi residents heard about the boy's disappearance on the television news and there were numerous offers to help.

While McNamara said they were not used in the search, he wanted them to thank them the offer.

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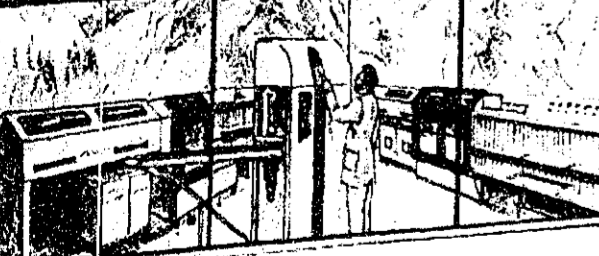
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The Log Book

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- MONDAY, NOV. 2**
Medical, 2200 Novi Road, 1:18 a.m., Squad Two.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:32 a.m., Squad Two.
Fire Alarm, 45182 West Road, 9:53 a.m., Engines One and Two.
Medical, 45110 Byrne, 10:47 a.m., Squad Three.
Injury Accident, Thirteen Mile and M-5, 12:03 p.m., Squad Two.
Investigation, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 12:37 p.m., Engine One.
Service, 31023 Ileridge, 3:10 p.m., Squad Two.
Medical, 45075 Pontiac Trail, 3:55 p.m., Squad Two.
Medical, 46220 Eleven Mile Road, 8:46 p.m., Squad Four.
Medical, 45125 West Road, 8:55 p.m., Squad Two.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 3**
Medical, 21694 Bedford, 1:47 a.m., Squad Three.
Injury Accident, 196 and Novi Road, 3:39 a.m., Squad One.
Medical, 50756 Montana, 9:20 a.m., Squad Four.
Investigation, 48185 Nine Mile, 1:05 p.m., Engine Four.
Hazardous Condition, Ten Mile and Tall Road, 3:24 p.m., Engine Four.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 3:47 p.m., Squad One.
Investigation, 21132 W. Glenhaven, 8:30 p.m., Squad Three.
Investigation, 30785 Golden Ridge, 11:29 p.m., Squad Two.
Investigation, 25746 Arcadia, 11:49 p.m., Squad Four.
- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4**
Investigation, 20831 Veranda, 12:54 a.m., Squad Three.
Injury Accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty Road, 6:48 a.m., Squad Three.
Stand-by, Country Place, 8:41 a.m., Engine 510.
Medical, 39609 Blakeston, 10:19 a.m., Squad One.
Medical, 21615 Edgewood, 1:24 p.m., Squad Four.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 2:46 p.m., Squad One.
Injury Accident, 196 and Novi Road, 3:45 p.m., Squad One.
Medical, 24484 Bramblewood, 6:17 p.m., Squad Four.
Car Fire, 43250 Crescent, 8:06 p.m., Engine One.
- THURSDAY, NOV. 5**
Service call, 43050 Twelve Oaks/Crescent Boulevard, 12:58 a.m., Squad One.
Fire Alarm, West Oaks/Novi Road, 7:41 a.m., Engines One and Four.
Fire Alarm, 25875 Novi Road, 8:22 a.m., Engines Three and Four.
Fire Alarm, 42875 Grand River, 8:23 a.m., Engines One and Two.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:08 a.m., Squad Two.
Fire Alarm, West Oaks Drive and Novi Road, 9:45 a.m., Engine One.
Wires Down, 21530 Novi Road, 2:01 p.m., Engine Three.
Medical, Hickory Woods School, 2:14 p.m., Squad Two.
Hazardous Condition, Cherry Hill and Ridge, 2:39 p.m., Engine 515.
Medical, 41582 West Road, 9:55 p.m., Squad Two.
- FRIDAY, NOV. 6**
Fuel Spill, Beck Road and Twelve Mile, 7:51 a.m., Engine Four.
Stand-by, 23360 Meeting Hall, 8:15 a.m., Engine 510.
Stand-by, Country Place, 8:47 a.m., Engine 510.
Wires down, Nine Mile and Haggerty Road, 9:11 a.m., Engine Three.
Fire Alarm, Novi Ice Arena, 9:12 a.m., Engine One.
Investigation, 22555 Cranbrook, Squad Three.
Medical, 41645 Chatham, 11:32 a.m., Squad Three.
Medical, 24371 Catherine, 3:50 p.m., Squad One.
Medical, 43200 Crescent, 6:38 p.m., Squad One.
Medical, 45705 Lakeview, 10:45 p.m., Squad Two.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 7**
House fire, 317 Duana, 12:01 a.m., Engines Two and One.
Medical, 22516 Chestnut Tree, 12:14 a.m., Squad Three.
Investigation, 39979 Crosswinds, 5:25 a.m., Squad Three.
Medical, 45719 Lakeview, 9:29 a.m., Squad Two.
Medical, Novi Ice Arena, 9:54 a.m., Squad Three.
Trash Fire, 22297 Hazelton, 8:22 a.m., Engines Two and One.
Medical, 45100 Byrne Court, 3:23 p.m., Squad Three.
Assist Police, 28400 Meadowbrook Road, 5:50 p.m., Station Two.
Medical, 43268 Ashbury, 6:28 p.m., Squad Three.
- SUNDAY, NOV. 8**
Medical, 31286 Shorecreek, 12:09 a.m., Squad Two.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:30 a.m., Squad One.
Medical, 21111 Haggerty Road, 1 a.m., Squad Three.
Medical, 500 Eckschtay, 1:30 p.m., Squad Four.
Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road, 1:58 p.m., Squad One.
Investigation, 50415 Oregon, 6:29 p.m., Engines Four and One.
Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 7:02 p.m., Squad Three.

Time to prepare for turkey day

Don't let the convenience of buying a prepared turkey dinner turn into a food poisoning incident, warns Sylvia Treitman home economist for the Michigan State University Extension Service of Oakland County.

- It's important to follow safe food handling to insure a safe dinner even when purchasing ready to eat foods.
- U.S.D.A. recommendations:
- if you are eating within 2 hours - pick up the food hot and keep it hot, not just warm.
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 - Cover with foil to keep food moist.
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The rollercoaster is in the plot
 Orchard Hills Elementary School third-graders Lauren Shelar, center, and friend Sarah Barton, right, go over some reading selections with Lauren's mom, Karen, at last week's book fair.

Community college notes

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer
 Only 20 months after taking the helm of OCC's Auburn Hills Campus, President Diann Schindler will leave Nov. 6.
 Schindler currently is on medical leave and, when done, will be weeded and move to New Jersey. She didn't attend the OCC board's Oct. 18 meeting when Chancellor Richard T. Thompson made her departure official.
 Betting favorite to replace her: Gordon May, executive director of OCC's smaller Pontiac Center and acting president at Auburn Hills. May has degrees in business management and education leadership and is liked by board members.
 Thompson said a search team will advertise nationally, complete its work by March and have a new president on board by June. Auburn Hills, located at I-75 and M-59, houses OCC's industrial technology and police programs.
 Schindler was president of a Minneapolis community college for a year and a half before coming to OCC after service in two Wisconsin colleges. Her degrees are in English and education administration.

UNION IMPATIENT
 Lois Ryerson, representing AFSCME Local 1999, told board members that the maintenance workers have been a year and four months without a union contract.
 She called it "a reflection on the upper echelon of the college." College officials did not reply.
AUDIT CLEAN
 The two-year college with a \$105 million budget got a "clean" audit from Plante & Moran LLP, a pleased Thompson told trustees.
 "There were no management issues," the chancellor said, noting there are "sizeable fund balances."
 "That's worthy of note," said board chair Carol Creek of Waterford. "Pretty remarkable," added vice chair Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak, congratulating Clarence Brantley, vice chancellor for administrative services.
'F' TRANSFERRED
 In a bookkeeping transaction, the board approved 6-0 the transfer of "F" Building on the Auburn Hills Campus to the state.
 The action will allow the State Building Authority to sell bonds to finance the renovation of the building, said Michael R. Atkins of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, college counsel.
 Afterwards, OCC will buy back the building for \$1.
 "F" Building is a joint local-state, \$10 million renovation project that is to be completed in winter.

1998 MEAP cannot be compared to past tests

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer
 Don't compare the 1998 test scores to earlier public school results on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program results, say state officials.
 "They aren't comparable to previous years' results," Chris Schram of the Department of Education staff told the State Board of Education Nov. 5. "The tests are shorter. They're given at a different time of year (April through June to 11th graders). And we have different definitions of the standards."
 Nevertheless, the board's news release said, "We are pleased by the continued progress shown by the number of students who meet Michigan's standards. There are still too many students who are not able to reach those standards, and we are working to correct that."
 State officials see three problems:
 • Large pockets of students who, with parental approval, refuse to take the tests in math, science, reading and writing.
 • "I keep hearing that college and businesses don't pay attention to the test results," said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, the board's senior member. "Neither is accurate. The business community in Berrien County has made concerted efforts to use them. Some higher educational institutions are using results for placement purposes."
 Herb Moyer, D-Temperance, one of the new members, agreed that skipping the tests "is a phenomenon of the last two or three years."
 "I want to get at this issue of taking the test," said Art Ellis, superintendent of public instruction and head of the Education Department. Students in affluent suburbs such as Birmingham and Northville have boycotted MEAP tests in droves. The tests are designed to guarantee employers, in particular, that students have

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mastered academic material, not merely sat in classes for 12 years and collected a paper diploma.
 "These scores are important to the state, to the school and to the students," Beardmore said.
 • Low scores by minorities. Take math, for example.
 Blacks had 3.2 percent "exceeding standards" (highest score) and nearly 60 percent "not endorsed" (failing). Whites had more than 24 percent "exceeding" and 15 percent failing.

Asian and Pacific Islander students topped the white scores at the top of the scale.
 "Very upsetting," said board president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit. "We have to concentrate our resources." Later she added, "We've got to look beyond the school for reasons."
 Press handling.
 Dr. Diane Smolen of the department staff was unhappy that some large newspapers got the MEAP results before the State Board got it. "We wish schools would have a week to study them before they became public. But individual school districts and intermediate districts close to make them available a week prior to the State Board meeting."
 "It's uncontrollable," said Ellis. "There are 500 school districts. There will always be some who release them early."
 There no longer is a problem, Ellis went on, about the content of the tests. "Everybody who has looked at these tests says they're

correct answer: 848.25. But the student must get more than the number in the or else must also explain it and use patterns of mathematical relationships.
 Another math question is about a residential lot measuring 120 by 100 feet. The lot has a 40 by 50 house, a 25 by 25 garage and a 25 by 50 driveway. The owner wants to re-seed the lawn.
 Which estimate is cheaper - the Greenery's at a flat \$750 or the Lawn Shop's at 10 cents a foot? This reporter's answer: Lawn Shop bid would be \$812.50. Greenery's \$750 is cheaper.
 There are four levels of MEAP scores: "exceeding" standards, "met" standards, "at basic level" and "not endorsed." The first three are considered passing, Michigan 11th graders got these passing scores:
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 • 60.5 percent in math,
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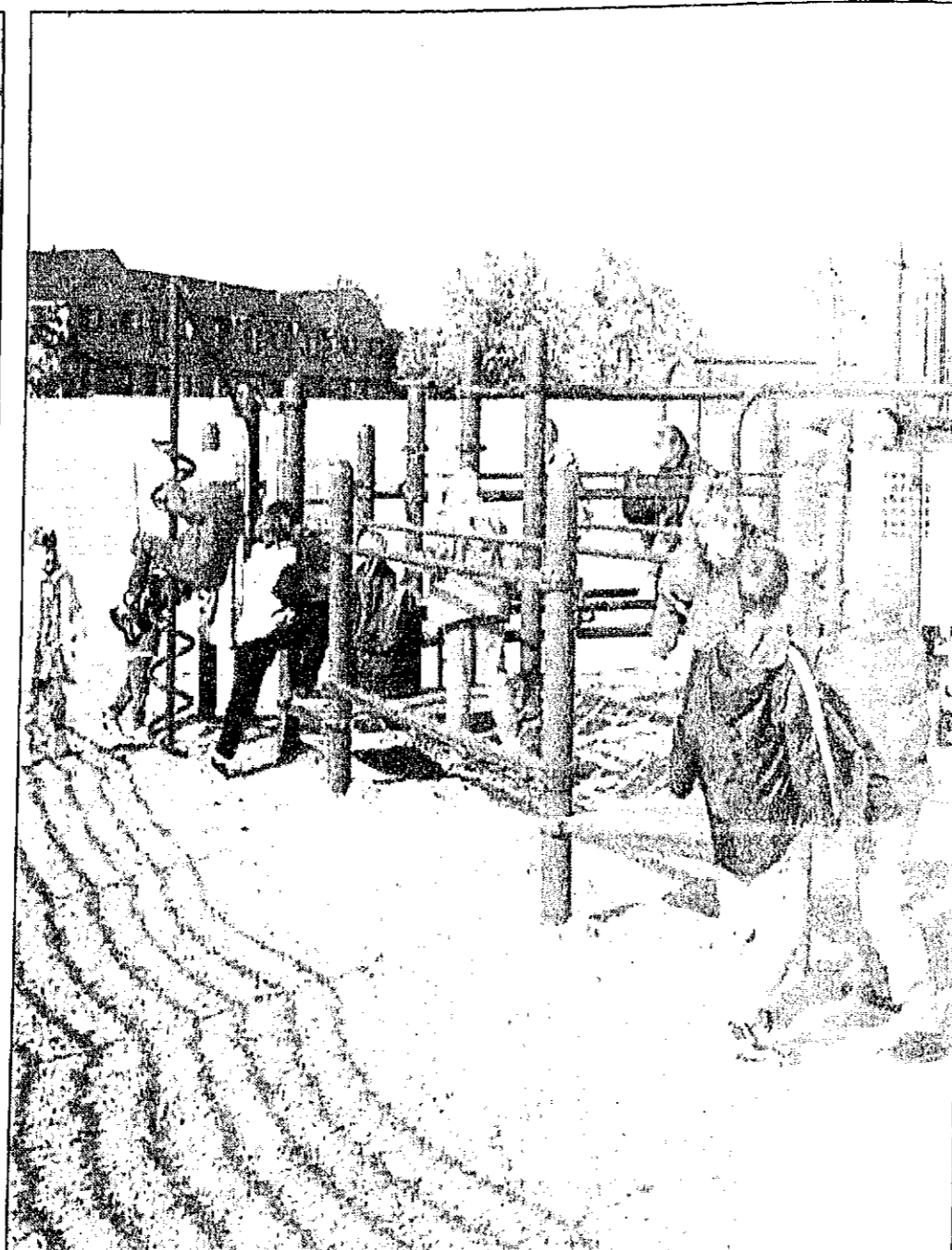
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Come out and play with me
These young playmates find that playground equipment has come a long way since the days of rain barrels and cellar doors. Orchard Hills Elementary School children got to try out the facilities' new playground equipment for the first time this week. At left, Sophie Juncha helps put a spin to the day of fellow first-graders Shane Lemere and David Callhoun. The new playground was financed through a voter-approved school bond. Above, Monday morning was the inauguration date for the playground, which has been under construction for most of the past summer and fall. Clearly, the kids found things to their approval.

Third graders plant garden for senior center

Cooke Middle School students braved the winter chill last Thursday to tend gardens behind the Northville Senior Center. They raked leaves, turned earth and planted bulbs to ready the plots for next year's harvest.

It's the third year the eighth graders have participated in the service learning program designed to pair the community's young and old.

"I think the nice thing is that we're doing it for the senior citizens," said Cooke math teacher Jan Jantigan, who supervised the work. "It has the seniors look at the students in a different light. Taking a bus to the plots on Wing Street Nov. 5 not only gave students a chance to do a good deed, but an introduction to the art of tending the earth.

Eighth grader Julia Powell, for example, was assigned to sprinkle fertilizer on the soil.

"It's not the most glamorous of tasks, but it's interesting," Powell said. "It was a good opportunity to get started in gardening."

When the bulbs they plant now bloom next spring, the students will return to weed the flowers and plant vegetables.

Then, throughout the summer and fall, they will harvest a variety of vegetables.

Obituaries

VELMA L. AITKENS

Velma L. Aitkens, 80, died Nov. 3 in Farmington Hills. She was born March 23, 1909 in Blackstone, Illinois.

Mrs. Aitkens worked at the Woolworth Store in the Wonderland Mall and the Woolworth Store in Redford, Michigan. She came to the Livonia community in 1968, where she lived the rest of her life.

Mrs. Aitkens was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia and was a past president of the Livonia Senior's Heritage Club.

She also loved to play cards, travel and read. She especially enjoyed being with her family.

Mrs. Aitkens is survived by her daughters, Marcia Kokones of Plymouth and Dana Gene Gorsuch of Howell; her sister Margaret Rich of Hillsdale; five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Her funeral was 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Andrew Episcopal Church with the Rev. Robert A. Clapp officiating.

Church, Northville Fraternal Order of Eagles 2504, Veteran of Foreign War Post 4102 and American Legion Post 147 of Northville.

Mrs. Budd was the mother of Sharon Geibel of Howell, Dorothy Williams of Florida and Robert Budd of New Hudson.

Her sisters, Dorothy Powell and Frieda O'Leary, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive her.

Her funeral was at 3 p.m. Sunday at Phillips Funeral home in South Lyon with the Rev. Terry Nelson officiating.

Interment was Monday at the Luzerne Cemetery in Luzerne.

PERCY BRENTON GOODHAND

Percy Brenton Goodhand, 92, died Nov. 8 in Northville Township. He was born March 9, 1906 in Gainsborough Township, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Goodhand was an accountant and a resident of Northville.

He was given a private cremation.

Mr. Goodhand is survived by his daughter, Marilyn Kramer of Northville and son, Robert Goodhand. Mr. Goodhand also had five grandchildren, four great grandchildren.

He was married to the late, E. Margaret Goodhand.

The family is suggesting all memorials be donated to Angela Hospice Charity of Choice.

ESTHER EMMA BUDD

Esther Emma Budd, 81, died Nov. 6 at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Feb. 18, 1917 in Detroit.

Formerly from Northville Township, Mrs. Budd was a community member of Luzerne, Mich.

She was a former member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran

How to thaw out a turkey

- "Turkeys must be kept at a safe temperature while they thaw," warned Sylvia Testanna, home economist for the MSU Extension, Oakland County. Even though the center may remain frozen, the outer layer may become warm enough to grow bacteria and put you at risk for food poisoning.
- There are three safe ways to defrost a turkey.
- IN THE REFRIGERATOR**
- Place turkey on a tray to catch drips.
 - Keep turkey in original wrapping.
 - Allow 24 hours for each five pounds of turkey.
- IN COLD WATER**
- Keep turkey in original wrapping or leak-proof bag.
 - Put turkey in large pan and cover with cold tap water.
 - Change water every 30 minutes with fresh cold tap water.
 - Allow 30 minutes per pound to thaw.
 - Cook immediately after thawing.
- IN THE MICROWAVE**
- Follow your microwave oven directions carefully.
 - Cook turkey immediately after thawing.

By 2025, few will be middle-aged

By TIM RICHARD

Picture southeastern Michigan's population growth in 2025 as an hourglass instead of a bell curve. The top bulb represents ages 55 and older. The lower bulb is people from birth to age 24.

In the middle, shrinking absolutely and as a part of the whole, are the workers from ages 25 to 54. They'll be doing the work for their kids and their coupon-clipping, pension-collecting parents and grandparents.

"Basically we'll have a full employment economy," said Jim Rogers, data center manager for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "Job growth hits the wall in 2010 and as the baby boomers age, we'll stabilize at 2.9 million jobs."

The kinds of jobs will change. Rogers told the SEMCOG General Assembly, representing seven counties, on Oct. 30. The big shifts:

- Manufacturing already has slipped from 30 percent of the total in 1995 to 18 percent by 1995 and will drop to 13 percent by 2025.
- Retail trade will hold steady at 16-17 over the next three decades.

Service jobs replace most of the manufacturing jobs. "Services" range from accounting to engineering, teaching, barbering, auto mechanics, attorneys and doctors. The forecasts were made by the University of Michigan's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations with funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In the first half of the 1990s, Rogers said, job growth outstripped population growth, 118,000 more people and 155,000 more jobs. A greater proportion of the population went to work.

"Over the following three decades (1995-2025), there will be continuous growth in population (up 721,000) and households (up 427,000)."

"Employment will grow between 1995 and 2010, for a gain of 310,000 jobs, but for the subsequent 15 years, employment will be flat."

What's happening is that the baby boomers — those born after the low-birth period of World War II — will begin to reach retirement age in 2010. They had fewer kids than their parents.

Here is the regional forecast for

typical age groups in 1995 and 2025:

- Age 16-17 — up 2 percent from 142,000 to 145,000.
- Age 25-34 — down nearly 9 percent from 750,000 to 685,000.
- Age 35-54 — down nearly 17 percent from 775,000 to 646,000.
- Age 65-74 — up more than 86 percent from 333,000 to 621,000.
- The 55-64 and 75-and older groups also show increases in the 83 to 92 percent ballpark.
- SEMCOG delegates — city, township and county officials from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties — greeted the forecast in silence and routinely adopted the report. Next step will be for SEMCOG's data advisory council to work on small area components of the regional forecast.

ROADS ADDED

The General Assembly amended its 2020 regional transportation plan to add \$17.2 million for engineering costs in mostly freeway work. Among the additions:

- 1-75 from Square Lake to Featherstone roads in central Oakland County — \$1.2 million.
- M-59 at Crooks in central Oakland County — upgrade interchange — \$8 million.
- US-23 — widen to six lanes in area north of Ann Arbor — \$3.7 million.

CRYSTAL BALL

Glenn Jeff, Detroit-born assistant secretary of Transportation in the Clinton Administration, painted a buoyant picture of southeastern Michigan in the 30 years between now and 2028.

"Thirty years ago, in 1968, America and southeastern Michigan were in tremendous turmoil" as President Johnson dropped out of the campaign, interstate highways were still on the drawing boards, tanks patrolled Detroit streets during the riot, and auto plants were still booming, he recalled.

For 2028 she predicted rapid intercity rail from Metro Airport, thriving communities in Hamtramck, Dearborn, Port Huron and Inkster; a thriving downtown and theater district in Detroit; a region known for manufacturing and technology; just 3 percent unemployment and an expanding medical complex.

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Library classes teach Internet navigation

Kids zooming through the Internet without restrictions — and anyone cruising through possibly objectionable sites in full view of Novi Public Library patrons — have been issues of concern this year.

As part of a recent committee study of the library's Internet policy, a series of free classes on how to use this computer link-up to the world will be offered next week, as well as in December and January.

People can attend all the classes, because each has a different emphasis with only some overlap, Library Director Brenda Evans said.

For the class aimed at kids ages eight to 12, participants are advised to bring a current homework or class project to be used as an example of how to use the Internet.

"We'll search highly recommended web sites for school. Anyone in the audience can bring along their homework and we can use that as an example to show how projects can be researched in a variety of ways," Evans said.

Popular kid's search engines such as Yahoo!igans, Ask Jeeves For Kids and Kidsick will be used. In a class just for the older generation, parents will learn how to make sure their children aren't clicking onto the wrong websites. The third class is a general look at how to explore the Internet and can be fun for Internet novices of all ages.

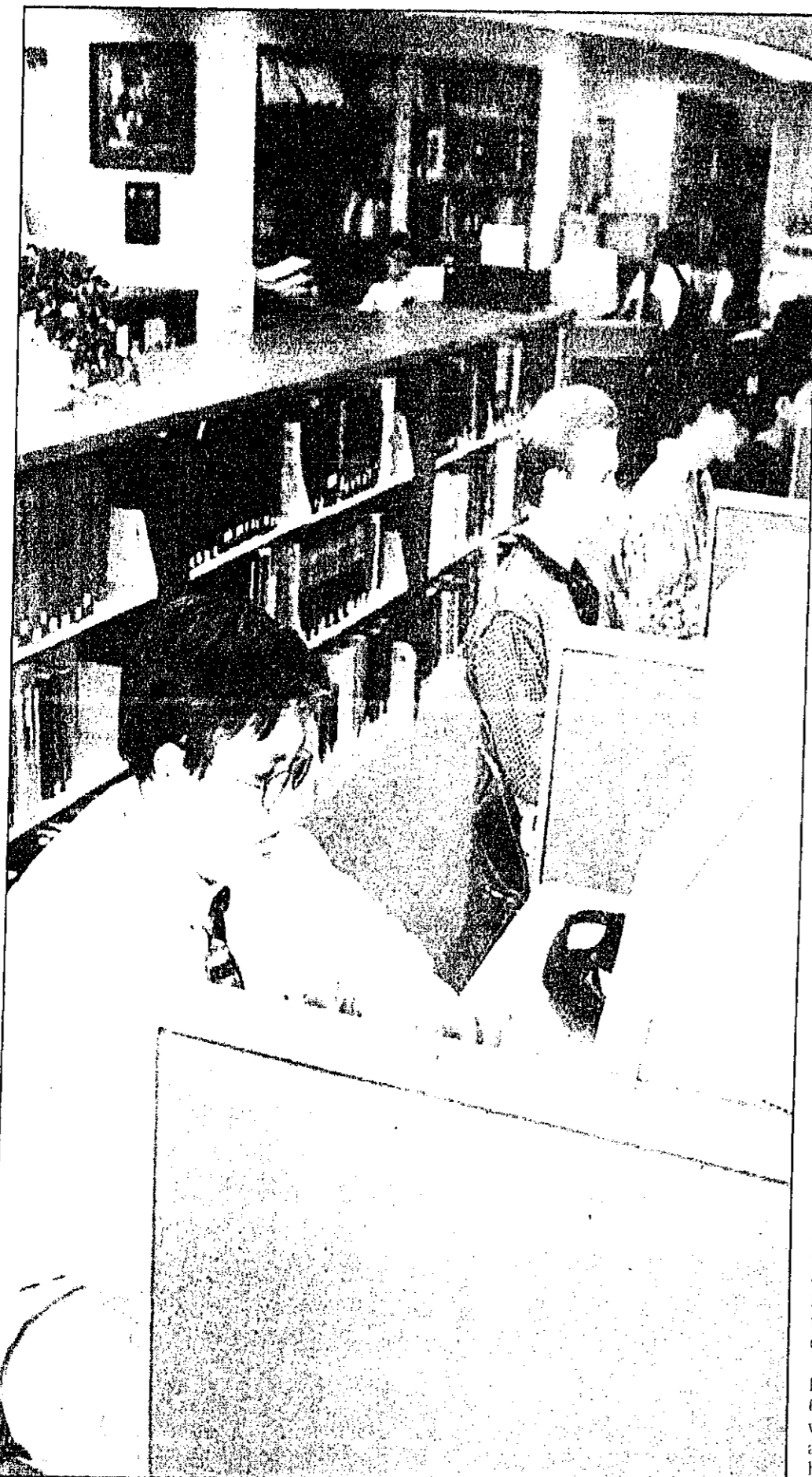
When these programs were first offered in September, the participation rate wasn't high. But Evans is hopeful that will change, especially in December and January as people get computers for holiday gifts.

Teachers are librarians desca Schenk, Betty Lang and Mandy Schafer.

Advance phone registration is requested. Call the Novi Public Library at 349-0720.

Kids Online: Searching, Safety & Site:
The focus is on search engines just for kids, the importance of on-line safety and sites that youngsters love. The class meets Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m.

For children aged 8-12; but parents are welcome.



Patrons search for information and entertainment at the Novi Library's on-line computers.

The Internet: Tools & Tips for Parents:
Just for parents, this overview of the Internet includes suggestions

for promoting safe, rewarding on-line experiences for your family. The class meets Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet:
Our basic introduction to the Internet contains a brief history, terminology, searching techniques and on-line safety tips. All ages are welcome at the class, which meets Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m.

Library Briefs

Library hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call 349-0720.

Story time notes

The first session of Fall '98 Story Times ends Nov. 6. Placement information for Fall 2 Story Times will be available the week of November 9. Fall 2 Story Times begin Nov. 16.

Senior Book Discussion Group

The November selection for senior booklovers is "Personal History" by Katherine Graham, former publisher of the Washington Post. The senior group will meet Thursday, November 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

Northville 'Barbie' seeks dream date

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Barbie is seeking a dream date for Northville's Lighted Christmas Parade.

The winner of Justin York Salon's "Ken Search" will ride through town in the Barbie float next to a living doll.

With long legs and long blond hair, stylist Jennifer Johnson looks the part, but what does she seek in the perfect Ken?

"I don't have an ideal Ken, I'm not too fussy," she said. "The winner will be decided by a panel of judges so I don't have any say in the matter. He's not for me though, he's for Barbie."

Interested candidates must stop in to fill out a form and pose for a photo at Justin York, 170 E. Main Street, by Nov. 16.

According to Justin York co-owner Laurie Anderson, each judge will probably look for something different when comparing the finalists, since the Barbie collection has evolved so much over the decades.

"My idea of Ken is very different from someone in their 20s. In the 60s Ken was an Ivy League type, very preppy with blond hair, tall, athletic looking. That's my idea of him. Other stylists around here say no, he doesn't have to look that way, he can have any color hair," Anderson said. "We don't want to discourage any guys from trying."

Personality is just as important as looks, anyway, because Ken will have to play his role, along with Barbie, Barbie's little sister Skipper, her best friend Midge and Midge's boyfriend.

Although the salon originally planned to have a Motown float on which Johnson, an R & B singer, would perform, there was a natural change of plans.

"The reason this came about is because we think Jennifer is the perfect Barbie. She looks like Barbie. She's built like Barbie. She's been called Barbie before," she said.

But Johnson has more talent than the doll icon ever did. A 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, Johnson is working on a solo CD and sings at Detroit World Outreach Church.

She also does background vocals for other recordings and performs at weddings.

While Johnson concentrates on securing a good sound system so she can sing Christmas carols in the parade, her losses are working on wardrobe.

At first Anderson and her partner Jackie Justin settled on Barbie's "Solo in the Spotlight" garb, but the black dress and white stole may be replaced by something pink.

"It's going to be fun dressing Barbie and these characters, in something they'll be worn in but still be glamorous," she said.

"I think it's kind of funny. I think it looks kind of pitiful for me. I feel like a missing person when I walk around town and see my picture in the windows," she said. "But I'll be fun."

Wetland waivers leave planners, council 'baffled'

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Two rare waivers of wetlands mitigation have left some members of the Planning Commission and the city attorney 'baffled' and forcing one commissioner to publicly defend himself.

Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello has urged planners to waive wetlands mitigation requirements for two developments — Novi Research Park in September and Brightmoor Tabernacla this past week.

By deviating to waive the mitigation requirements for these developments, Planning Commission Chairman Eda Weddington said the commission would be setting a dangerous precedent.

"If we start waiving wetlands protection and mitigation for this developer, then we will have to do it for others," she said. This precedent, she said, would make it easier for developers to challenge commission decisions in court.

Commissioner Andrew Mutch agreed and said what was created by Capello's suggestion to waive the mitigation was an "attorney's dream."

In the meantime, Novi City Council Member Laura Lorenzo said the planning commission's actions have spurred a new look at the Novi City Wetlands Ordinance. "These revisions will make sure the planning commission never waives wetland mitigation again."

She said it will probably take a month for the revisions to become official, during that time, the hole in the ordinance found by Capello remains in place.

Because of this Lorenzo said, "I am looking at the planning commission extremely closely, as far as removal of members." She called for Capello's resignation Monday.

But claims that this could bring lawsuits to the city were not completely supported by Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson.

He said the cases create an inconsistency in planning commission actions, thus making the process seem "unfair." While he does not believe there will be any lawsuits resulting from this action, Watson said a developer could use the apparent unfairness as the basis for a lawsuit.

Watson added, after the Oct. 7 meeting, he hopes the planning commission members "would avoid doing that (waiver requirements) again."

But, his hopes did not come true. During the Nov. 4 planning commission meeting, commissioners received the preliminary site plans for Brightmoor Tabernacla church. The project is proposed to be located along the northeast corner of Thirteen Mile and the proposed M-5 connector.

Brightmoor Tabernacla had wetland concerns that needed to be addressed before construction. Part of a road they were proposing to build through the site would pass right over wetlands that met two of the 10 criteria needed in city ordinance to make a wetland valuable.

Even with this information proving the wetlands were valuable, Capello motivated to eliminate any need for the developers of the project to mitigate the wetlands, thus allowing them to build a road right over them.

But, before the motion was voted on, Watson intervened and strongly urged the commission to save the wetlands as suggested by the city's wetlands consultant.

"Do not do this on an ad hoc basis," he said to Capello. Watson said looking at a blueprint would not listening to the consultant does not give the planning commission enough information to deviate to the quality of wetlands.

Capello argued that what he was doing was reasonable and within policy.

Watson informed him it wasn't and was creating an inconsistency in planning commission decisions. Because of Watson's intervening, the commissioners decided it

ford said.

McLellan said she wanted to avoid personal attacks.

"We need to know whether the policy is being upheld or not being upheld," the mayor said.

"I believe it is okay for the city council to send a letter to the planning commission chair if they disagree with policy... Everyone is entitled to their personal opinion. We need to take great care not to be insulting to one another."

Capello said there is no basis in fact or city ordinance for Lorenzo's statement that he should resign.

"Most of what Laura says is not based on fact. She should get back to the real issues of the city instead of trying to save every wet pocket of water and shrub brush," Capello said.

"Laura should worry more about the residents and less about habitat for mosquitoes," he said.

As requested earlier by the council, Staff Planner Kenneth Pham prepared a report on the commission's Novi Research Park ruling. Pham stated that "understanding the potential negative impact of the decision, an opinion was requested from the city attorney's office regarding the requirement of wetlands mitigation and the decision standards used by the planning commission."

The opinion was delivered to the commission in the Oct. 7 meeting packets. Anticipating the possibility of the waiver being reconsidered, the planning staff instructed the wetlands consultant to prepare data supporting the need for wetlands mitigation, the city's "no net loss policy."

Pham wrote that "in light of the new information," the commission chose not to reconsider its earlier position.

"Note, the planning commission's decision was not based on lack of information. Staff and consultants have provided, as part of new commission's briefings, the importance of Wetlands and Woodlands Ordinances and other zoning-related topics," Pham added.

Furthermore, when the opportunity was provided, in light of the new information provided by the city attorney and the wetlands consultant, the planning commission reaffirmed their position by not supporting the motion to reconsider the decision made at the Sept. 16, 1998 meeting.

"This type of grandstanding on council about a board or a commission is inappropriate. This is very inappropriate to make these comments at this meeting," Crawford said.

THE CONTROVERSY OVER WETLANDS



Wetlands — are they valuable enough to the environment to be worth the cost to landowners of saving them?

would probably not be wise to not require mitigation as they had for the Novi Research Park.

Capello's motion was amended, in a close 4 to 3 vote with Commissioners Capello, Karen Piccinini and Brent Camp voting to keep Capello's original motion intact.

Capello said, after the Nov. 4 meeting, he was surprised the way commissioners voted against him on the wetlands issue.

He said he has always known about the loop-hole in the ordinance, but decided to use it now because he feels he has more support on the commission.

Capello started using his new Planning Commission meeting with a preliminary site plan, woodland and wetlands permit approval request by Novi Research Park.

The park, located on the west side of Haggerty Road, between Twelve Mile and 196. The developer of the site was requesting a routine site plan approval and a woodland and wetlands permit.

There was nothing special about the request, except there were some wetlands on the site the

developer was proposing to fill.

As with all wetland requests, David Wickens, environmental specialist and wetlands consultant for the City of Novi, investigated the site.

Because the wetlands were under 2 acres, the Department of Environmental Quality had no control over them, but city policy does.

In cases such as this, the wetlands are placed under a 10-criteria test — that has been suggested by the DEQ — to determine if the wetlands are valuable resources.

According to this test, Wickens found the wetlands to be an "extremely valuable natural resource." This was confirmed by the developer's own wetlands consultant and agreed upon by the developer.

This usually means the developer would be required to mitigate the wetlands by proposed to fill, creating another wetland to replace what was lost.

But, the planning commission decided against this.

In a unanimous vote, spurred by a suggestion from Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello, the commis-

sion voted to waive the requirements.

What they did not realize was they were creating an inconsistency in city policy and making the system all developers follow "unfair."

Because of this, the commission was sent a letter by the assistant city attorneys, Dennis Watson and Paul Wersberger, advising them what they had done was not consistent with city policy.

Because of this letter, Commissioner Andrew Mutch, brought the developers' request back for reconsideration at the Oct. 7 planning commission meeting.

Mutch said the commission should look again at the request and require mitigation to remain consistent with city policy. Chairman Eda Weddington agreed with him.

Mutch originally voted along with Capello to waive the wetlands mitigation on the property. He said he did this as a strategic political move.

"It was my understanding of Roberts' Rules that in order for a motion to be brought back for

reconsideration, you have to be on the majority side," he said. "I voted for it just for the purpose of having it reconsidered at the next meeting."

However, after Mutch's motion, the rest of the commissioners remained silent and refused to reconsider the mitigation, even if they knew they were going against their own policy. This inaction killed Mutch's motion to reconsider mitigating the wetlands on the Novi Research Park property.

According to Commissioner Robert Chordla, he did not want to look again at the issue because he the developer told him he was going to mitigate the wetlands anyway.

However, the developer, Harry Kokkonakis, vice president of Tabernacla Development Corporation that is constructing the research facility, said because the requirement was waived he will not be mitigating the wetlands.

Regardless of this loss of wetlands, Commission Chair Weddington said this waiver was a big mistake for the commission to make all around.

City council members call for resignation

"(The) decision was not based on a lack of information. The decision was made knowingly, willfully and showed blatant disregard of established city practices on an issue of paramount public importance."

Laura Lorenzo
City Council member

Capello's land interests draw criticism

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello was accused of a conflict of interest by Novi City Council Member Robert Schmid for his recent attempts to waive wetlands mitigation requirements.

Schmid said, according to Planning Commission minutes from Sept. 16, Capello revealed that he represents a group called Trio Management.

Trio Management has a \$22,000 contract to demolition work for Talon Development, the same company that is building the Novi Research Park.

Capello suggested at the Sept. 16 meeting that wetland mitigation requirements for Novi Research Park be waived, even though the city wetlands consultant and the developer's wetlands consultant agreed the wetlands on this site are environmentally valuable.

Capello said at that meeting he did not believe his association with Trio Management would affect his judgment in any way.

The planning commission agreed with him and did not vote to have him abstain.

Planning commission chair Eda Weddington however is now questioning that decision. She said at that meeting Capello announced his possible conflict of interest before the commission dove into the details of Novi Research Park.

She noted Capello told the commission he could make a decision on the park, in good faith, regardless of the fact he represented someone associated with the development.

"Everyone accepted it. You have to believe people when they say something," Weddington said. "But given that he has tried to oppose the mitigation requirements on [Novi Research Park], I would question whether he has a conflict of interest or not."

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said he has requested him to look into this matter yet.

He added he believes this, as well as several other issues revolving around the Planning Commission recent wetlands action, will be discussed further in a future City Council meeting.

Capello is also currently involved in a project of his own, called Langan Farms Office Building, that houses several tracts of wetlands on the southernmost edge of the property. Capello said he is a minor partner in the development. He said he only became involved because he wanted to build a new office for his law firm.

According to Watson, if the wetlands on the Langan Farms property are under two acres and meet any of the city's 10 criteria, mitigation for those wetlands might be waived under the precedent of the planning commission's previous actions.

However, Capello said the wetlands on his property are state protected, and therefore not subject to the city ordinance.

He said there are also no plans to develop the area near the wetlands.

Capello did not have any documentation proving the size or protection status of the wetlands.

He said there is a natural wetland corridor located south of the property and he believes the area in question is a part of that.

Capello said the size of wetlands cannot be determined unless it is already on a wetlands map or a wetlands consultant does a site inspection.

Mike McDermans, environmental specialist for JCS and Associates, the environmental consulting firm that works with the city, confirmed that the wetlands on Capello's property are regulated.

He said all of the wetlands on the property seem to have been surveyed, with their sizes submitted on the project's preliminary site plan to the city.

The section of the Langan Farms property with the regulated wetlands is currently up for sale.

Capello said the land was on the market before he became involved with the property.

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Condos, two eateries eyed for Six Mile/Haggerty

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

All systems are 'go' for crucial recommendations to be made regarding a proposed development at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

That was the message the township planning commission delivered in Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa Properties when the firm completed its presentation last week.

Representatives from Grand Sakwa pitched their plan to uniformly develop land at the southeast corner of Six Mile and Haggerty before a parking lot at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Thursday night. Grand Sakwa answered questions and sometimes taking stinging criticism from those in attendance at a public hearing which preceded the commission's study session.

At present, the 35 acres of land in question is divided into nearly a dozen long and narrow strips, but Grand Sakwa has an option on the

property until the end of the year, making every day critical to the lifespan of their idea.

At the end of the evening, Grand Sakwa representative Gary Cooper asked the commission if any other major information was missing which would preclude a vote at the Nov. 24 commission meeting. The commission indicated any provisions to a vote were anticipated.

"It's that time when we need a vote, one way or the other," Cooper said. "We'll be pushing for a vote on the 24th."

Grand Sakwa made a previous attempt at building a commercial retail location on the property last spring, but backtracked following a tidal wave of criticism from township residents.

This time around, the company asked the township for permission to reconstruct a combination of approximately 250 condominiums and a pair of restaurants. The condos would start at around 1,500 square feet.

Supporters of the plan say a uniform development would reduce the number of individual accesses to Six Mile and Haggerty roads, thereby cutting the risk for traffic accidents. Opponents say the intersection is already overloaded with businesses and retail spots.

Township planner Brad Strader traced parking things in perspective by saying the density of the condominiums would be slightly higher than what currently exists in nearby Country Club Village. Working from those figures, Strader said estimates suggested a total of about 3,700 car trips were expected in and out of the development each day.

The additional traffic from the new development, combined with cars already committed to the church, Strader said, would probably provide ample numbers for Wayne County to install a new traffic signal along Six Mile.

But traffic was a big concern for residents, who asked Strader about

the need to have a road which would connect Six Mile to Haggerty running through the development. Strader said that decision was made based on police and fire department access requirements.

However, Strader also said a strategic narrow spit would be worked into the road's design plans to help slow traffic speeds, much like the case in downtown Northville.

Township public services director Dan Weaver spoke to the changes which would take place to Bell Creek, a narrow strip of water which winds its way through the center of the property. He said Grand Sakwa had given assurances it would take steps to clean up the creek and reduce the amount of silt deposits made in it.

Cooper said the firm was aware of the value the creek had to that portion of the community.

"Legally, what we're talking about here is a drain, but we want to treat it as a creek," Cooper said.

referred to the landscaping Grand Sakwa intended to perform in the area.

Those in attendance had plenty to ask or say about the project. Among the comments heard from residents:

- Would the township regulate the hours of construction at the site? (One man said other developments in his area had commenced work as early as 4:30 a.m. during the summer months.)
- What steps would be taken to ease the process of making a left turn from the development onto westbound Six Mile Road? A resident suggested it was already a very dangerous drive to make and that the influx of more traffic would only compound the problem.
- Were restaurants really necessary on the site? In the opinion of one resident, the Six Mile/Haggerty area was already overloaded with eateries, and that the presence of them in the new development gave the project too much of a commercial element.
- Why were the condominiums being designed to stack one on top of another? A woman said that architecture was "ugly" and said she knew of no one who would want to invest in such a property. Cooper, however, said market research suggested such design was popular among condo purchasers.

Grand Sakwa was also the developer responsible for creating Northville Centre, the commercial development located on the northwest side of Six Mile and Haggerty.

Should the project be recommended for approval by the planning commission on Nov. 24, the next regular township board meeting where approval could be granted would be Dec. 17.

Township trustee and planning commission member Mary Gaus owns property that would be affected by the deal.

These Novi Middle Schoolers made the grades

The following students made the honor roll at Novi Middle School for the first marking period of the year:

SEVENTH GRADE

Ashlin Akbar, Kyle Akbar, Sara Ali, Cole Allen, Meredith Avani, Stephanie Bachak, Kyle Anderson, Mark Angold, Evan Anderson, Teresa Asvolo, Lucia Ayala-Palacio, Eric Aytes, Heather Babin, Rebecca Barber, Nicole Baril, Jennifer Barry, Allison Barsman, Leslie Bateman, Jason Bates, Jacqueline Bayless, Joseph Beal, Lei Lei, Joseph Belter, Douglas Benton, Scott Bergeson, Courtney Bennett, Shelby Bellone.

Sarah Biedron, Keri Bivins, Lindsay Blank, Lindsay Blazevak, David Blash, Lindsey Bone, Courtney Brennan, Colby Brackman, Brittany Brubaker, Joshua Brock, Carrie Burnett, Shawn Calvin, Lesley Cameron, Andrew Camilleri, Carrie Capawala, Alexandra Carlin, Lauren Carosio, Bradley Chandler, Bryan Chamaile, Stephen Chang, Amanda Chinn, Brandon Chisler, Brittany Cirka, Robert Clements, Jordan Collins, Krige Conilla.

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Thornton Creek students organize to help hurricane survivors

Northville and Novi residents are invited to help relieve the devastating effects of Hurricane Mitch.

Thornton Creek Elementary

School is collecting food, clothing, shoes, diapers, cooking utensils, blankets and other household supplies for storm victims in the Dominican Republic.

The storm and its aftermath left thousands dead and countless others homeless in a country that is already poor by American standards.

The items will be shipped by Empire Electronics, a Troy company that employs a Thornton Creek resident.

Donations can be dropped off at Thornton Creek, 46180 Nine Mile Road, before 2 p.m. on Friday.

Checks will also be accepted, made payable to "Empire Electronics - Hurricane Relief Fund."

Northville readies computers for Y2K

Northville city leaders began the painstaking task of doing their share to prepare for a potential computer apocalypse a year from now.

The council hired BPI Information Systems to take stock of the hardware in the city's stable computer system which could be affected when internal computer clocks make the switch to Jan. 1, 2000.

The glitch is a problem which could have global implications. It was created in the early days of computer technology, when data storage space was at a premium. Rather than use four digits to signify a year, programmers allotted for the first two digits.

When 2000 rolls around, computer systems may break down or believe it is actually Jan. 1, 1900. Either way, experts say problems are bound to occur.

The city uses 45 computer workstations, two servers, four hubs and five printer servers. Reluctantly speaking, the network isn't as large as a major corporation's. However, assistant city manager Nickle Bateson said even a network like Northville's has embedded data storage microchips which, if not corrected, could cause a ripple effect throughout the system.

"As people go through this process, they're discovering more and more embedded chips that we've forgotten about," she said.

But the problem goes beyond the walls of city hall, Bateson said. The hundreds of groups with whom the city does business also need to be taken into account, as the computer records of vendors could have an effect on the city.

To learn more about the status of the Y2K compliance of peripheral city agencies, Bateson said the city staff is compiling a list of nearly 1,000 groups which will be sent letters, asking for updates on their Year 2000 bug extermination.

Mayer Chris Johnson pointed out that Northville's best effort to avoid a technological catastrophe would be in vain if other groups come up short in their attempts.

"We can't correct what could happen, say, to the Detroit Edison power grid, but we can put controls in place on our own end," he said.

Bateson said the city's police and fire department computers operate from a central computer system affiliated with Oakland County and that de-bugging that network would require additional work.

On the township side, finance director Thelma Kubitsky explained that Y2K compliance has been a priority since the construction of the public services building two years ago. All computer equipment installed in the building was Year 2000 compliant.

The process of upgrading computers and software throughout the township is continuing, she said.

"We're doing what we have to do to make this work," she added. "It's still an incredible thing to have to take on, though. You don't realize how much is involved in making the conversion."

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Proposal B failed, but hospice offers alternative

Many families have told us that the most important time in their lives is when they are together. Once people are separated, they don't want to be a "single" family.

Proposals B and C are the only options for terminal patients because they preserve the memory of watching a loved one suffer through a terminal illness, according to Lindquist.

Doctors have changed in the last 10 years, she said, with hospice care being a more humane way to die than the most severe cases.

But Lindquist said she has a hard time to enter a patient's mind in her 30-year career.

In London in 1967, the hospice movement came to the United States. In 1978, Medicare, Medicaid and most private plans began to cover hospice care, making it cost-free to most patients.

Lindquist founded Merit's Hospice in Ann Arbor, where she has worked for 20 years. She is a former nurse who suffered from leukemia and was one of Dr. Kevorkian's early converts.

Lindquist tried to find relief in hospice care and eventually became a firm supporter of the movement, but she said it cannot relieve the suffering of every terminal patient.

By another, for example, only a small number of patients are in hospice care, she said. Research argued that medication helps to relieve pain in two percent of terminal patients.

Sometimes, she said, the relief only comes with dangerously high doses.

There are cases when the patients overdose because the amount of medication they need increases that point," Poonisch said.

Although the hospice movement publicly denounced Proposal B and doesn't support the notion of physician-assisted suicide, Lindquist said nurses may privately administer doses they know may prove lethal.

"I think secretly many hospice workers believe in assisted suicide and secretly do it."

During the last election, Poonisch not only saw the defeat of Proposal B, but lost her bid for a state Senate seat to Thaddeus McCotter.

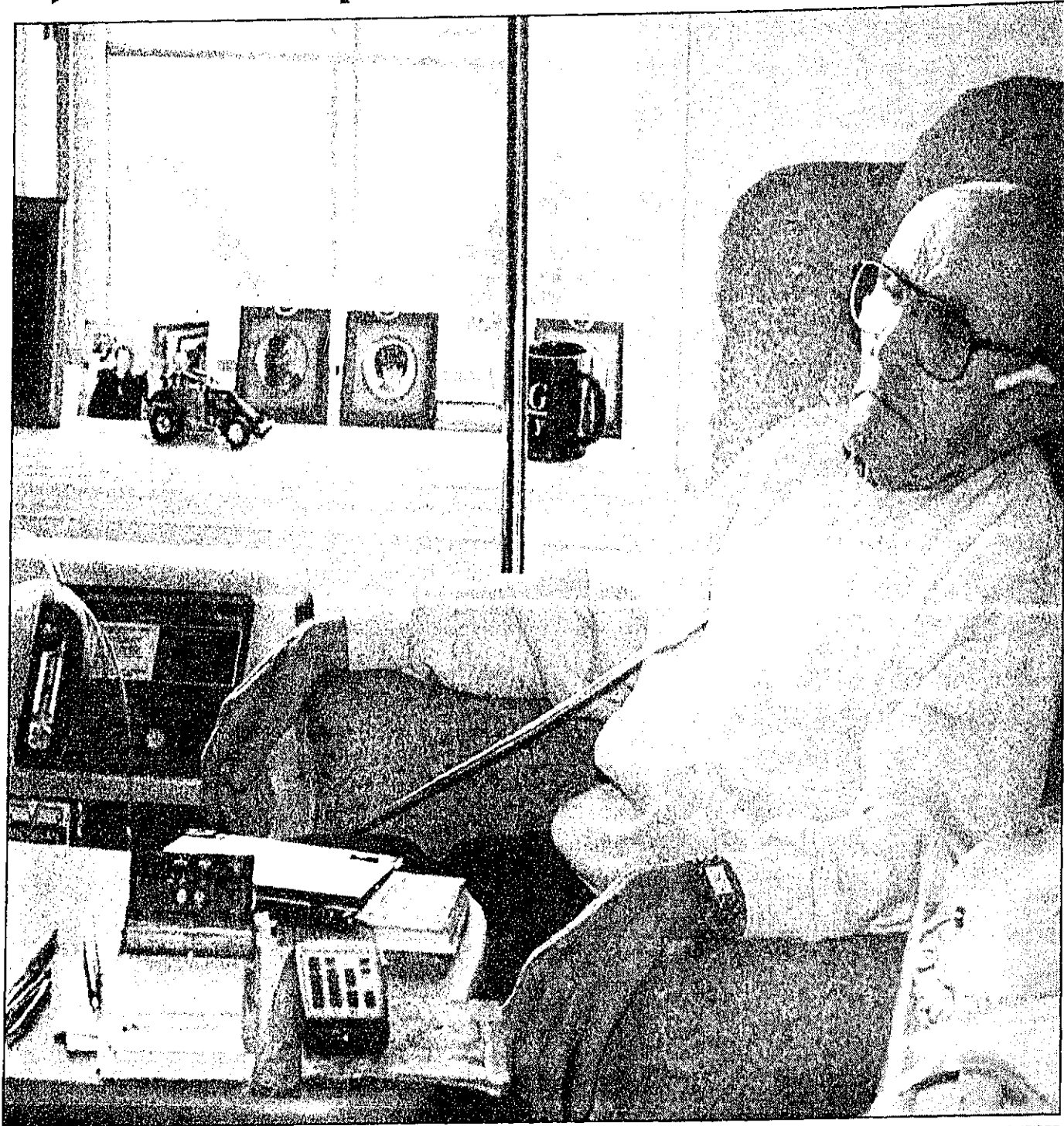
Although Poonisch said she doesn't know exactly what's next, she will continue to advocate for the end of life.

"I really believe this is more about patients' rights," she said.

Provided a bill similar to Proposal B makes it into a future ballot, Poonisch said supporters like Merit's Friends will need to take use a different strategy in order to see it passed.

"These people were very naive. They believed in a cause but did not understand politics. If it's done again I hope it's by people who understand the meaning of public opinion and the importance of money," Poonisch said.

Arbor Hospice officially opposed Proposal B because it was poorly written, leaving the door open to



With the photos of his eight children on a window sill, hospice care patient Keith Hettlinger relaxes in his Arbor Hospice room.

secretly and foul play.

Under the proposal, the only way the state would require doctors to report lethal doses of drugs is on the prescription.

"They could circumvent this by prescribing the same dose but writing 'take one' at bedtime," Lindquist argued. Then, the state would never have an accurate count.

Poonisch said Merit's Friends virtually copied the proposal from Oregon's assisted suicide law, passed in 1994.

After he-ups in court, assisted suicide was implemented in Oregon in 1996. Since then, Poonisch said 27 patients opted for physician-assisted suicide while, hospice use and education increased dramatically.

"When you give someone a choice, it forces the care giver to find other alternatives. Right now you have no alternative. You have to lay there and suffer," Poonisch said. "Doctors turn their backs on you because you're just too difficult a case."

Lindquist also said there needs to be more education so patients understand their options.

Many patients come to Arbor late in their illness, 25 percent in the last week, partly because they have to renounce all treatments and accept that they're going to die.

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Judge tosses out suit over playground teasing

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

The multi-million dollar lawsuit filed against the Northville School District by Northville Township residents Robin and Carl Zaas is over.

The entire suit was dismissed by U. S. Circuit Court Judge George Steeh Nov. 9.

Filed by the Zaas' more than a year ago, the suit alleged that the school district, school superintendent Leonard Reznierski and American Principal Steve Anderson failed to provide a safe environment for Stephanie Zaas while she was a second grader at American Elementary School.

"I'm delighted that the judge ruled on all fronts in my behalf," said Superintendent Leonard Reznierski. "I said from day one that the suit and allegations had no merit. It's unfortunate we have to get into these things and deal with frivolous lawsuits but

nevertheless that's the nature of our litigious society."

At its peak, the lawsuit contained 15 counts and sought more than \$11 million dollars.

Last month, attorneys for the school district asked Steeh to dismiss the case in its entirety.

Lawyers Craig Essentmayer and Pamela Prechly, both of Southfield, agreed to drop six claims and to dismiss Reznierski from the case.

On Monday, Steeh threw out the rest.

Plaintiffs have failed to come forward with evidence to create a reasonable disagreement that defendants Northville Public Schools and Principal Anderson did not, in their official capacities, act with deliberate indifference to the rights of Stephanie Zaas or her parents, Robin and Carl Zaas," Steeh wrote in an 18-page opinion released Monday.

The incidents leading up to the lawsuit began in April, 1997 when

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Stephanie's second grade teacher removed from the curriculum and that her daughter be transferred to a different classroom to avoid the teasing.

Anderson did not heed complaints from Stephanie or herself, Zaas said, about the harassment. In fact, the lawsuit alleged that Anderson harassed Robin Zaas on the playground one day, banging his chest and stomach against hers during a confrontation on the playground.

Stephanie was missing school because she was scared to attend, Zaas said, and was eventually

enrolled in private school.

By Anderson's account, he thoroughly investigated the claims of abuse, had conferences with Stephanie and her parents and removed the book from the curriculum as soon as he became aware that it was a problem.

Police denied finding evidence that would suggest Stephanie was abused on the playground.

Even if the plaintiff's claims were true, Steeh said the pregnancy book, childhood teasing and playground confrontation were not enough to hold the school district liable for damages.

Being a government entity, the school district enjoys immunity from civil lawsuits unless the plaintiff can prove gross negligence. As a government employee, Anderson also enjoys that immunity as he carries out the functions of his job.

Gross negligence is defined as conduct so reckless as to demon-

strate a substantial lack of concern for whether injury results.

"I never believed that they had sufficient evidence to substantiate the claims that they brought," said Terry Miglio, attorney for the school district. "Needless to say we're very satisfied and vindicated by the judge's opinion which I think basically adopted all the arguments we made in our brief."

The Zaas family still has the option to take their case to the 6th District U. S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A counterclaim in which Anderson sued Robin Zaas for defaming his character through statements she made to the media was not dismissed.

Attorneys met with school officials on the Nov. 10 Board of Education meeting to discuss whether to pursue the counter suit.

Attorneys for the Zaas family had no comment.

Rat Olympics are back on track at Northville High School

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

The rodents will run again at Northville High School, since the Rat Olympics scored another Innovative Grant.

The Northville School Board announced that 26 creative projects will be funded this year by Innovative Grants, a district-wide program that gives teachers local money to try new things.

"We're very excited about them. All the buildings submitted very ingenious ideas and all the buildings were represented," said schools superintendent Leonard Reznierski.

The Rat Olympics, for example,

began three years ago and this year's allocation will buy more animals, food, bedding, and equipment.

The project is meant to teach AP Psychology students to conduct experiments, study behavior and care for lab animals.

Of the 28 grant applications received by district officials, all but two were approved to the tune of almost \$30,000.

"At Northville High School, innovative grants will fund a CD-ROM collection of artwork for AP art students, a third video camera for the broadcast writing and production class, and equipment for diversity training through metal smithing.

In addition, some students will attend "Make a Difference" leadership camp, while others go to Tamarack Outdoor Adventure Camp for two days of "Peer Mediation" training.

In a unique partnership with mentors from the University of Michigan, social studies students will learn about the Arab-Israeli conflict through role-playing exercises.

And when tenth grade English classes read handmade children's books to American Elementary School classes, an Innovative Grant will fund the doughnuts and cider.

"At the middle school level, inno-

vative grants will allow Cooke and Mendis Mill to add structures to their Adventure Challenge courses.

In addition, grants at Cooke will sponsor an Invention Convention, a visiting children's book author and the installation of gardens and benches.

"At Moraine Elementary School, Innovative Grants will allow staff members to meet after school and discuss leadership and school improvement.

In addition, a grant will staff a Homework Club, where the district's Kid's Club students can get after-school help with homework. A grant will also create a Spanish listening library full of books-on-

tape that will be shared with Silver Springs.

"At American Elementary School, Innovative Grants will allow teachers to build a physics lab complete with levers, pulleys, inclined planes and gear trains.

Another grant will allow science and art students to create a ceramic mural depicting endangered species.

"At Silver Springs Elementary school, Kindergarten will benefit from three grants.

One will buy rubber stamps for reading and writing lessons, another will fund "Kindercooking" lessons while a third will fund a "Ducky Dozen" reading program

that will award prizes to children who read a dozen books.

"At Thornton Creek Elementary School, a grant will create a lending library of intelligent and interactive family games, as well as bins of educational activities that will rotate through first-grade classrooms.

"At Winchester Elementary School a grant will fund books and props for an interactive storytelling library for kindergartners and Alpha Smart keyboards that will help third graders improve their writing.

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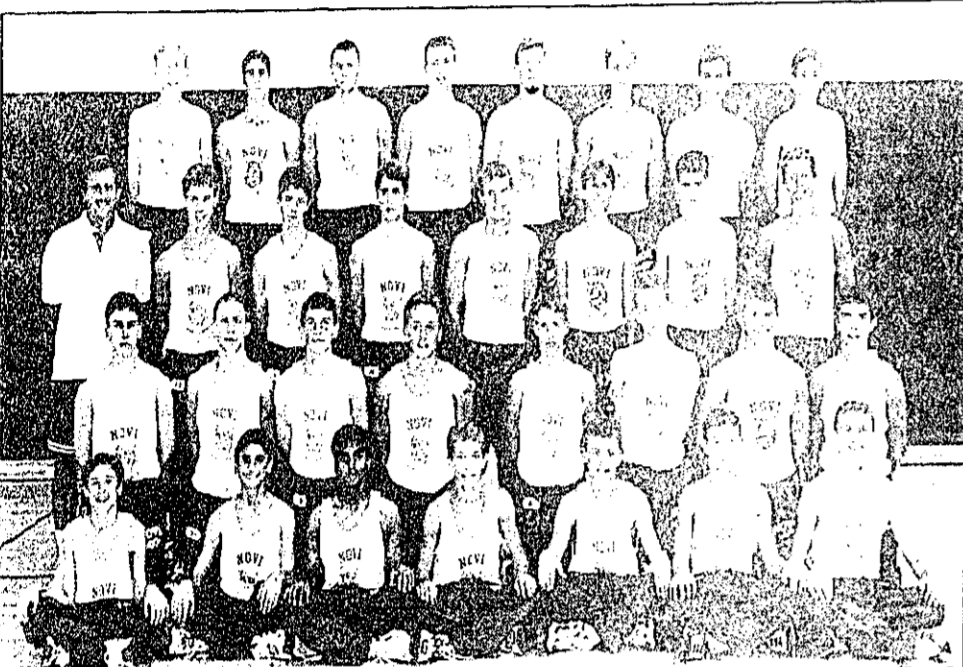
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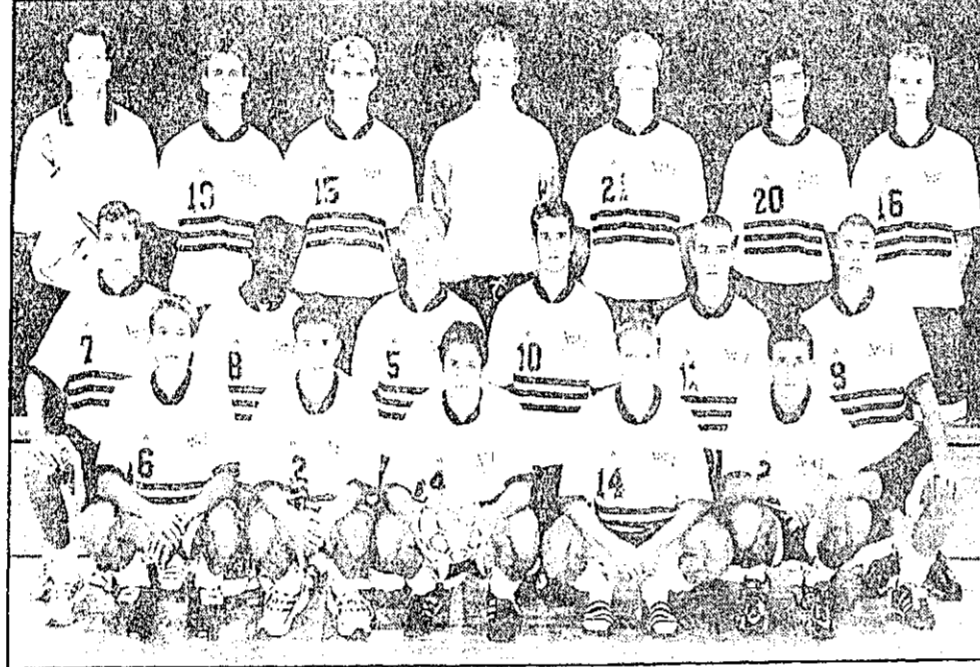
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Band takes 2nd place

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returning next year. Boerna expressed excitement about the coming marching season.
He said the band will probably stick to the funk-rock style it has adopted and the band will probably grow even larger.

This will probably cause the band to be moved up a flight next year to "Flight I."
Boerna added that part of his band's success this year can be attributed to parents of the band members. He said all their help this year has helped make the band the success it is.

THE ROSTER

The following are members of the Novi High School Marching Band, which placed second in the state championship Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome: Meghan Ahern, Debbie Anderson, Chelsea Bennett, Michael Bergeson, Michelle Blumer, Courtney Bowdell, Sarah Buelow, Chris Burk, Nicholas Burika, Jennifer Camilleri, Justina Chiang, Brian Coles, TeKoa Cooper, Rhenna Counsell, Neil Cox, Emily Cross, Matthew Daley, Chris Dapa, Kovan DiClaudio, David Dobryden, Angela Doolin, Sean Dougherty, Amy Egnot, Tamer ElFai, Kristy Endlerlein, Hiromitsu Endo, Katherine Evratan, Colleen Fahner, Jessica Farris, Blair Freeman, Jeff Gdowski, Kenneth Gao, Fauveaux George, Michael Goebel, Brian Gold, Elisabeth Goodart, Steven Gray, Megan Hamilton, Melissa Harrison, Brian Hoorn, Matthew Heinoski, Anthony Herc, Marc Hoffmann, Jessica Hovett, Suzanne Iramura, Kumiko Ishihara, Lindsay Janters, Nathan Kelber, Lindsay Keling, Ruchi-ka Khetarpal, Jason Kohring, Nicole Kopas, Tamara Krause, Amanda Kristolik, Michael Kujawa, Elisabeth Kurtti, Michael Kurtti, David Langham, Elena Larson, Mark Levin, Jason Lilly, Kimberly Lis, Chang Liu, Jessica Lofgren, Katy Lunsted, Katie Marshall, Mary McDougall, Michael McKenna, Derek Michaelson, Courtney Michal, Bianca Mieth, Chris Miller, Blake Monti, Angela Moran, Katie Morpheus, James Morris, William Morris, Justin Moses, Todd Muscat, Jennifer Najjar, Jameel Naqvi, Sara-Beth O'Connor, Stephen O'Keefe, Brian Oates, Julie Oberts, Matthew Ochab, Jaclyn Pawlik, Tiffany Payne, Christopher Perry, Rachel Phika, Lara Phillips, Jeffrey Pichler, Farhan Raddamohan, Erin Robertson, Kato Rosa, Maria Ross, Crystal Rudolph, Christian Santos, Eric Sauer, Jessica Schell, Melissa Schneider, James Schram, Bailey Schroeder, Phillip Schuylen, Heather Seidel, Jennifer Seidel, Shellen, Niraj Shah, Sarah Shaul, Jaime Shelnberger, Heather Shellen, Wakana Shoda, Ryan Slater, Valerie Spellman, Christina St. Clair, Daniel St. Clair, Mary-Catherine Steer, Christopher Stowell, Phillip Suchyta, Karen Sunisioe, Mary Sunisioe, Ann Superfisky, Katherine Superfisky, Steven Szlaga, Yuko Tanaka, Emily Tarrant, Emil Tilenius, Dayna Topalian, Renee Trudeau, Kristin VanSickle, Elizabeth Wagner, Michael Wang, Stefanie Ward, Marla Wikerson, Emily Williams, Hannah Williamson, Alexander Wong, Cody Yeargin and Carina Zurbrugg.

Capitol Capsules

A circuit judge can't tell the Michigan High School Athletic Association how to run a wrestling meet, a unanimous state Supreme Court has ruled.

The high court overturned decisions by the Court of Appeals and General Circuit Judge Geoffrey Neitherrut holding MHSAA executive director John Roberts in contempt of court. The high court also overturned Judge Neitherrut's finding MHSAA \$250 and charging it attorney costs for the father of a Lake Fenton High wrestler who sued.

Reason: When high schools join MHSAA, it amounts to the board of education's agreeing in advance to be bound by any ruling that is within the scope of the arbitrator's authority. "One can't sue after he has agreed to arbitration."

It added: "The MHSAA is an association that includes nearly every public and private high school in Michigan." The court cited its own 1991 decision against Cardinal Mooney High in Detroit and the Court of Appeals' 1985 decision against North Farmington High. Both upheld MHSAA's rule against participation by 19-year-olds.

The Lake Fenton case started Feb. 15, 1995, when it lost a match by one point to New Lothrop. On the bus trip home, the Lake Fenton coach discovered New Lothrop had violated a rule by using a wrestler in the wrong weight class. James Kirby, father of a Lake Fenton wrestler, and the school sued MHSAA for a spot in the regional finals.

MHSAA ruled that a defeated team can't advance, even if the

apparent winner (New Lothrop) forfeits. Kirby also won a court order that Lake Fenton be permitted to compete in the regionals — two minutes too late. MHSAA's Roberts refused to stop the scheduled match, and Lake Fenton didn't compete.

PETERS MOVES UP
Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township moved up in the Democratic hierarchy last week when he was elected caucus chair. Peters, who won a second four-year term on Nov. 3, succeeds Dianne Hyrum of Okemos.

Senate Democrats, their numbers shrunk from the current 16 to 15 as of Jan. 1, re-elected John Chery of Clois as minority leader and Virgil Smith of Detroit as minority floor leader.

Sen. George Z. Hart of Dearborn

retains his post as assistant caucus chair.

COMING CASES
The Michigan Supreme Court this week is hearing oral arguments in several major cases, including:

Straus vs. Governor — State Board of Education president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, is seeking to overturn two 1996 executive orders stripping the elected State Board of much of its power and handing power to the appointive superintendent of public instruction. Straus won in Ing-

ham Circuit Court but lost in the Court of Appeals. Currently the Supreme Court has a 4-3 Democratic majority, but Republicans assume 4-3 control after Jan. 1.

People vs. Carlin — Gerald Carlin was a captain in the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and was charged in two cases with 20 counts of misconduct, including destruction of records. The circuit court dismissed the misconduct charges and was upheld by the Court of Appeals. Prosecutor Chuck Goreyca appeals.

People vs. Carlin — Several Oakland Sheriff's deputies, officers and guards were charged with misconduct in operating the county's work-release facility. A district judge dismissed the charges and was affirmed by the circuit court and Court of Appeals. Prosecutor Goreyca appeals.

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Democrats alive and well in Novi, despite election

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in the house department. He lives in Addington Park subdivision, where as a congressman he was pulled down his Geoffrey Fieger lawn sign.

One Oakland County Democrat leader says the party has some serious organizational work to do in the Novi area.

Vicki Barnett, chair of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee, which includes Novi, part of Northville, South Lyon and Lyon Township said the committee is now seeking to build the "middle class" of a burgeoning club.

"There is a glaring omission in that part of the county and lack of leadership that has led to neglect in that area in terms of recruiting Democrats," said Barnett, who is mayor pro tem of Farmington Hills.

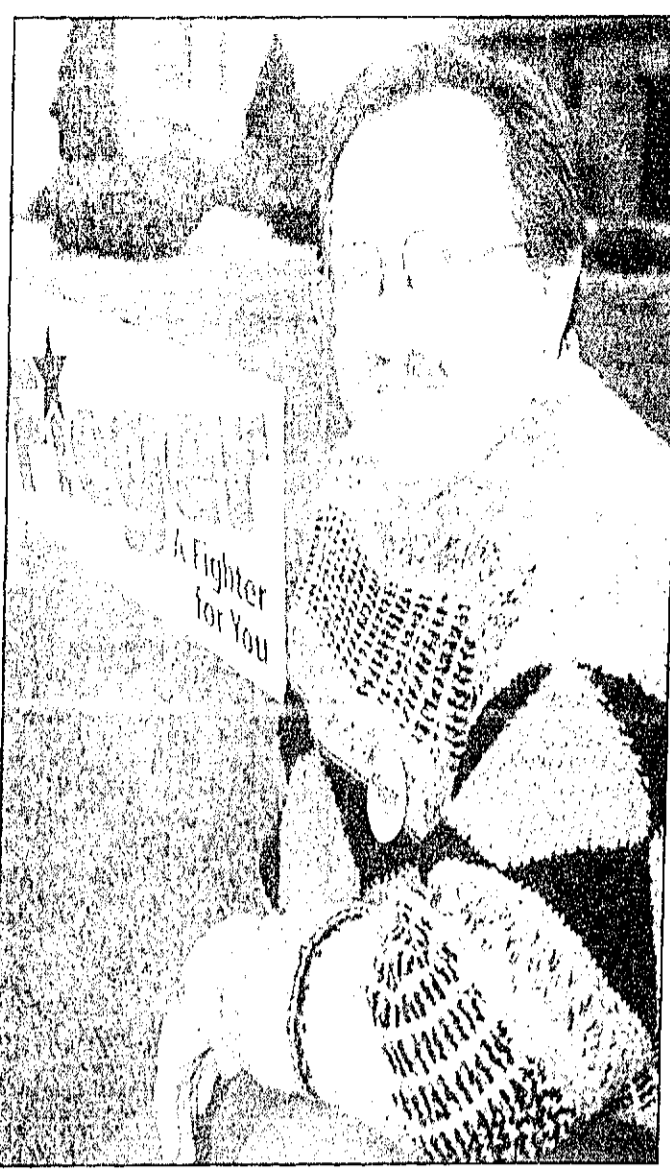
"They are there. A lot of them don't know how to get together yet."

In the 11th Congressional District, Republican Joe Knollenberg trounced Democrat Travis Leeds and kept his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Still, Barnett said the Democratic Party has been making gains in the 11th District, especially in West Bloomfield where Ruth Fuller got 48 percent of the vote in when she challenged incumbent Bill Doldani for his state senate seat. (Doldani won handily district-wide.)

At the grassroots level for party organization, in August, the Republican Party filled 15 of the 17 spots for precinct delegates in Novi, with many of the delegates well known in local political circles. But the Democrats only filled nine, leaving six precincts without party representation.

"We do have plans to continue to



Michael Breckenridge: "A lot of people, when they start to make more money, then they're Republicans. They don't want to be identified with Democrats ... They become a snob."

build our base in the area and will work to get precinct delegates. The precinct delegates are filled by the Oakland County Democratic Party. Because there are holes in that delegation, the 11th District will be seeking to fill those gaps," Barnett said.

In the primary, which featured a low voter turnout, 52 percent or 2,471 of the votes cast were by Republicans, while 46 percent, or 2,198 were by Democrats.

In last week's election, most voters were ticket splitters who mostly voted for Republicans. About 29 percent of the voters cast a straight Republican ticket, while 10 percent voted straight Democrat.

For the first time, Margaret Schmidt wasn't among those who opted for an all-Democrat ticket. She split her ticket to vote for the Republican incumbent for state representative.

"I kinda like Nancy Cassis. I think she's from our area and kind of supports our area and she helped my daughter get her finance here from Spain," Schmidt said.

"My mother probably turned over in her grave when I split our ticket."

Cassis's opponent, Democrat Kristy Demas of South Lyon, ran a low-budget, low-profile campaign and the polls reflected that. In the 38th District, Demas took 8,811 votes, as opposed to Cassis's 22,207.

"It's hard to get a lot of good candidates to run when they know they're spinning their wheels," Breckenridge said.

"Unless you have someone who's really charismatic, they're not going to get elected. These people step up, because they're sacrificial lambs. They do it for the Democratic Party."

The old trick of driving people to

the polls isn't going to work in Novi, Breckenridge added, because everyone's got their own wheels.

Schmidt said she suspects that as a Democrat, she's in a minority in town. Not only is she in the minority as a Democrat, but she's one of the few in Novi to own a five-year-old car.

Also known as the Farm Lady for her children's educational programs, Schmidt doesn't get involved in politics, which she finds rather "sleazy."

Judy Shatney, who is on the executive board for the 11th District Democratic Committee, lives in Northville. Two precincts in Northville north of Eight Mile Road, as part of Oakland County, are in the district.

While the precincts are typically very Republican, Shatney said, her party has its backers out there.

"I do know from walking the precincts, I was surprised by the support there is out there. I feel a lot of people somewhat would identify with the Democratic Party," Shatney said.

"Of course, we want more support. Who doesn't? I think the Republicans always want more, too."

Breckenridge, who's been active

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-049

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that R. L. Shokal, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on the job site for Life Time Fitness, located on the west side of Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road, from November 18, 1998 to April, 1999.

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, November 18, 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 November 18, 1998.

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Northville Public Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to bid for the following project: acquisition of data project.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Selective — Haverhill Farms, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer next to lot 81 on Kingsley Lane in Haverhill Farms from November 18, 1998 through April 1999 for use during construction of the subdivision. Haverhill Farms is located on the south side of Fourteen Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road.

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

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Uniform Leasing according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
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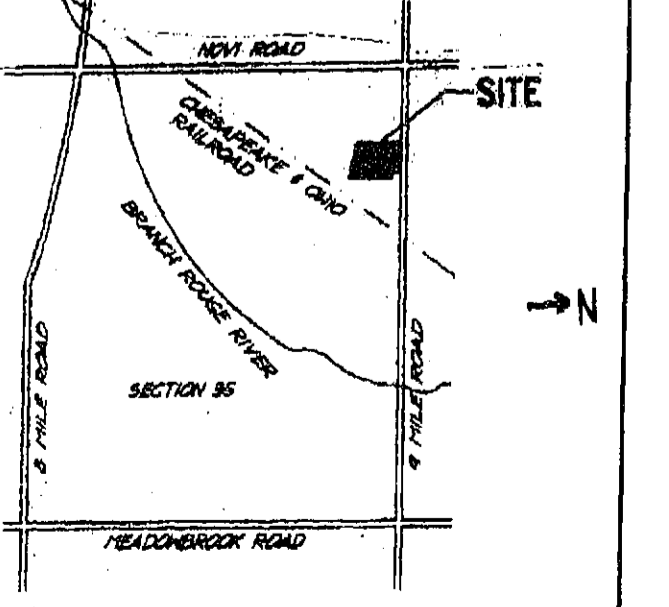
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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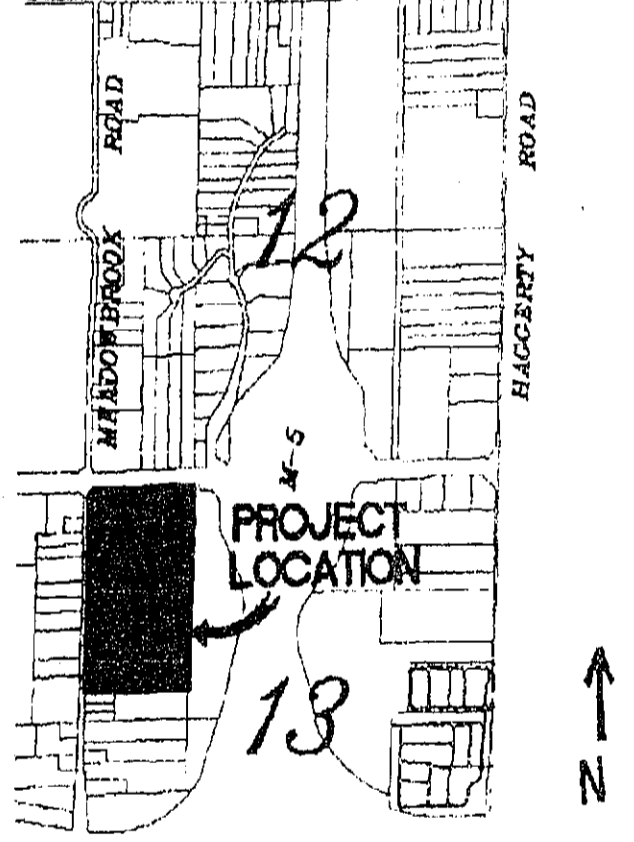
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 1998.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public 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. on Wednesday, November 18, 1998.

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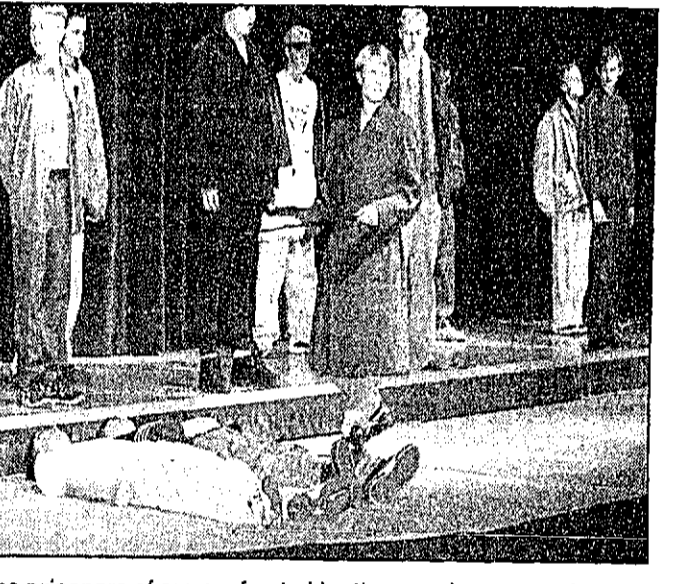
Novi High School students rehearse a scene from their production of "Stalag 17."

The shows go on ...

Novi actors prepare for a weekend of plays



Hunkered around a chess game, members of the cast go over a few lines during a recent rehearsal.



The prisoners of are confronted by the camp's commandant. Photos by John Heider

Students to put on two productions at Fuerst Auditorium this weekend

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi High School's Theatre Arts Department will be presenting two plays this weekend.

The first play, *Stalag 17*, starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Friday in Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium.

Stalag 17 is a World War II drama about American GIs caught behind enemy lines and imprisoned as German POWs.

The play will be in honor of all World War II veterans in the audience. The department will also create a wall of all the names of Novi residents' relatives who served in World War II.

Novi residents who had relatives in the war are encouraged to call the high school at 449-1500 and

leave the names on voice mail number 9003.

Along with the names, the Theatre Department would also like the veteran's rank and branch of service.

The second play, *Steel Magnolias*, starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with an additional show 2 p.m. Sunday.

Steel Magnolias is a modern play about family life and the fate of a woman stricken with childhood diabetes.

Jessica Kellogg, a Novi High School senior playing the part of Annette, said the play shows how life continues even after a death.

Kellogg said her character, Annette, is a very unstable person that grows from shy to really outgoing, yet strange.

"It's a really cool character, because you can see her evolve from a shy girl to an open woman," Kellogg said.

Kellogg said auditions for the parts were in early October. Right after auditions were over, rehearsals began. The cast has been practicing their parts every weekday after school.

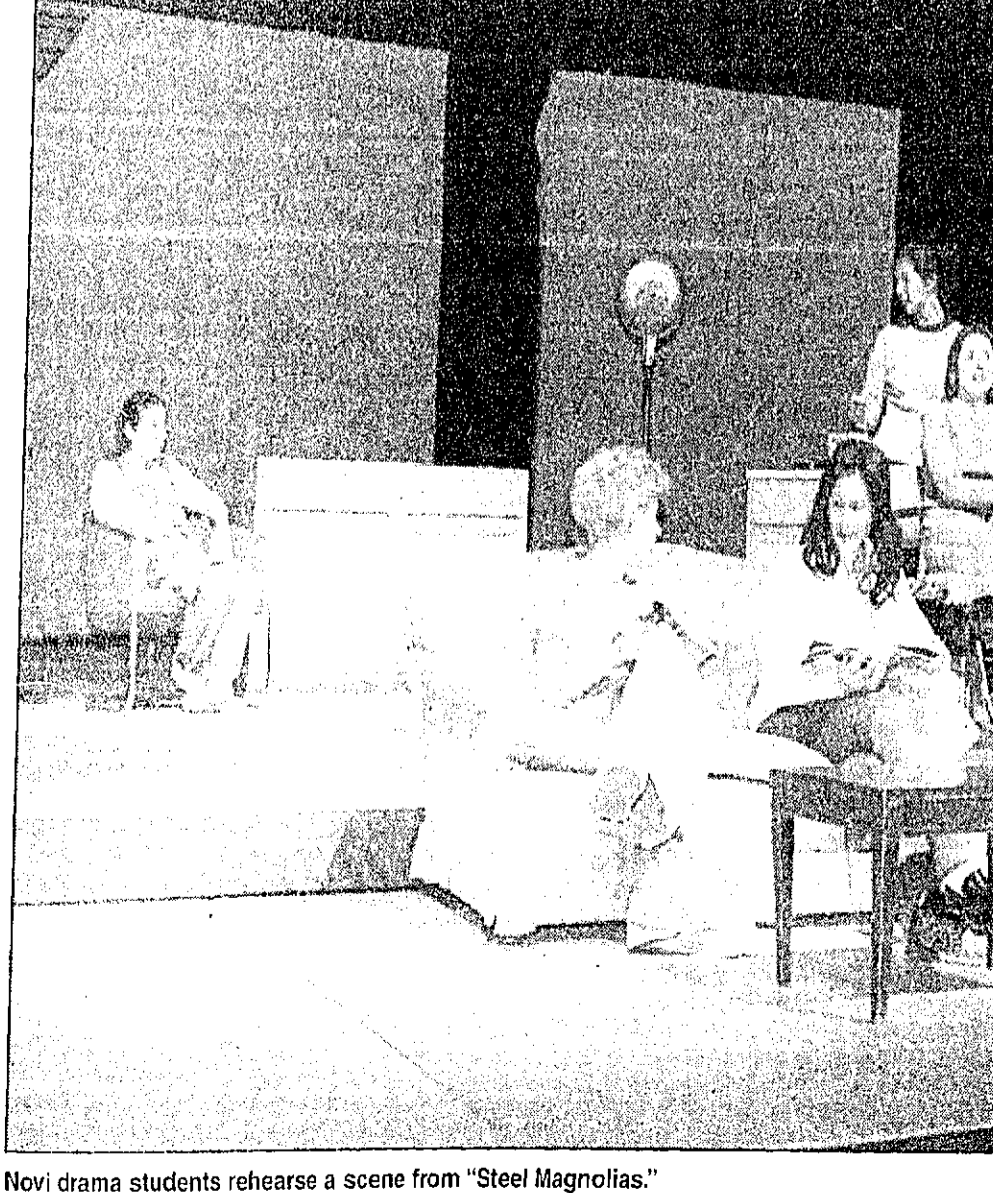
Since the plays are non-musical a smaller cast was needed. By doing these two non-musical shows in one weekend, the school can give more students the opportunity to perform on stage.

Tickets for the productions are \$4 each for general admission and \$3 each for children under 12 and senior citizens.

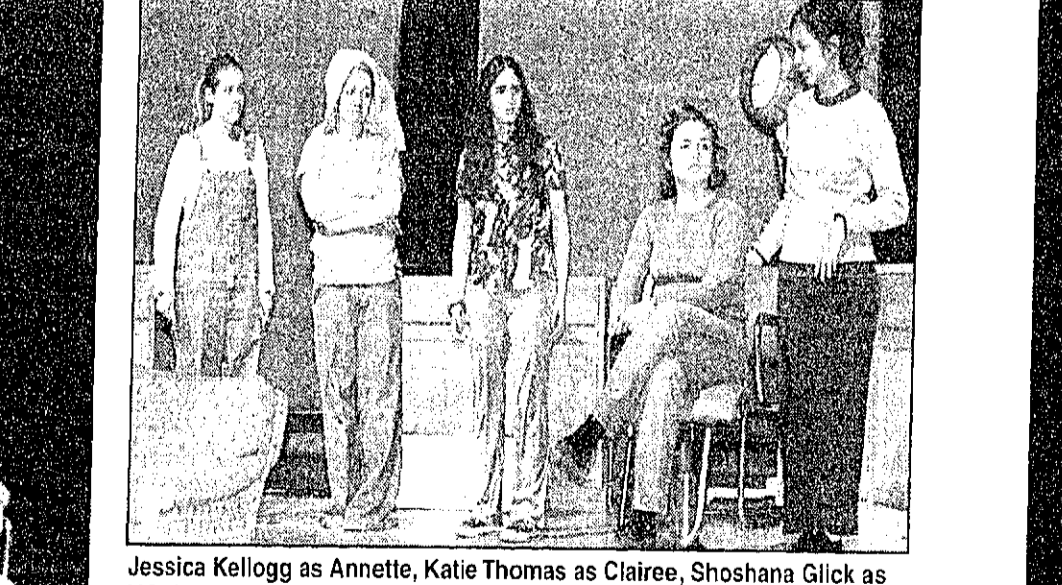
For more information, call Novi High School at 449-1500.

THE CAST

- Stalag 17**
The following are Novi High School cast members and their character names for the play *Stalag 17*.
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| CAST | James Shroyer — Marko | Production Coordinator |
| Scott Zankas — Cookie | Darin Smith — McCarthy | Jessica Cole — Production Assistant |
| John Kohl — Selson | Pat Seymour — Joey | Lindsay Bayliss — Production Assistant |
| Jared Shroyer — Hoffman | Brad Terback — Blondie | Danielle Franz — Set Director |
| Brandon Bear — Price | Chris Sandberg — Steve | Jessica Cole — Assistant Set Director |
| Eric Garham — Schultz | Nick Thornton — Manfredi | Mariam Ansari — German Language Consultant |
| Mike Bizozowski — Commandant | Matt Goodrich — Johnson | Jared Shroyer — German Language Consultant |
| Clayton Perry — Animal | Andrew Jewell — SS Guard | |
| David Langham — Shapiro | John Aoun — Geneva Man | |
| Scott Lloyd — Dumbor | | |
| Andrew Cox — Reed | | |
| Todd Muscat — Duke | | |
| STAFF | Joan Arick — Director | |
| | Nancy Alexandis — General | |
- Steel Magnolias**
The following are Novi High School cast members of the play *Steel Magnolias* and their respective characters
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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| CAST | Shoshanna Glick — Ouiser | Jennifer Davies — Production Assistant |
| Natalie Ozog — Shelby | | Pat Seymour — Production Assistant |
| Lauren Russette — M'Lynn | | Jessica Cole — Assistant |
| Maureen Sebastian — Truvy | | Eric Garham — Set Director |
| Jessica Kellogg — Annette | | |
| Kate Thomas — Clairee | | |



Novi drama students rehearse a scene from "Steel Magnolias."



Jessica Kellogg as Annette, Kate Thomas as Clairee, Shoshanna Glick as L'Ouiser, Maureen Sebastian as Truvy, and Lauren Russette as M'Lynn, rehearse a scene from their fall play.



Lauren Russette, M'Lynn, and Natalie Ozog, Shelby, practice their roles.

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As We See It

Capello's actions were a stupid move

If you listen very hard, you might just be able to figure out that Planning Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello has a point.

The questions he is raising about the City of Novi's wetlands protection ordinance are worth consideration.

Is the city overregulating wetlands? Is it requiring property owners to save more small wetland areas than are really needed? Is that costing landowners more money than it's worth? Is the definition of an environmentally "valuable" wetland clearly spelled out in the law? Does the definition of a wetland have the support of scientific research that would show that environmental value? And is the city getting enough information from its consultants to make clear judgments on what truly are valuable wetlands and which could be filled in without consequence?

All are fair questions, even if they've been asked before. They deserve answers, even if the environmental experts find they have to repeat themselves.

Valid though the questions may be, Capello raised them in a completely wrongheaded fashion.

If he really wanted to raise such issues, he should have done it straight up, in the policy formation portion of the process, not in the implementation phase. Yes, even though the policy has been set, it always fair to reconsider.

But once the policy has been decided — by the City Council, which is the Planning Commission's boss, we might add — then he should not have attempted to undermine it while deciding individual site plans. He shouldn't have resorted to procedural slight of hand to push his point of view.

And he shouldn't have raised it in areas related to his own development interests, raising the specter of at least a perception of a conflict of interest.

Capello now is on the receiving end of a lot of finger pointing, but he is not the only one who made the mistakes that lead to the current eruption of controversy over wetlands mitigation.

Had Planning Commission Chair Eda Weddington been better versed in rules of order and insisted that commissioners follow them, the entire controversy might have been nipped in the bud. Commission Andrew Mutch, a vocal critic of Capello now, has been back and forth on this issue, at one time voting for the wetlands waiver, then asking reconsideration.

The remainder of the Planning Commission, keep in mind, supported Capello in his attempts to waive those mitigation requirements.

Even City Council, of which some members are now calling for Capello's resignation, shares a part of the blame. The loophole through which Capello went was not a surprise. An ordinance amendment which would have closed it has been languishing in the Ordinance Review Committee for months without action.

The issue is over what wetlands the city should attempt to save. Wetlands larger than two acres in size are regulated by the state. Smaller areas fall under city ordinance, and current Novi law requires developers to save them if they meet any one of 10 criteria.

In September, Capello urged planners to waive mitigation requirements for Novi Research Park. The motion was actually made by commissioner Michael Wataza, and when other commissioners asked that the mitigation waiver be deleted, Capello used the rules of order to keep them from making that amendment to the motion.

Capello tried the same thing this month on a site plan for the Brightmoor Tabernacle. This time, however, he got shut down when the city attorney pointed out that any commissioner could amend the motion.

Capello argues that the city is trying to save "useless ponds."

Environmental activists in the city, however, point out he has other interests. For one, he is involved with the development of an office complex that has wetlands on the property. City council members also noted the Capello has a contract with a firm which does contractual work for the developer of Novi Research Park.

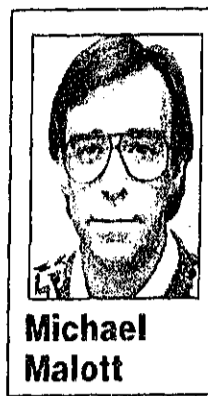
In our minds, those are not clear conflicts. Having a contract with a contractor is a relationship many others in the city are likely to have. And it turns out the wetlands on his own development are probably large enough to be state-regulated, and therefore unlikely to be affected by anything Capello may do at the planning commission level.

Those who suspect a conflict should be encouraged to continue looking into the matter, frankly. But for now, while the perception persists, there is no evidence Capello's interests constitute a conflict.

Nonetheless, his actions on the planning commission do constitute a stupid move. If Capello wants to re-raise the issue of what wetlands should be saved, he should be doing it in a more appropriate way.

Not only did he act counter to the ordinance as set by city council, he lit the fuse on the controversy that is now blowing up in his face.

Democrats missing in action?



Michael Malott

I believe in two-party political contests.

Now, you might think that is a motherhood and apple pie kind of opinion, but consider elections in Novi. When is the last time you saw a good contest in the general election — you know, the kind between a Republican and a Democrat. Frankly, I don't even remember the last one.

So that raises the question, do we have two-party politics in Novi? When it comes to races at the county, state or congressional level, does a Democrat really stand a chance of winning here? Or is Novi effectively a one-party, Republican town?

Don't get me wrong, I think highly of the Republicans elected here a week ago. Though I occasionally disagree with them, I believe State Rep. Nancy Cassis, Sen. Bill Bullard and U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg are quality lawmakers.

But I would still prefer to see better elections. There is value to political debate. That's how we move the public policy process forward. That's how we get political ideas out into the public view.

Reporter Jan Jeffers drew the assignment to write the story on whether the Democrats have anything to

offer anyone in a town like Novi. Her efforts are played on page one of this week's edition.

And I got my answer ... in a backhanded sort of way.

"A lot of people, when they start to make more money, then, they're Republican. They don't want to be identified with Democrats," explained one local Democrat. "I think some of the union members, the better the house they live in, suddenly even these people are Republicans. Some people forget where their roots are. They have a little more money and they become a snob."

Yet, that explains a lot — a lot about the Democratic mentality. It explains what Democrats haven't figured out yet. When people start making more money, they begin to realize how much work it takes to make that money. Does it change their point of view? You bet it does.

Perhaps when the Democratic party comes to the conclusion that folks in a town like Novi aren't just snobs, but have a legitimate point of view worth representation, they'll get back to the job of finding and putting up candidates who can run a decent race in Novi.

Until then, this town will likely continue to miss out on the benefits of two-party politics ... because one party is, for all intents and purposes, missing from the process.

Michael Malott is the editor of The Novi News.

In Focus

By John Heider



Novi High School's Alan Lykavski, "Mr. Soccer" finalist, battles a Brighton Bulldog for position during Saturday's state final game.

Congratulations Wildcats

Haunted Forest was a blast



Carol Dipple

The Maybury Haunted Forest Walk was a blast.

When Dan McGuire put the first stack of flyers about the Haunted Forest Walk on the front counter at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, he had one volunteer who had said "maybe" to building a set.

He was new to Parks and Rec, and Northville, but the community did not let him down. Well, within just a few weeks, enough residents, their families and friends had volunteered to help out with this fund raising event to make it a success.

In all, eight scenes were put up and manned during the two-day event. Numerous volunteers helped in other areas like passing out refreshments, guides, and working the toll booth.

I was among the 1,500 visitors to the haunted walk. We were greeted at the toll booth by volunteers, as well as surprised by a few snooks.

I like the silent, sneaky goblins the best. Those that somehow manage to be standing exactly where you expect them but surprise you anyway.

Everyone was led down the winding path through the forest in small groups, which gave enough time for scenes to set up for the next crowd.

We elected to be in the center of our group. That way the rest of the group acts as a buffer, or a security blanket, from the dark forest and what's hiding behind the trees. One ghoulish monster latched on to my 12-year old daughter. He was every where she didn't want him to be. Before she even knew it, she

had run away from him and was at the head of our group. He never said a word, but she would look up and he was there, again.

We teased her about having nightmares about her new "friend" on the way home.

Part of the fun is getting caught up in the fantasy. With Halloween behind us, Thanksgiving is the next holiday to celebrate. I am not Scrooge. But I like to celebrate Thanksgiving before I get blasted from every direction with advertisements for Christmas.

Do we really need to be reminded that Christmas is only days away? I have never forgotten Christmas. I know it follows Thanksgiving. I start putting up the decorations the day after Thanksgiving.

Is it just me, or do stores seem to be putting up the holiday's displays earlier and earlier.

This year, I saw clerks in stores taking down the Halloween displays with one hand, while putting up the Christmas items with the other.

It is inevitable. Christmas happens. People who like to shop early will do so with or without the barrage of advertisements everywhere they turn.

There are a certain number of people on the your Christmas list, you check it twice, you make your selections and your done.

I think the commercial aspect of Christmas is more stressful than Halloween and Thanksgiving combined.

There is a sequence to the holidays. Advertising for them should fall in the same order. If businesses advertised for just a month, instead of two or three, I don't think they'd go broke.

Carol Dipple is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Overhaul of Dem party needed



Phil Power

It must be something in the water. How else to explain the disconnect between the state of politics in Michigan and what's going on elsewhere in the country.

For Michigan Republicans, Gov. John Engler, running implausibly but effectively as a moderate conservative pragmatist, rolled up nearly a 2-1 margin over Geoffrey Fieger. The GOP also won

wait-to-wail control of the apparatus of government: Governor, Senate, House, Supreme Court.

Team Engler is now in a position to determine much of the politics and some of the structure of our state for the next decade. Democrats hope they'll overreach, but I doubt it as long as Engler's in control.

By contrast, the national Republican Party took a terrible beating in last week's election, culminating in the summary knifing of Newt Gingrich in a strategic and policy visionary but a lousy manager. The factional fighting in the GOP — business-oriented moderates, Christian right wingers, compassionate conservatives, hard-edge ideological conservatives — could tear the party apart.

Bayed by the referendum on impeachment and Ken Starr and chaos in the opposition, the national Democratic Party has come a long way since the days it was preoccupied with making sure there were no enemies on the left. Bill Clinton may possess questionable moral fiber, but his success in moving the Democrats into the middle of the road and opening the party up to various different groups is a fundamental fact of our times.

By contrast, the Michigan Democratic Party seems frozen in amber.

Most people thought big labor couldn't ever do worse than picking inept Howard Wolpe to run for governor in 1994. But then, when neither Doug Ross nor Larry Owen seemed to be getting much traction last summer and former Sen. Don Riegler started making showing signs of interest in running, the folks who run the UAW panicked.

Their premature and ham-handed endorsement of Owen didn't set well with most folks and opened the way to Fieger's unexpected victory in the primary and predictable defeat in the general election. Those Democrats who worry about what Team Engler will do over the next few years won't have difficulty in finding plenty of folks to blame.

Which is why so many Democrats are talking so much about how important (and how overdue) it is to revitalize the party, "revitalize" in this case being a code word

which really means causing big labor's grip on it.

"It's clear a complete overhaul of the party is needed," says former Governor Jim Blanchard.

"There are many in the party who are concerned about the need to broaden and strengthen and deepen the party" which is much too "uninclusive," says former Sen. Riegler.

This won't be easy. Obvious candidates to lead the process — Blanchard and newly elected Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, for example — have political ambitions of their own and won't want to alienate the labor movement that still provides most of the resources for the party.

The requirements — developing some attractive ideas, including groups previously kept out and persuading organized labor that it's better to win the occasional election than it is to maintain total control over the Democratic Party — are fairly obvious.

Whether Democrats can come up with a process and find the people with the will and imagination to carry it out is entirely another matter.

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Write to support Channel 12

To the Editor:

Any resident of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills can learn to produce or work on a television program through community access television. Our local community access channel is known as INFOV 12 and you can find it on cable Channel 12. The people who produce and tape these shows are your neighbors and friends and could be you.

Recently the cable television provider in a neighboring community closed four of its five community access television studios. The fifth will be closed at the end of the year. I'm afraid that Channel 12 could experience the same fate. The tri-city cable franchise is overdue for renewal. To be sure, INFOV12 is there for all of us in the future, we need to let the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) know that the renewed franchise should include Time Warner's support of community access.

Please take a few moments and write SWOCC at 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, phone (248) 473-7266. Caren Collins, the Executive Director can be e-mailed at "ccollins@farmington-hills.mi.us". Let's save Channel 12.

Chuck Cook

Letters

a restraining order against taking further action and then starting a recall against those councilmen who are engineering this fraud.

You can call it what you want, but forcing the citizens into voting for a park and selling out the land to golf developers is out and out fraud.

Is there a lawyer in the house? Harry Stearnes

Disappointed at lack of questions

To the editor: I attended the so-called study session of the City Council for the golf course feasibility study, and I have to say I was disappointed by the lack of questions by a majority of the council.

Instead of a study session, I would say it was more like an oral essay that would have been titled, "Why I think Novi should have a golf course."

The most amazing thing to me was that although this study's estimated cost for the golf course is about the same as that of consultants Farrand and Associates from two years ago, it has a whole lot less and no one questioned this.

I guess that is what happens when you are dealing with a seemingly endless supply of taxpayer money.

Also, I must comment that for some reason (Council Member) Bob Schmid seems to feel this is all personal.

That those of us who are opposed to this golf course are doing so just to keep him from playing.

That he is the only one who is thinking of what might be best for this city.

That he alone is thinking of quality of life for the citizens.

But what is quality for one is not necessarily the same for all. So, Mr. Schmid says it is up to council to

make the hard decisions, to ignore what the public says and move ahead with all haste.

Now, they are talking another road bond. It's too bad they can't just shove that down our throats without a vote, after all, we are talking quality of life and council best.

Chuck Tindall

Isn't this the same old spiel?

To the Editor: Last weeks letters by L. Bond, J. Koric and R. Storm very effectively, expressed my concerns as a Novi resident and taxpayer, about the city officials and their shenanigans, with the proposed Greater Detroit Golfing Facility.

The destruction of this natural parkland for a few elitist idiots to chase around a little white ball wearing loud and outlandish cloths is obscene to say the least. But some interesting points were touched which need to be addressed by Novi City Council and the administration.

Insufficient funds for signs in and around the 443 acres of Novi Parkland.

If the city officials had the money to waste on a \$10,000 study, they had the money to purchase signs instead.

If they found money to purchase land from a private developer for the Ice Arena project, they could have found money for parkland signs. If they had money for the traffic signal on Novi Road and Park Barrel Avenue No. 6, they had money for parkland signs.

If the city officials, as one council member stated publicly, would spend the money necessary until they have all the golf course answers, they have money to spend for parkland signs.

So the mayor's comments about the city not being able to

afford to put up decent signs at the 443 acre park sounds more and more like a Slick Willy comment from Washington — unbelievably.

Subsidize other Parks and Recreation Programs:

Isn't this the same spiel that we got about the Ice Arena Project, that it would subsidize other P & R programs? How about we have the Parks and Recreation Commission and administration look harder at lower cost programs, i.e. bike trails, nature trails, wildlife sanctuaries, picnic areas, etc. ...

Golf course construction: Moving heavy equipment onto this 443 acres to construct a golf course will destroy or seriously damage the ecosystem on this property. The reasons for that heavily farmed was because of the wetlands, woodlands and boggy areas. Much of which will be damaged or compromised when soil is being moved around, trees are being moved/removed, sand, sod and other materials are trucked in and an underground watching system is constructed.

Novi taxpayers financial obligation: The city officials need to first disclose to the Novi taxpayers the big picture, how much they are already paying each year for this park property and other properties, the new Police Building bond issue, the road bonds and the financial obligations for such projects as the Ice Arena (which the taxpayers never voted on). Then allow the residents and taxpayers to vote on this issue.

An interesting observation (almost missed) in the Novi Briefs. On Thursday, Nov. 5 1998, the Council and administration met in the Activities Room to discuss financial issues of both the Novi Ice Arena and the Senior Housing Project. Why wasn't this meeting broadcasted? Was there something to hide? I am sure the Novi senior citizens would have liked the opportunity to see and hear about the Senior Housing Project. But this meeting seemed to have little or no advance advertising. Was there reasons for this?

Joseph G. Toth

Look for a change in Dem party



Tim Richard

Look for a sea change in the Michigan Democratic Party early in 1999, the biggest change in 50 years.

In 1948, G. Mennen Williams won the gubernatorial nomination with help from Walter

Reuther's UAW. That group rewrote state politics and social policy.

Big Labor will continue to be a major player but without its iron fist in a steel glove. The AFL-CIO — including the United Auto Workers, Michigan Federation of Teachers and AFSCME — fielded a 1994 gubernatorial candidate who lost disastrously. Big Labor's choice for the nomination didn't even win the 1998 primary.

To the labor-dominated party, Nov. 3, 1998 was like Moby Dick's sinking of the whaling ship "Pequod." All perished at the bulk of the English white whale save one Ishmael, Jennifer Granholm, the attorney general candidate.

Why? Big Labor itself has changed. No longer do industrial workers dominate. Huge blocs of UAW members actually come from the field of state social workers. And Republican Gov. John Engler has pared social workers from the state payroll with welfare

changes. Geoffrey Fieger declared there is no Democratic Party. He exaggerated only a little. Fortune Magazine in a 1960s article on Michigan ran side-by-side pictures of the UAW's slick Solidarity House at 8000 E. Jefferson in Detroit and the seedy, Victorian house that serves as state Democratic headquarters on Townsend Street in Lansing.

Without Big Labor, there's not much you can call a Democratic Party.

Yet Democratic candidates as a group ran only 100,000 votes behind out of three million cast this year. They can't all be union people. Some are managers, accountants, architects, nurses, store owners, roofers, payroll clerks, retirees, even a newspaper company owner.

So who will make this sea change that is so obviously building up?

Geoff Fieger is unlikely to be a major player. There are some people around him, however, who may try to do to the Michigan Democratic Party what George Romney did to the GOP in 1962 and Dick Headlee did in 1982.

Former Gov. Jim Blanchard will be around. "We need a strong, grass-roots organization that needs to move out. That's why I formed the New Century Fund," he said election night. His fund helped many candidates.

Ed McNamara, the Wayne County exec who crowned Granholm, will have a role. Lansing Mayor David Hollister may assert

himself. "Elected leaders need to step up and take control of the Democratic Party," said lame-duck state Rep. Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti on election night. "Elected people control the Republican Party. But you don't have elected people in control of the Democratic Party."

Many others apparently agree. A day later, a Lansing lobbyist passed along a tip. Look for elected officials to back outgoing Democratic floor leader Pat Gagliardi for state chair early in 1999.

In the 1970s, the Michigan Education Association was bidding for a dominant role. But because it backed an occasional Republican, MEA found itself denounced as "whores" by the AFL-CIO president. It may reassert itself, especially as Engler continues to alienate the 40 percent of MEA members who have voted Republican.

Granholm? She'll have her hands full keeping Engler from chopping her regulatory budget and finding child care. Besides, her Berkeley-Harvard mind is so mired in the sociology of the 1960s and '70s — linking "criminals and big corporations" — that she's out of step with the new direction set by Blanchard, Dennis Archer and Doug Ross.

If a party so narrowly run can come within 1,000 votes, think what would happen if a few visionaries make changes.

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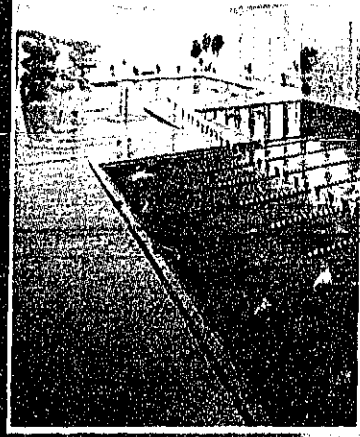
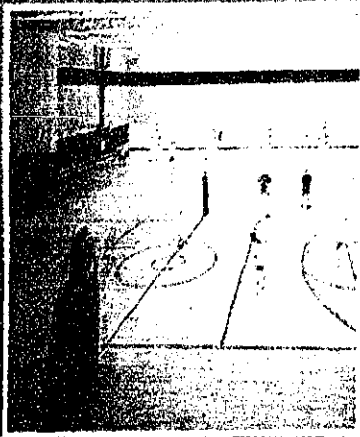
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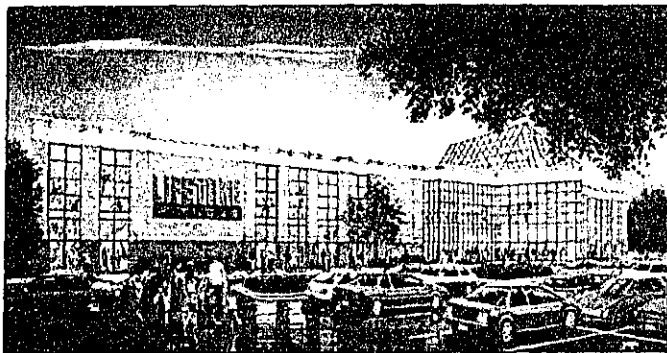
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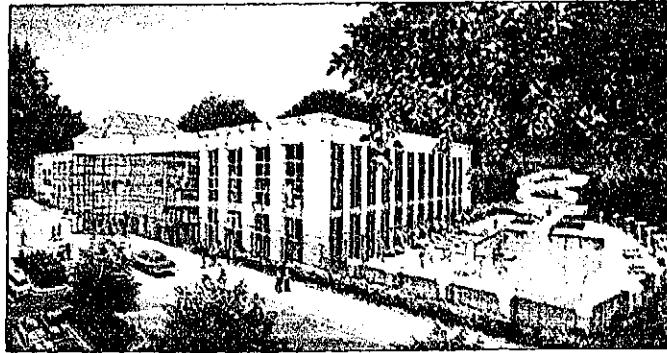
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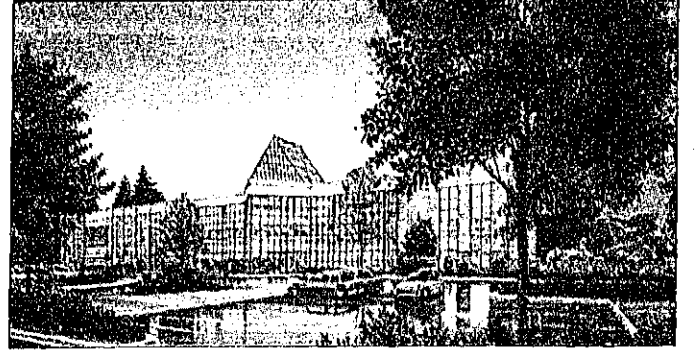
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Franchise owners enjoy a high success rate



Anita Bermingham, shown here with employee Eric Easley, became a co-owner of Coffee Beanery at Twelve Oaks Mall in June 1997. Inset: The Coffee Beanery at Twelve Oaks Mall is the fifth largest in volume of the 198 locations in the country. With malls now saturated, the push is on to expand in other locations.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Franchise ownership: Bermingham loves every minute of it

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Anita Bermingham became a co-owner of a franchise in June 1997 and is loving every minute of it.

Bermingham had been hanging out at the Coffee Beanery at Twelve Oaks Mall partially because her daughter, Julia had worked there for a couple of years when she was in college, so knew the owners pretty well.

"I was very familiar with it," she said. "I loved the atmosphere, what they were presenting."

So when the owner Bruce Campbell had an opening for a partner, he approached Bermingham. She sat down and had a chat with her friend Mary Koczara of Farmington Hills.

Now the Coffee Beanery has three partners.

Although she had never owned a business before, Bermingham said she "basically has been in the business field all my life."

Among other jobs, Bermingham worked at the William Allan Academy in Northville for 18 years as an art teacher and secretary to the principal.

"I always wanted to achieve the dream to own my own business," she said. "When the opportunity presented itself I took the chal-

lenge. It was a challenge to use my creative abilities and business experience for this goal."

The Novi shop is fifth in volume amongst the almost 200 Coffee Beanery locations in country. Sales system-wide in 1998 were \$64,000,000.

Besides being a co-owner, Bermingham is also the buyer and learned that aspect of the business once she got there.

As a franchisee, she has to buy from recognized vendors but she decides what to purchase for the Twelve Oaks Mall store. Besides coffee, there are all kinds of gift items, English china, as well as modern pottery from Mexico.

"It's a reflection on the buyer," she said. "I have to take it to quite an upscale market. It is nice to choose things and then a customer comes in and they like it. It's a nice feeling."

Bermingham, or one of the other two partners, can be found at the store throughout the day.

"We have good employees and excellent managers," she said. "There are three active working partners. That is something you have to do when you own your own business; you can't just look

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I By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor
If you've ever thought about owning your own business, you have a chance to peruse about 30 or 40 companies at the Franchise and Investment Expo on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, at the Novi Expo Center.

Representatives, owners or franchisees from printing companies, eateries, coffee house, financial services and cleaning are among those who will be exhibiting information about their firms during the two-day show.

Two first-time exhibitors at this show are Coffee Beanery Limited and Hot and Now fast food restaurant.

"Franchising carries a 95 percent success rate," said Kevin Shaw, Vice President of Franchise Development, at the Coffee Beanery Limited's headquarters in Flushing, Mich. "Eighty five percent of independent businesses after five years are not in business. The swing of success after five years is incredible."

The 22-year old company has 30 stores in Michigan, most of which are in shopping malls like Twelve Oaks Mall and Laurel Park in Livonia. Nationally they have 200 stores.

Since the malls are saturated with coffee stores, according to Shaw, the Coffee Beanery began a campaign to develop in new locations including strip malls in 1994.

Shaw said the focus at the Novi show

will be this new direction for the Coffee Beanery.

"We believe that that venue for us will be able to put another 50 stores in the greater metro market in the next four or five years," Shaw said.

But the strip mall stores are much different than the coffee houses in the malls. There is seating for 50 and the menu is expanded with selections like cheesecake, black forest cakes, as well as sandwiches and wraps. There is also entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights.

"We believe in the next five to eight years we hope to open up another 1,800 stores," Shaw said.

"We know what we are doing, we know how to make them work," Shaw said. "The total investment in a Coffee Beanery is \$225,000 with a \$175,000 loan against the store and \$50,000 down, according to Shaw.

"It is a successful way to find franchisees," Shaw said of shows like the one being held in Novi. "It is a little easier when you have a tangible product to sell."

Shaw does not see the coffee house as a passing fad.

"Coffee is culturally the beverage of our country," Shaw said. "It is how people get up in the morning. It is how people socialize when they have guests."

Franchise shows average about 2,000 attendees, according to Shaw.

Also a first time exhibitor is fast food

restaurant Hot and Now.

"We're excited about this franchise show," said Paul Warren, director of training and franchise sales at the Hope, Mich. headquarters.

"The reason we're going to Novi is that we want to grow in concentric circles out from where we are now."

Hot and Now has 58 locations in Michigan, four in Indiana and eight in Wisconsin.

"The southeastern part of Michigan is one of the areas we haven't penetrated yet and we hope to as a result of this show," said Warren.

All but a couple of the restaurants are "drive-thru" which keeps operating costs and overhead low. There is no playground. They are easier to staff, according to Warren, and whereas a Wendy's would require 12 to 14 people at lunchtime, Hot and Now only needs a staff of seven or eight.

"We are very value and quality driven," Warren said, "which gives us a big advantage over the competitors."

The target market is 18 to 35 year old males. It's not light fare. There is no salad menu or kids meals. It's burgers and fries.

The franchise price is \$450,000 to \$600,000 depending on the real estate costs, according to Warren. Hot and Now are half company-owned and half franchisee-owned.

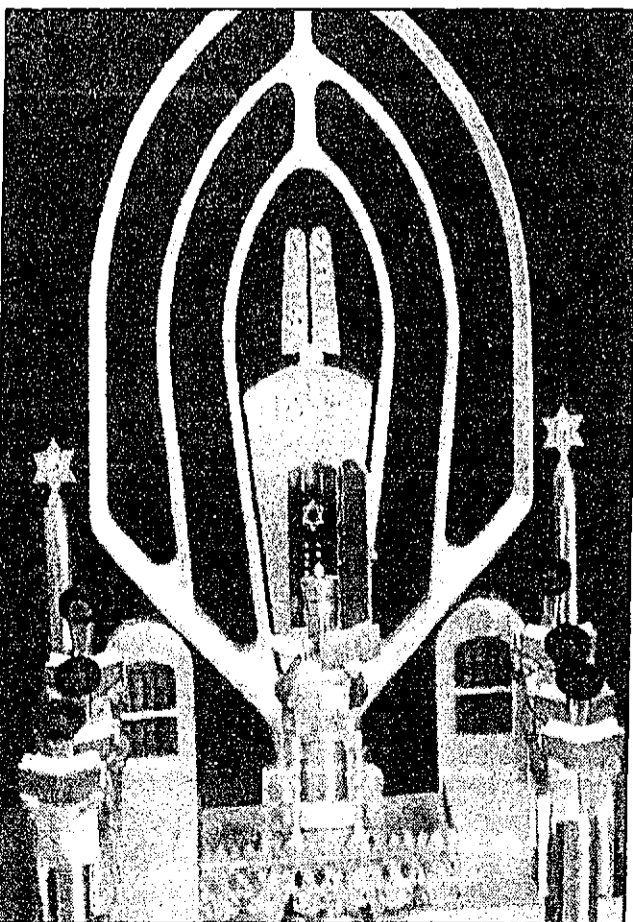


Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Henry Friedman, whose work above was the winner at the Juried Fine Art Show, returns to address group.

Artist to address group at dinner

Choralaires to provide entertainment

The Sixth Annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition winner will be the guest speaker at a New Horizons dinner on Friday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

The Novi Choralaires will perform a light medley of songs.

Henry Friedman, whose spiritually-inspired, metal sculpture "SHOFAR" which depicts rabbits at worship, won the Juror's Choice Award at the First Presbyterian Church's "Sharing the Gift Within You" art show in October.

Following dinner, Friedman will talk on "The Art Walk of Henry Friedman and his Experience of Holocaust."

The community is invited to attend this special evening presentation. Tickets for the catered dinner, which will include chicken cordon blue with rice, garden salad, rolls, dessert and beverage, are \$15. Friedman is a Holocaust survivor and an active retiree from the Robotics Division of General Motors. Friedman's knowledge of metal working is now combined with his creativity.

Working in his home studio in West Bloomfield, Friedman creates unique metal sculpture pieces each of which may required eight to 12 months to

complete. Friedman joins the individual, handmade elements by a special and difficult silver soldering process.

Friedman says that his extra time is evenly divided between his metal sculpture and speaking to individuals and groups about the Holocaust. Friedman's highly acclaimed work is widely shown, most recently at the 1998 exhibition "Celebrate Life" at the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

The Novi Choralaires will perform a light melody of songs featuring "The Lion King" and "Beauty and the Beast" as well as holiday selections.

The Novi Choralaires are a 49-member, auditioned choir with members from surrounding communities. Their Christmas concert schedule includes performances at area church on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 with the proceeds to go to the After School Recreation Program which gives Novi students ages 10 to 14 activities and homework help after school.

The Northville First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East Main Street in Northville.

For reservations, or more information, call the Northville First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911.

NEW HORIZONS DINNER

Speaker: Artist Henry Friedman
Entertainment: Novi Choralaires

Date: Friday, Nov. 20
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15

Open to the community.

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Church is active with programs and activities

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Fall has been a busy time for those at the Church of the Holy Cross. Church activities have included an annual picnic, an outdoor service which Sunday confirmation classes have conducted for young people, and teachings on the life of the church for those who wished to brush up on the history of those who wish to join the church.

Bible study will begin in the near future. Suggestions are being taken regarding content. Sunday school classes have resumed following a special Holy Cross Day service. The classes meet at 11 a.m. under the direction of Mary Alice Brunner.

The church has a program in which those having birthdays or an anniversary contribute to a special fund for St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

The church family also participated in the recent CROP Walk. Later in the month, church members joined with other congregations to observe the 7th annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. The focus of this program is to encourage churches to get involved in child care and after school programs.

A very special service was held in October to celebrate Father Harding's 25th anniversary at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake. The program was held at Wok Community Center and the theme was "A Wing and A Prayer." Father Harding not only is Vicar at

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The walk begins on Market Street between Fire Station No. 1 and Vic's Market and ends at Harmon Auto Glass. In addition to toys, new unwrapped games or books will be accepted. These gifts will be given to a child who might go without a holiday this year. Everyone is encouraged to come for an evening of fun, food, music and the tree-lighting ceremony. This event is being brought to the community by Local Color, Harmon Auto Glass, the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the City of Novi, JCR & Associates, Panera Bread, the Liner Company and Singh Development. For additional information, contact the Chamber at 949-3743.

Tickets are already available for the 1998 Holiday Raffle. Tickets will cost \$100 each and only 100 will be sold. The drawing will be held at the holiday luncheon Dec. 15 at the DoubleTree Inn in Novi. Tickets are available through the Chamber office. First prize will be a \$5,000 shopping spree. Second prize will be a night for two at the Hotel Barotique. Third prize will be Sweets Dreams at the DoubleTree Inn.

The coming meeting of the Girl Scouts will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, under the direction of

Janice Church, Neighborhood Service Unit Director. Matters on the agenda include planning for upcoming events including the annual Bake Sale, to raise money for needy families in the Novi area. This will be held in conjunction with the annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 7 at city hall. The Orchard Hills troops, under the direction of Cathy Haugen, will have more information. On Jan. 29, Novi Meadows troops under the direction of Dianne Perreault will be prepared for the Pink Pinewood Derby. In the spring, a dance has been planned by Village Oaks and Middle School leaders. Also in the spring will be the annual leader/volunteer appreciation program, under the direction of Marilyn Krok of Parkway. Another event in the spring will be the annual Plan and Grow program, headed up by Anne Wuerth and Nancy Zarlo, cooperating with the Beautification Committee.

A report will be heard from Sandra Kern on a very successful hayride at Greenfield Village last Saturday. Two hundred sixty three girls participated, accompanied by 151 adults. The evening included not only a horse-driven hayride but also a bonfire with village staff, who told stories and led in songs. Later, the girls were taught clogging and line dancing. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts

were served.

Gay Siden, who is the new registrar this year, indicates there are 470 girls involved in scouting, with 330 moms who have signed up to help. In the leadership capacity are 63 with 32 co-leaders. Daisy troops have 24 girls and 17 adults. Brownies have 42 girls, 31 adults with first graders; 71 girls, 36 adults with second graders; 125 girls and 97 adults with third graders. In the seventh grade, there are seven girls registered with seven adults. In the eighth grade there are eight girls and six adults with one senior girl scout in the 11th grade.

In juniors, in the fourth grade, there are 87 girls and 54 adults. In the fifth grade there are 68 girls and 51 adults. In the sixth grade there are 37 girls and 29 adults.

Another new program is Volunteer Horticulture. Gatzke is looking for volunteers who have a green thumb to take the Horticulture Cart to one wing at a time. Perhaps four different people will share the responsibility on different days.

There is a need for hanging plants like Speachard Philodendron, Swedish Ivy, Spider Plants, or indoor flower pots all sizes. Table or window sill plants such as Burro's Tail, Cast Iron Plants, Chinese Evergreen and prayer plants are also needed. Macrame plant holders are also needed. Call Gatzke at 477-2000 for more information.

ing in the hydration program (filling water pitchers); the Adopt a Grandparent project; help with the feeding program; or helping with an upcoming "Strolling Store" project.

The Novi Lions Club recently donated money to purchase a strolling cart that would bring personal items and stationery to the residents' rooms. This project has already been renamed by the residents as "The Rainbow Store." Several residents went shopping last week for items to stock the store. The name was suggested by Laurette Vezina.

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Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

Church Notes

The Gay Spiritual Support Group will meet at the NORTHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Eight Mile and Tait roads in Northville, on Monday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in the lounge. Parking is available in the upper lot, which is closest to the lounge.

Curt Cloninger, nationally known actor and writer, will perform at the FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, located at I-275 and Eight Mile Road in Northville, on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. Cloninger uses comedy and dramatic skills to present theological entertainment which moves people to see and feel the good news of God in fresh and creative ways. Free admission and childcare. For details, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, will present a "Walk Thru the Old Testament" seminar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The international seminar uses interactive learning techniques to help people absorb and remember key characters, geography and major themes of the Old Testament. Separate seminars will be held for adults (seventh grade and up) and children (age 5 through sixth grade), making this a great family activity. Fees are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and includes all materials. Participants may bring a sack lunch for the mid-day break. For information, call the church at (734) 453-5280.

The Fine Arts Series at the NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street in Northville, will close its 1998 concert series with its annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The Northville Concert Chorale will perform the chorus sections and will be accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. The Northville Concert Chorale is open to any singer who wishes to participate. The Chorale rehearses each Monday in November from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Interested singers may call the church at (248) 349-0911 for more information.

The new Botsford Hospital Congregational Health Partnership with Northville Presbyterian Church, continues its series of free lectures with Who Will Decide When You Can't? on Sunday, Nov. 15 or Wednesday, Nov. 18; Ethics in Decision About Death on Sunday, Nov. 22 in the Forum Room, of the church - Sundays, 11 a.m.-noon; Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Faith, Caring and Coping Series is sponsored by Adult Life Ministry of First Presbyterian Church and is in cooperation with Botsford Hospital Congregational Health Partnership. You may call First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911 to make a reservation.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship follows the service. Other courses are Meditation, Bible Class, Unity Basics and the Arts and Living Spiritual Awareness NOW small groups meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. through Nov. 23. The Women in Unity meets from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Library on Saturday. All women are invited regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or

check out the web site at www.ortwest.com.

The Men's Fellowship group at WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, invites men in the community to the November men's breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 8 a.m. Colonel Steve Hanson, U.S. Marine Corps (retired) will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Christ in Desert Storm." A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 8 p.m.

For details, call (248) 374-5956.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL

CHURCH, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, Sunday School is held during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service.

Please call the church office weekdays at (248) 349-1175 between 9 a.m. and noon for additional information.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and conversation follows. Contemporary worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 477-6286.

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

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

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

Hope has added a new weekly contemporary service at 9:45 a.m. The service will feature a wide range of music styles, drama, dance and spoken liturgies.

Other Sunday worship services are at 8:15 and 11 a.m. These services offer a blend of traditional and contemporary elements. All three services will include the weekly celebration of Holy Communion. There is a Family Learning Hour at 9:45 a.m.

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



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Leading the group

Northville Woman's Club officers Betty Allen, Lemmon, president; Jackie Payne, corresponding secretary; and Ann Clarke, treasurer, all attended the club's opening luncheon.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Former presidents

Northville Woman's Club past presidents who were recognized at the club's opening luncheon are, from left, Georgianna Chase, Ruth

May Atchison, Jean Day Cause, Evelyn Harper, Marge Bolton, Geraldine Mills and Marian Picki.

Poet to sign copies of her latest book

Poet Cynthia Holt Cummings will be at the Changing Seasons on Sunday, Nov. 22, from noon until 5 p.m. to sign copies of her books. Her first book of poetry was published on a challenge from her husband after her early Christmas verse was consolidated and printed as their holiday greeting card for 1979. Cummings now has seven other books, including three teddy bear stories, in print. They are illustrated by a

variety of artists. Cummings, who served as an Army nurse during World War II, has lived in the Birmingham, Mich., area since 1948, with her husband. Their son's family lives nearby.

The Changing Seasons, which is owned by Lynn Paquette, is located at 149 E. Main Street in Northville. Paquette has decorated the shop for the holidays featuring both traditional and innovative



Cynthia Holt Cummings
decorating techniques.

Reunions

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call (148) 366-9493.

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

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

LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27, Call Cheryl at (248) 305-5229.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1979, 20-year reunion, Aug. 7, 1999, Holiday Inn-West, Livonia. Call (734) 397-8766.

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

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1949 is planning a 50-year reunion. Call George Donohue at (313) 274-3214.

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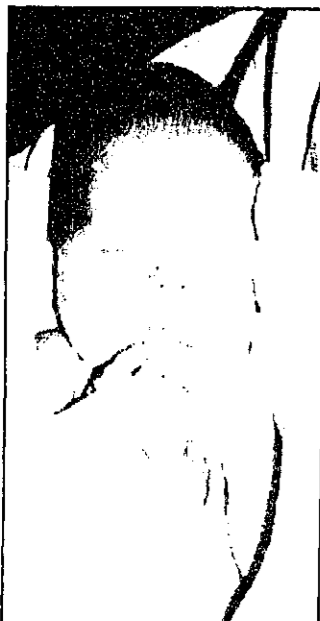
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Births



Noah Christian Taylor

Nicole and Mark Taylor of Wixom announce the birth of their son, **NOAH CHRISTIAN**, on Aug. 27, 1998 at Huron Valley Hospital. Noah weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 and a half inches long. The newborn has one sibling, Joshua, who is three and a half years old. Grandparents are Ruth Laeffler of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Novi; Earl and Dorothy Laeffler of Sterling Heights; and Jeanette Lester of Wixom.

Wyatt James Mitzel

Rob and Heidi Mitzel of Novi announce the birth of their son, **WYATT JAMES**, on Oct. 19, 1998 in Detroit. Wyatt weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Grandparents are Roy and Linda Mitzel and Darrel and Helen Sarkinens.

Kudos

DAVID OWENS, a senior at Novi High School, was presented the Ad Altare Dei Award on Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township by Father Joseph Malla. The goal of this nine-month religious program which is designed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boy Scouts of the Catholic Faith, is to help the youth develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. David passed his Board of Review for the Ad Altare Dei on Sept. 30 and was approved for the award by the Archdiocese of Detroit. David's counselor for the award was John Vargo of Wixom and his sponsor was the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 11811 of Novi.



David Owens

David is active in Novi's Boy Scout Troop 407 where he achieved Eagle Scout rank on Aug. 8, 1995. He has earned seven Eagle Palms, which is unprecedented in any Novi area troop, 50 merit badges, and the World Conservation Award. He is a member of the Scouting service organization Order of the Arrow. He has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scout Master, and is currently an Assistant Scout Master.

After graduation, David is planning to attend college, remain active in Scouting, and continue working at Vir's World Class Market in Novi.

David received the Timothy Youth Appreciation Award on April 26 from the Archdiocese in recognition of his contributions as a Catholic youth at St. Kenneth Church.

He attended the USA National Jamboree held in 1997 near Washington, D.C.

David has also been active in his parish community. He has been an usher at St. Kenneth for three years, a Master of Ceremonies, and participates in several other programs.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m. On Nov. 12 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. Single Place will continue "In's and Out's of Romantic Love" with Larry Kersten. The open forum topics will be "Holidays, Blues or Bliss" on Nov. 12 and "Friendly or Flirtatious?" on Nov. 19, both with Sandy Havmann at 8 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4. On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville. A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

Upcoming events include Dinner at Ground Round Restaurant on Nov. 14 followed by a movie at AMC Movie Theater, and Pot Luck Dinner and Games Night on Nov. 28. For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 319-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

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

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

Outdoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Rotary Park in Livonia. A \$1 donation is suggested. Outdoor tennis is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Biking will be held every Saturday at 11 a.m. at various locations. Helmet is mandatory.

Ward Cancer 2000 Seminars are for those overcoming the physical and spiritual challenges of cancer led by Dr. Manuel Valdivieso, director of Oakwood Cancer Center of Excellence, and Ward's pastoral staff, will be held on six Sundays through Nov. 8 from 6 to 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room C317.

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

CHRISTIAN SINGLES TODAY, a ministry of for Christian singles of all ages, holds weekly meetings each Saturday from 7 until 11 p.m. at the Church of the Savior, 38100 Five Mile Road near Newburgh Road in Livonia. Call Rev. Dwight Fisher at (810) 274-4670 for more information.

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

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile for euchre, pinocle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

The group meets for volleyball every Tuesday. Upcoming events include the Grill at the Ritz on Nov. 12; Single Coalition Benefit Dance on Nov. 13; and Fox and Hounds on Nov. 19.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (218) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org.

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES, is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call Church of the Holy Family in Novi at (248) 349-8847.

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

Events in this area include a Barn Dance on Nov. 14 in Milford; and St. John Neumann Charity Benefit Dance on Nov. 28 in Canton. For details call (248) 588-1091.

DIVORCECARE divorce recovery support group meets at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills each Tuesday at 7 p.m. Child care will be provided through the fifth grade. For more information, call (248) 476-0080.

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

Franchise show comes to Expo

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Hot and Now was founded by Bill VanDamen in Kalamazoo 15 years ago.

"I grew pretty quick in the western part of state, then into Lansing and Jackson," Warren said. "Pepsi bought the chain several years ago and tried to grow it too quickly."

Pepsi sold to a private owner a year and a half ago and it has once again seen steady growth, according to Warren.

"We opened four stores this year, and two more are under construction," Warren said. "The key thing is finding quality locations."

Business owner glad she's on board

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in the door." The owners take the garbage out and wash the floors.

"We basically do as much as the kids do," she said.

Sometimes Bermingham is behind the counter for six hours and with the Christmas season coming up she, like the other owners, are prepared to be there all day.

"Otherwise you don't know how the business is running," she said. Bermingham said that they have a good relationship with the other mall employees. She has made a lot of friends and enjoys the regular customers.

"You have to be a people person that is the number one rule," said Bermingham if you want to be successful.

"I loved the fact that it was a Michigan-based company," said Bermingham, who is from England. "This country has been espe-

cially good to me. I felt local to Michigan. I liked the fact that the Coffee Beryery was founded by a woman."

Because they are Michigan based, if Bermingham runs out of a product, she can drive to Farmington where the company headquarters and warehouse is located.

"I don't want to deal with a company that is in Arizona or California that doesn't even know where their companies are."

Bermingham said it has been an unbelievable learning experience for her but she has no regrets.

"I wish I had gotten into this business earlier," she said. "My husband encouraged me. He knew I always wanted my own business. He said 'go for it, what have you got to lose?'"

Bermingham, and her husband, Michael, have lived in Northville for 30 years.

"It is very exciting, very challenging, very rewarding," she said.

Students in kindergarten through grade five will be presenting the musical program "The Gift of Song" to residents of Allen Terrace in Livonia.

Carol Kirtner from the Michigan Humane Society visited in October. After her presentation, she left the school with a van filled with bins with supplies for the animals, as well as monetary donations from the school's families.

The school's Santa Store will be open on the morning of Nov. 21. It is an opportunity for the students to buy holiday gifts "in secret" and have them gift wrapped.



Photo by JOHNNY HEDDER

Heading for the holidays

The Novi Choralaires are rehearsing for their Christmas concerts. Performances will be on Dec. 4 at Farmington Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River in Farmington; at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 6 at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi at 4 p.m. The Novi Choralaires are a 49-member, auditioned choir with members from surrounding communities. This year's concert's profits will be given to the After School

Recreation Program which gives Novi students ages 10 to 14 activities and homework help after school. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$6 for seniors and children and may be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi or at the door. This year's selections will include "Frosty the Snowman," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," an excerpt from "Messiah," as well as "Bring a Torch" and some new surprise pieces. For details, call (248) 347-0400.

School News

WILLIAM ALLAN ACADEMY

Students at William Allan Academy returned to the same location at Eight Mile Road adjacent to Macquay State Park when the school year began on Sept. 8. But they were expecting a new look, indeed.

In October the Regulegation and Kinder garden classes went to Ewen Orchards to learn all about growing apples and making cider. When they got back to the school, they made apple sauce. The third, fourth and fifth grades took a field trip to the Board Nature Center.

Students in kindergarten through grade five

will be presenting the musical program "The Gift of Song" to residents of Allen Terrace in Livonia.

Carol Kirtner from the Michigan Humane Society visited in October. After her presentation, she left the school with a van filled with bins with supplies for the animals, as well as monetary donations from the school's families.

The school's Santa Store will be open on the morning of Nov. 21. It is an opportunity for the

students to buy holiday gifts "in secret" and have them gift wrapped.

William Allan students entered the Northville Township Centennial Committee's holiday greeting card contest. The design of one of our fifth graders, Christopher Nelson, won first place. Elie Rose, a fourth grader, was runner-up. Christopher received a gift basket of art supplies donated by Meijer, and the school received a \$100 gift certificate for art supplies. -Barbara Latz

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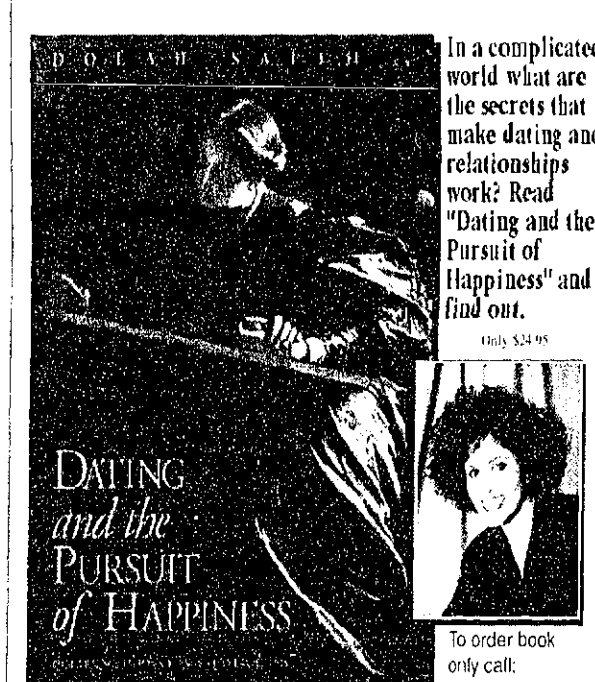
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Pulling off the upset



Photos by John Heider

Far left: Novi fans cheer for their team during the state final game on Saturday. Left: Joe Hart and Frank Rabum respond to the crowd after Novi's second goal. Below: Alan Lyskawa finishes the ball past a Brighton defender.



4-0!

Novi's shutout victory over Brighton helps make the Wildcats' first-ever state soccer title even sweeter

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Dreams of the first state soccer championship in school history became reality Saturday afternoon for the Novi Wildcats.

Coach Ryan O'Leary's team demolished Brighton 4-0 in the most lopsided state final game in 17 years while putting the final touches on the most remarkable season in Wildcat history.

The team scored two goals in each half, all by different players. Brent Pawlak and Matt Maier scored 29 seconds apart midway through the first half, giving the team a commanding 2-0 lead. Pawlak's goal came 1:55 into the game and was assisted by Joe Hart. Joe Irimescu picked up the assist on Maier's goal.

The team made the strength of its defense the rest of the game, making only minor adjustments against a team it had already beaten twice this year.

"We talked at halftime, but we didn't want to change too much," O'Leary said. "We executed all our options. It was 2-0 at the half, we didn't need to play any differently."

The score would stay that way until Irimescu tied the game with a goal 7:20 into the second half. Lyskawa found Irimescu heading toward the goal and the junior beat Brighton goalie Kevin Small.

Putting the final touches on the win, Ryan Rozpis headed in a Doug Gibson through-the-pass with 10:42 remaining to make it 4-0.

The win was Novi's third of the year against Brighton. The Cats swept Brighton in the regular season for just the second time in school history.

"We very much understood how they got to where they were," the coach said. "Earlier

in the season, when we beat them 2-2, their defense was weak. But it has improved throughout the year and we were very well prepared and knew what to expect."

The shutout was Novi goalie Rusty Herb's 14th of the season, and fifth in six state tournament games.

"It came up phenomenal in the state tournament," Irimescu said of his goal. "At the beginning of the year we didn't know how good he was, but he came up larger than anyone expected."

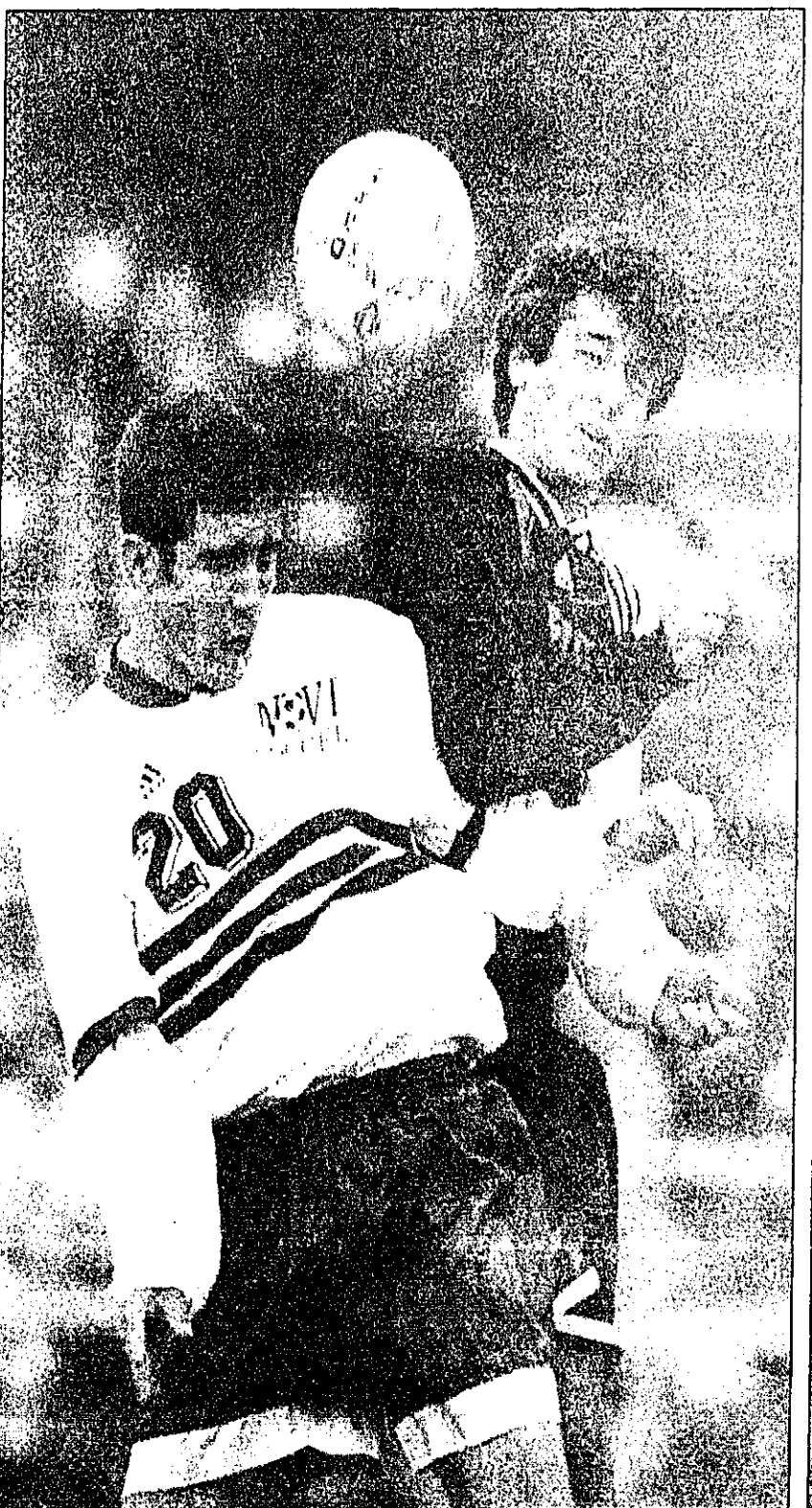
O'Leary credited his entire defense, along with Herb's for his team's 19-4 dominance in six tournament games.

"Our defense was the most underestimated area in terms of Rusty in goal, Matt [Smith] my sweeper, and Doug [Gibson] and Frank [Rabum] as my outside defenders," O'Leary stated. "The four of them worked so well together. They all had great chemistry."

Novi finished 22-1-1 and along the way accomplished some feats never before seen by area soccer fanatics. The team finished a perfect 12-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) and allowed just seven goals in 24 games this season. The team's lone loss came to Livonia Churchill, which happens to be O'Leary's alma mater.

"My senior year at Churchill (1987) we were ranked number one all year long, but we lost in the state playoffs," O'Leary said. "I learned a lot from that because we lost, not only in soccer, but because of other things off the field. I took everything I learned from that and used it to help us win this year."

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Novi's Alan Lyskawa goes up for a header against a Bulldog opponent.



Left: Head coach Brian O'Leary barks instructions to his team from the sidelines. Above: Brent Pawlak takes the ball into Brighton territory. Pawlak scored one of the four Wildcat goals. Top: Kevin Callender gets a hug from teammate Joe Irimescu as the Wildcats celebrate their victory over Brighton to earn the state championship.

Echols earns all-state honors

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

On a day where record times were falling left and right, a trio of Novi runners were posting their own best times at the state cross country championships in Brookton last Saturday.

Kristin Echols, Alaina Chipponeri and Brittany Albright all earned personal-best times, and Echols earned all-state honors in the process.

Echols finished 21st overall in a time of 18 minutes, 43 seconds, shattering her previous best time by 50 seconds. The top 25 runners earn all state honors and receive medals.

"She was just outstanding," her coach Norm Norgren said. "She started a little back, but came out and ran real strong. She was exactly where I wanted her to be."

Finishing first among Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) runners, as she did at the conference meet, Echols was fourth among individual runners in the race.

Rochester Adams' sophomore Katie Boyles won the race in a course-record time of 17:51. It was her second-straight state championship.

Rockford ran away with the team title, scoring just 25 points. The Rams had four of the top six finishers. Brighton was the top KVC team with an eighth-place finish. South Lyon was 22nd over-

all. The conditions were perfect and the Class A race featured 38 girls who finished in under 19 minutes. The boys' winner, Jason Hart of Rockford, won his race in a course-record time of 14:51.

Chipponeri, in what her coach called an off day, finished 115th overall. However, she did turn in a personal-best time of 19:49 at the Michigan International Speedway course.

"She just came up a little flat that day," Norgren said. "She had sat out for six weeks until the regional meet the week before and I think she gave everything she had at that meet. She wasn't quite up to snuff, but it was nothing to be ashamed of."

"She is one of just three girls to run on the varsity team all four years and the only one to run at the state meet four years in a row."

In her first state meet, Albright posted her best time ever (20:01), good enough for a 120th-place finish. One of the most improved runners on this year's team, Albright improved nearly four minutes in every big meet this season.

"She really wanted to be on the varsity team," Norgren said. "She worked hard in the off season to improve herself."

Novi loses seven seniors from this year's team, but returns a



Sophomore Brittany Albright finished 129th overall in 20:01.

Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Slew of talent next year. Among those seniors graduating are Chipponeri, Sarah Hlesip, Erin McQuinn, Ann Marie Hardin, Mary DeLeon, Melissa Kucharczyk and Jackie Trevisan.

Swimmers runnerup to Brighton at KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's top notch talent just wasn't enough to pull the Wildcats through at the Kensington Valley Conference swim meet last Saturday in Howell.

The Cats (187 points) finished runner-up to league champion Brighton (223), and ahead of Howell (199) and South Lyon (169). Novi won nine of 12 events, but the Bulldogs' superior depth helped them earn the conference title.

"No doubt about it, the key was their depth," Novi coach Larry Teahan said. "There were some places where we just didn't have enough depth to win."

The next second the top 12 swimmers in each event, and the relay events scored double. Almost every event pitted Novi against Brighton in the finals (top six spots).

One of the more successful events for the Cats was the 200 individual medley. Andrea Yocum won the race in a time of 2 minutes, 15.33 seconds. Kristy Vermillion was second (2:17.94) and Kaysta Lynch was fourth overall (2:20.92).

Another good event for Novi was the 500 freestyle, where three girls placed in the finals. Kristina Ulley was first (5:13.15) while teammates Lindsey Vermillion and

Lacie Niner were fourth and fifth.

The medley relay team of Lindsey Vermillion, Yocum, Amy Hartland and Emily Nier set a school record by winning the event in 1:51.49.

Benny Jet, Gley, Kristy Vermillion, Lynch and Hartland topped the school record and earned all-American consideration in the 400 freestyle relay. The team won the event in 3:43.05.

"Brighton is good in this event and we thought they'd take it to us," Teahan said. "Brighton's Danielle Ward edged out Ulley in the first leg, but from there our girls took over."

Making it three for three in the relay events, Novi also won the 200 freestyle relay. Nier, Ulley, Yocum and Kristy Vermillion teamed up to win the event in a time of 1:43.42.

The winning didn't stop there, though. Hartland was first in the 100 butterfly (1:00.78) and Nier was third in the same event (1:03.50). Novi had six swimmers in this event.

Ulley and Niner were first and fourth in the 200 freestyle. Ulley had a season-best time of 1:57.46 and Niner swam a 2:08.6.

The Cats finished 1-2 in both the 100 backstroke

and 100 freestyle. Lynch met her state cut in winning the backstroke competition. She swam a 1:02.85, ahead of teammate Lindsey Vermillion. Yocum and Hartland were first and second in the 100 freestyle. Yocum swam a 1:09.34 and Hartland posted a 1:10.36.

Kristy Vermillion was runner-up in the 100 freestyle (1:05.11), an event Brighton dominated. Novi was third in the 50 freestyle, another event dominated by the Bulldogs.

The divers took second and fourth overall. Lacie Clark was fourth with 287 points.

"We're going to do this to our girls at the state meet," Teahan said of swimming in back-to-back events. "We had quite a few girls swimming on short rest."

The state meet will be held at Eastern Michigan University Nov. 20. Novi has qualified swimmers in 10 of 14 events and three divers will compete in the diving preliminaries next Tuesday.

Last year's state meet was first and from what I've seen at Oakland County and other meets, it's going to be even fiercer this year," Teahan said.

Novi eliminated in KVC with loss

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

With last Thursday's 41-40 loss to Howell, the Novi basketball team was officially eliminated from the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) race.

Milford topped Lakeland and was 9-2 going into Tuesday night's game with Brighton. Novi played Lakeland for sole possession of third place (after The Novi News' deadline).

Against the Highlanders, Novi had a couple of chances to pull even, but fell just short. With 0:28 left, a Novi shot missed out and several players scrambled after the rebound. Kristin Kearney came up with the ball, but was called for traveling.

The Wildcats were forced to foul and Howell sank its free throws down the stretch.

"Our effort was tremendous," coach Dennis Cichowski said. "It came down to whoever was going to have the ball the last few possessions and take care of it. On most game nights, our effort would have been good enough to win."

Junior center Kristen McGinnis scored 15 points to lead the Cats and Erin Quimlin added nine.

Novi 51, BERKLEY 42

Coming off a tough loss to How-

ell, the entire team helped pick itself up in this non-conference win.

All 14 players on the team played and scored to lead Novi (6-5 KVC, 11-8).

The Cats came out a little sluggish, but outscored the Bears 23-23 in the middle two stanzas.

"They were a quick, scrappy team. They ran their offense well and did a good job rebounding," Cichowski said of his players.

McGinnis was again the leading scorer for Novi with seven points.

"We distributed the playing time evenly," the coach said. "Some players had been practicing really hard and I wanted to give them the chance to play. It also allowed us to look at who we had with the districts coming up."

District action will start Monday at Plymouth Canton High School. The host Chiefs will take on Livonia Churchill in Monday's lone game.

The winner of that game will take on Northville in one semifinal while Plymouth Salem and Novi square off in the other half of the draw. That game will be played at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday (Nov. 18). The other semifinal will be played immediately afterwards.

The team's confidence, along with its experience and teamwork played key roles in their state championship run.

"We knew we were going to be good for a long time coming," said senior forward Derek Orzekian. "I think one we beat Canton. I knew this was for real."

The Wildcats had lost to Canton the previous two years in the playoffs, but topped the Chiefs in the regular season this year.

"I think this definitely got us the recognition we deserved," Irimescu said. "A couple of years ago we had a really good team and nobody really talked about them. I think this really makes the KVC look good."

"We never got cocky, but we never got too nervous either," Smith said. "We knew that if we played our game, we'd win. We were confident in our own abilities."

O'Leary said prior to this championship, statewide people had never heard of Novi in terms of its soccer.

"I still feel, to this day, that every single game up to the state championship game, we were underestimated by people," he said. "This will definitely improve the look people have about the KVC. People really learned this year that Novi, Brighton and even Hartland can play with anybody out there."

The title was the school's second state championship in three hours. The boys' cross country team also took home a state championship earlier in the day.

"The overall feeling of the team is that we're very proud of what the team did this year, but they don't think of it as one season," O'Leary said. "This was four years of hard work."

"This group of kids have always been willing to do anything for this team."

And the result, a state championship, statewide people had

Hot Picks

The staff at the Northwest Record and News News will be putting their soccer knowledge to work for you. Each week there will also be one guest trying to outpick the editors.

Jason Schmitt	Bob Jackson	Chris Davis	Mike Malott	John Heider	Kelly Schuler
Wisconsin at Michigan	Michigan	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Michigan	Michigan
Purdue at MSU	MSU	MSU	Purdue	MSU	MSU
Nebraska at Kansas St.	Nebraska	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Nebraska
Denver at Kansas City (Mon)	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
New England at Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	New England	New England	Buffalo
San Francisco at Atlanta	San Francisco	San Francisco	Atlanta	Atlanta	San Francisco
Chicago at Detroit	Detroit	Chicago	Chicago	Detroit	Detroit
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Health Column

Really check liver function tests

Chronic liver disease is now the eighth leading cause of death in the United States.

The major culprits are hepatitis C, hepatitis B and alcohol use. Congenital, metabolic, autoimmune and drug induced conditions are also important contributors.

In its early stages, liver disease is often insidious, silently and progressively destroying the organ, months or even years before symptoms appear. The morbidity and mortality associated with hepatic dysfunction is preventable if the conditions are recognized before irreversible damage has occurred. Diagnosing viral hepatitis is even more urgent because of the risk of transmission to others.

Some of the high-risk patients include:

- 1) Blood transfusion.
- 2) History of hemodialysis.
- 3) Patients with history of organ transplants.
- 4) History of hemophilia.

- 5) Patients with tattoos or body piercing.
- 6) Intravenous and intranasal drug users.
- 7) Multiple sex partners.
- 8) Excessive alcohol intake.
- 9) Hepatotoxic drug use.

Identifying patients with liver disease, which is often asymptomatic, is a challenge for physicians. Certain occupations may represent a risk for liver disease. For example, exposure to dry cleaning chemicals, textile and dye manufacturing and painting. These workers may present asymptotically even though chronic liver injury from chemical exposure is well under way. Screening should be done with patients who are actively exposed to hepatotoxins.

Furthermore, due to the risk of congenital transmission, all pregnant women should be tested for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg). Also, physicians, dentists, nurses, laboratory

technicians and others exposed to blood or body fluids are at increased risk for viral hepatitis. In addition, it is important to assess for a family history of liver disease because a number of conditions are genetic in origin. Lastly, some systemic diseases can affect the liver. For example, liver disease has been noted in patients with sickle cell disease.

In conclusion, when considering the results of liver function tests, it's important to look closely at any lab value above the upper limit of normal. Slight elevations and elevations within the upper limits of normal should be repeated. Even seemingly trivial abnormalities may be significant.

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Health Notes

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 Well Child Clinic

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.

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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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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.

Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

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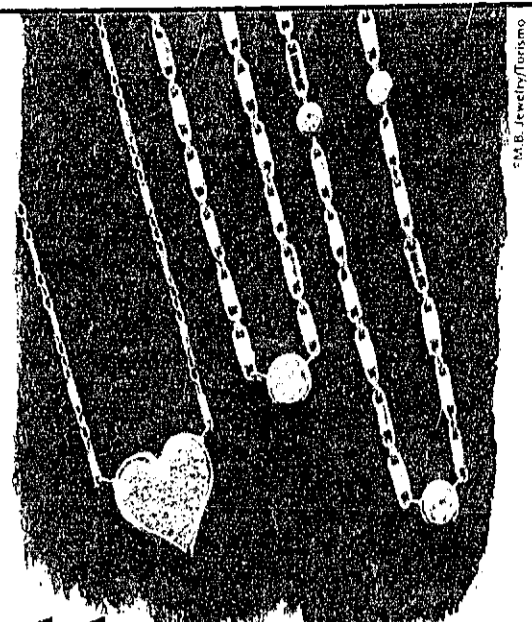
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Managing Your Blood Pressure

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