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## Cuts eyed for senior housing

By JAN JEFFRIES  
 Staff Writer

A publicly-financed senior citizen housing project in Novi may be set to go ahead, but on a smaller scale than earlier planned.

Monday, the Novi City Council rezoned 18.6 acres at Meadowbrook Road and Cherry Hill from single family to low-density high rise and authorized a notice of intent to sell up to \$19 million in bonds to finance the project.

"I will support this, recognizing that this may or may not be a go project. The information doesn't suggest that we can provide affordable senior housing, which is what we intended to do," Council Member Bob Schmid said.

Now under consideration is a scaled back city project, with 171 units, rather than 199.

On a waiting list for the housing are 570 seniors, 90 percent of them residents of Novi.

Projected construction costs for the project have jumped from \$12 million to \$19 million, leading to concerns that monthly rents will be too high. City Finance Director Les Gibson estimated that for every \$1 million increase in the bonds sold for the project, rent rates would need to go up \$50 per month.

Original discussion focused on rents in the \$450 to \$750 per month range.

Singh Development Company, which is also building a senior housing project, sent a letter to the city indicating that by their calculations, a senior would need an income from \$43,000 to \$48,000 to afford a rent of \$900 to \$1,000. Schmid said the city should seek to accommodate seniors with an annual income of \$18,000 to \$25,000.

"If we can't build housing for this group of people, then I think we shouldn't be in the business," he added.

Recently, the planning commission gave site plan approval for the original project, which features a 159-unit building with 82 one-bedroom apartments and 77 two-bedroom apartments. In addition,

this design calls for 40 detached ranch houses.

A revised blueprint for a \$15 million to \$16 million project would reduce the main building size by 35 percent, down to 115 units. In addition, the number of ranch houses would be increased to 56. The new plan would feature one courtyard at the main facility, rather than two.

"The ranch houses are the most desirable units. They've got independent entrances. The rent could be as much as \$1,000 to \$1,100 for a ranch," Novi Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

With more ranch houses, the smaller units could have rents down to \$500 per month or less. The Novi Building Authority, which is in charge of the project, will discuss the new design on Feb. 11. The project will then be back at the Novi City Council by its first meeting in March or earlier.

"We feel we can bring it down to where council will approve it," Klaver added.

An approved site plan is a condition for the sale for city bonds, Novi's bond attorney Dennis Neiman said. However, after issuing its notice of intent, the city can still decide not to go ahead with the project, Neiman explained.

In discussing the rezoning, Council Member Kathy Mutch wondered what would happen if the city backed of the senior housing and sold the vacant land, now rezoned for high-rise multiple.

"All I'm looking for is some assurance to people in the community that it wouldn't be on the market as a multiple-zoned site," Mutch said.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said the city would have the option of either rezoning the land back to single-family residential first or selling it with use restrictions.

While the proposed rezoning as residential-multiple-1, at Council Member Laura Lorenzo's suggestion, the council opted for residential-multiple-2. This means the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Workers try to extract a crane from a huge mud sinkhole Monday along Twelve Mile Road, west of Novi Road.

## Sticky situation

Series of mishaps plagues Twelve Mile Road

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

Twelve Mile Road was closed from 4 p.m. Monday to 4 p.m. Tuesday, due to a series of road obstructions between Beck and Novi roads.

In a period of 24-hours the road was closed while crews worked to free an excavator stuck in a sinkhole, had firefighters clean mud off the road for inspection and then had to clean wires off the road when a truck accidentally

snagged them, pulling them from their poles.

Lt. Tim McNamara, of the Novi police department, said problems for commuters began around 4 p.m. Monday when a construction company realized the earth was claiming a piece of their machinery.

On Sunday, a large excavator used by a construction crew on the north side of Twelve Mile Road got stuck in a large mud-filled sinkhole. The crew left the

\$800,000 excavator in the mud, until Monday afternoon, when they realized it was slowly sinking.

McNamara said it had already sank up to the operators cab and was still going down by the time officers arrived at the scene to help control traffic.

After six hours of tugging on the large piece of equipment with two heavy-duty tow-trucks, it finally came free. But, because of the excavator's weight, the shoulder of the road was severely torn up and

the integrity of the road was in question.

McNamara said county road inspectors were called out. Due to the darkness, heavy fog and questionable strength of the road, it was decided the road should be closed until the next morning.

"We didn't want anyone to get hurt. The number one thing is safety, always," McNamara said.

But, the next morning officials

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## City will seek pay for gas main break

By JEREMY MCBAIN  
 Staff Writer

The City of Novi is seeking payment for damages from a gas-line break at the intersection of Novi Road and Ice Arena Drive Wednesday afternoon.

The company responsible may

also be fined for failing to get a right-of-way permit before digging. The permit is required by city ordinances.

The gas-line break shut the area off from traffic and tied up city police and fire crews from 4:30 p.m. Wednesday until 2 a.m.

Thursday.

According to the Novi Police, the break was caused by an engineering firm subcontracted by Detroit Edison. The subcontractor was boring under Novi Road when some digging equipment struck and broke the gas line.

The contractor was boring under Novi Road to run a power cable to a sign for the Novi Sports Club and the Novi Ice Arena.

To repair the gas main, Novi Road was shut down from Nine Mile Road to Ten Mile Road. Resi-

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## Judge Barry Howard: 'Those are the consequences'

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard says he doesn't like angering his own constituents by adding to their tax bills through a \$40 million judgment against the city of Novi.

But he has to call them the way he sees them.

Howard ruled heavily against the City of Novi recently in a lawsuit brought by Sandstone Associates over the failure of a development known as The Vistas, along Decker south of Thirteen Mile. He awarded the sum after concluding the city had "created a policy and pattern of delay" with the development and that it engaged in a "vindictive struggle ... to 'beat' plaintiff."

The award is based on a governmental "taking" of the land, due to Howard's conclusion that access was blocked to the parcel, and the developer's lost profits. The judgment may add \$100 to the tax bills of Novi homeowners for the next 10 to 15 years, according to city officials.

Howard answered questions in an interview in his offices last week with Novi News staff members Mike Malott, Jan Jeffries and Jeremy McBain. Prior to the interview, Howard explained he is restricted in what he can say about the case by Judicial Canon, prohibiting him from talking about

matters he may have to rule on in the future.

**News:** We'll fire off our questions because we've got quite a few. You tell us what you can answer, and if a question is out of bounds, just let us know that.

**Howard:** I explained ... in this interview, there are things that I can do and there are things that I can't do. One of the things that I can do is I can explain the opinion based upon what it said. I can give ... general systemic information about how a court runs. I cannot however talk about

the pending case strategies, those things that may have an impact upon future decisions.

**News:** I think the first question on the minds of Novi taxpayers, since they will likely end up paying something on the order of \$100 per home for multiple years - perhaps as high as 10, I've heard estimates as high as 20 - is they are looking for some justification for how they end up holding the bag for a development that failed. Can you provide them with that explanation of how they're responsible for that development failing?

**Howard:** The opinion deals with the ability of a city to take and to follow its own rules and decisions made by the elected officials. And when the city's officials do not follow the law, those are the consequences.

**News:** OK, so it's the responsibility of the city officials. And (voters) are responsible for putting the proper city officials in place to protect them from such judgments.

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A special section ...



## Brateman named person of the year

By JAN JEFFRIES  
 Staff Writer

As a commercial real estate broker, Jonathan Brateman could be working in a big firm.

Instead, he prefers to go it on his own, which gives him the freedom to pursue outside interests.

"I like being my own boss. I like to pick the types of projects that I want to work with. I have the autonomy to do the things that I want to do," he said.

Among them are starring in his own cable TV show, "People Who Make Things Happen" and from what his friends say, he can include himself in that category. Brateman's the winner of the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 1998 Small Businessperson Of The Year Award.

Country Epicure owner Karen Anglosante, a friend and busi-

ness associate, said she nominated Brateman because of his community spirit.

"He's like Mr. Pro Novi. He's like the most pro- Novi person I ever met in my life. He's just a class act," she added.

"He's honorable, he's got a lot of integrity. He's nice, he's complimentary. He's honest. He's got a heart of gold, he'll do anything for you."

Anglosante may call Brateman Mr. Pro Novi, but he got his start in the business world in his hometown, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He worked in a men's clothing store owned by his father and decided he liked sales, but wanted out of retail.

Fourteen years ago, he entered the field of commercial real estate.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 18 Jonathan Brateman has received Small Business honors.

## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, February 4

#### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lymbright at 390-9500.

#### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

### Monday, February 8

#### Library Board

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

### Tuesday, February 9

#### Civil Air Patrol

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

2669.

#### Beautification Commission

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

#### 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, 344-4268 evenings after 6 p.m.

#### Optimist Club

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

#### Library Board

The Novi Library Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

### Wednesday, February 10

#### Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

#### Lions Club

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

#### SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

#### F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

### Thursday, February 11

#### 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.

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### Monday, February 15

#### ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Golley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

# Conley: Novi's not a difficult place for developers

With a booming economy leading to throngs of development in Novi, city officials looked at ways to improve the planning and building process in Novi for the future.

Part of their solution was the August hiring of Kerren Conley as director of Developmental Services. He job will be to streamline the planning and building process and take some of the confusion away. Novi News staff writer Jeremy McBain sat down with the new director earlier this year to discuss her views and plans for the Novi planning and building departments.

**News:** How do you believe the public and developers have perceived the Novi Planning Department in the past?

**Conley:** I think some of the challenges we have had to overcome with the developers is really how we have been perceived. Novi has been perceived as really being a difficult community to develop in. We haven't had an open door for development. We haven't really made it easy for people to come in and bring projects in and make it through the process and understand the process.

I think we have some definite challenges to overcome. We do have a lot of challenges with ordinances that are different from other communities, that's a very unique thing. We have a great opportunity to work to change our process and make our process a better process.

**News:** How are the departments presently achieving their goals?

**Conley:** The creation of my position was a direct result from some concerns that had been brought up at the economic summit with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce. Basically, they identified that there was some difficulties in the development arena and there needs to be a bridge between building and planning, so we could be more user friendly and streamlined. I think we are really working hard to do that. We are working on revising our site planning, we are working on educating people on changes and new developments. Internally the staff is taking a more customer service approach to our jobs. The customer comes first and we need to take the time to communicate to them and go the extra mile to help them through the process.

**News:** Do you believe the Novi

planning department and building department is perceived as doing its job of being more open and customer friendly?

**Conley:** I would like to think that it is. The Department is really trying to make every effort to have that perception and reality. They are working very hard to make that commitment to the applicants in the process. I can't tell you that that is a 100 percent but I think that the department is making every effort to make that perception happen.

**News:** What are your plans or goals for the department in the future?

**Conley:** My goals are to obtain that perception. But more importantly to help eliminate that perception that we are a closed door or that we are difficult.

I would like Novi to be viewed as a welcoming community that has some unique ordinances, that has really a different perspective to the quality of life that other communities do. But overall to change that perception of a closed door and provide assistance that is open to the developer and change the process to help get people in the process.

**News:** How are you going to eliminate the closed door perception of the building and planning departments?

**Conley:** The tool we use in the planning department is the site planning that's the initial process that a builder must go through. The second is the building department operating procedures. A lot of it is coordination and a lot of it is really taking a fresh approach to how things are actually being done. We are looking at automating our departments and integrating the departments.

**News:** What do you mean by automating the departments?

**Conley:** I mean by automating basically we are looking at a program which will enhance our building department. We already have the software, we will just enhance the program with GIS — a mapping software designed to show changes in a community — which will also be able to be accessed by the planning department. It also brings in the treasurers office to make that department more efficient as well.

**News:** Some people have said the planning department works too close with developers, what do you think about that?

**Conley:** I like to think we don't work for the developers. Our job in planning community development is really working with those plans that are coming through and to make sure they meet our master plan.

If they don't we take that angle as well. There are projects that come through that don't fit the zoning, they don't fit the master plan, they don't fit any of those, we also deal with that component as well.

We don't control what projects come to the department from the standpoint that someone may or may not like the project. If a person buys a piece of property and they think that they can develop it within the zoning that is available, that is what we seek.

We also have to be in tune with what is working and what is not working within our ordinances and sometimes there are changes that have to happen because what was once thought was an ordinance that captured everything and met all the criteria that we set out to do, doesn't always happen. You don't always learn that until you have worked with an ordinance for a while. So, I think we are getting this reputation that we are making changes for the developers. I think it is more changes for the better development of the community. We are very conscientious when we make changes that we look at the city perspective and the developers perspective.

**News:** How are we looking as far as land in Novi? Is there still vacant land to develop in Novi?

**Conley:** There is still vacant land. There are many parcels that are challenging that do not fit the nice square piece of prop that has all the setbacks required and provides easy parcel to develop. So it creates challenges of what can and can not do on parcels.

**News:** What are your predictions for planning and development in Novi in the next year?

**Conley:** I would predict that we will continue at a pretty fast pace. I think there will be a number of projects that come forward from a wide spectrum.

**News:** What would you tell someone who laughs at Novi's planning



Kerren Conley, Director of Developmental Services, takes charge of the building and planning.

efforts for building a downtown from scratch?

**Conley:** I think that Novi is willing to take a risk and create something that they believe in and felt is needed in our community. By doing so from scratch we have the luxury of addressing some of the needs of community that have developed a downtown community

ing and Department of Developmental services is working to make peoples experience with City of Novi a better one. We are making every effort to be open minded to address these things that come forward for the betterment of our community.

**News:** What would you like to say to the people of Novi?

**Conley:** I'd like to say Novi Plan-

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### Police News

A 51-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested Jan. 28 near the intersection of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads for drunk driving.

An officer observed the woman's vehicle traveling east on Eight Mile Road over the posted speed limit and followed her to the intersection of Eight Mile and Haggerty.

The woman proceeded to make a left turn through a red light and the officer commenced a traffic stop.

The officer noticed a strong odor on intoxicants coming from her vehicle.

The officer informed the woman who she had been stopped and she told him she was just trying to get home. The woman admitted to drinking "a few beers."

The officer asked the woman to exit her vehicle and she refused. She said she was a big contributor to the West Bloomfield Police Department and the officer should just let her go home.

However, the officer asked her to exit the vehicle again, which she finally did.

She was given a sobriety test, but during the portable breath test segment of the exam, she ran back to her vehicle and got inside.

The officer informed her she was under arrest, but the woman refused to get out and said she just wanted to drive her vehicle to a safe place.

The officer attempted to grab the ignition keys, but the woman grabbed them away. Back-up was called and the woman was escorted

### BABBLING BOOZER

A 62-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunk driving Jan. 29 near the intersection of Novi Road and Citation Drive.

An officer witnessed the man's vehicle tailgating another and travel left of the center line.

A traffic stop was made and the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants.

The officer asked the man for his driver's license and registration. He started to look for the items, but stopped and started telling the officer about his job at the Ford Wixom Plant.

The officer again asked for the information and the man started looking and stopped once more to tell the officer he was going to his son's apartment because he did not see him after work and wanted to make sure he got home.

A little while later the man finally gave the officer his drivers license and an expired registration.

The officer asked the man to exit the vehicle and when he did, the

### HIT AND RUN

An unknown female struck another car with her own and left the scene of the accident around 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the intersection of Haggerty and Ten Mile roads.

The woman was driving a late model black Ford Probe and turned left on a green light in front of a Novi woman's 1993 Saab.

After the impact of the two vehicles, the woman fled the scene, traveling west on Ten Mile Road.

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

### Receptionist needed

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### On patrol

Monday, the Novi City Council okayed the purchase of seven new patrol cars for the police department. The \$140,950 purchase will be made through the Macomb County Joint Purchasing Program, at a per vehicle cost for the Crown Victorias of \$20,136.

### Appointed

Two new members have been added to the Fuerst Property Task Force Committee. Jim Everhuis and Bob Stech. Everhuis will represent the library board, while Stech is with Novi Schools Continuing Education.

Everhuis, a retired Director of Branch Services for the Detroit Public Library, is a graduate student in archival methods and administration at Wayne State University. Stech is director of Community Education for Novi schools.

### Toad hoppers

Volunteers are once again needed in Novi and Northville for the Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey, sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge. Participants listen to the mating calls of the amphibians. Because frogs and toads are sensitive to environmental change, changes in their population alert experts to the state of the environment's health.

Training sessions are:  
 Wednesday, Feb. 24: Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Monday, March 1: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Tobacco money may be used as MEAP incentive

By TIM RICHARD  
 Staff Writer

Republican lawmakers were told in caucus that Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech would have a surprise that would "electrify" Lansing.

No one had a clue until minutes before the third-term governor walked into the Hall of Representatives that he would propose a scholarship carrot to get high school students to take the MEAP proficiency tests.

"I lo-o-o-ved the scholarship plan," beamed Rep. Judie Scran-ton, R-Brighton. "It's an excellent use of the tobacco money from the state's settlement with the tobacco industry. It expands spending money on students," said Scran-ton, who will have a crack at budget bills as a new member of the House Appropriations Committee.

More skeptical was Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. "You know, it's

### "If you want something done, put a woman in charge."

John Engler, Governor of Michigan

times he got bipartisan applause in the bitterly divided State Capitol.

"For all Michigan high school graduates who master reading, writing, math and science," the governor said, "each of you will receive a Michigan Merit Award—a \$2,500 scholarship that can be used for further study at a Michigan school of your choice."

"I further propose that all of you who pass your seventh and eighth grade MEAP tests in reading, writing, math and science be awarded \$500—for a total possible \$3,000.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis pledged in December he would seek ways to get high school 11th graders to take the tests, which are needed to track schools' performances and were demanded by big employers because local diplomas are meaningless.

"I'm very excited about the \$3,000 merit scholarships," said freshman Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, whose district includes Highland Township. "It will have no effect on taxes because it comes from the (multi-billion dollar) tobacco settlement."

"More kids will probably take it with that incentive. And they can use it on any kind of higher education—university, community college or trade school," said Johnson, a Waterford High graduate who recalled that few classmates went on to college.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, called the Michigan Merit Awards the "best" part of Engler's address. "It's more of a carrot, less of a stick" in getting students to take MEAP tests.

"This is an era of prosperity. It's good to make an investment in the next generation. It helps kids in private, home and public schools. And I have no problem with publishing the test scores. Should they be accountable? Yes."

Rogers praised Engler's proposed cut in the personal income tax rate from 4.4 to 3.9 percent over five years. "Tax cuts generate economic opportunity," said the second-term senator, who as majority floor leader will set the Senate's agenda.

Engler praised Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, for moving the tax cut bills through the committee and to the House floor.

He departed from his prepared text to quote retired Lt. Gov. Connie Binfield: "If you want something done, put a woman in charge." Republicans stood and applauded.

One Democrat who was less enthused about Cassis and the tax cuts, however, was Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Postalton, who succeeded Kirk Profit in a district that includes Salem Township.

"We had what was supposed to be an organizational meeting," Jamnick said. "It (tax cut package) wasn't on the agenda. Then that morning, they put out a new agenda."

"They rammed it through. We wanted more information. They told the Democrats it's been an issue for years, and we should have done our homework," said Jamnick, a former township treasurer.

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### Fire log

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 30. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine, squad, number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, JAN. 25**  
 Medical, 22142 Solomon, 4:39 p.m., Squad 3  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 26**  
 Medical, 22709 Firside Court, 1:15 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:27 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 24191 Devon, 1:47 a.m., Squad 2  
 Medical, 41735 Esqueo, 7:42 a.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 45475 Andes Hill, 9:38 a.m., Squad 4  
 Medical, 21961 Haggerty, 10:49 a.m., Squad 3  
 Fire alarm, 45657 White Pines, 3:52 p.m., Engine 4  
 Service, 41805 Cherry Hill, 6:38 p.m., Squad 1  
 Medical, 22142 Solomon, 7:05 p.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 11:25 p.m., Squad 3  
**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27**  
 Fuel spill, Novi Road and Gen-Mar, 7:53 a.m., Engine 1  
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Eight Mile Road, 8:40 a.m., Squad 3  
 House fire, 22755 Autumn Park, 10:42 a.m., Engine 4  
 Medical, 44991 Eight Mile Road, 1:32 p.m., Squad 3  
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 2:44 p.m., Squad 3  
 Building fire, 21090 Haggerty, 4:05 p.m., Engine 1, 3  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:13 p.m., Squad 2  
 Gas leak, 24100 Novi Road, 4:17 p.m., Engines 1, 4  
 Medical, 27796 Novi Road, 4:28 p.m., Squad 1  
 Medical, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 4:28 p.m., Squad 1  
 Investigation, 42526 Park Ridge, 5:23 p.m., Response 507  
 Investigation, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:42 p.m., Engine 3  
 Medical, 43035 Escent, 7:33 p.m., Response 507

## Meadows kids meet school principals at chalkboard to learn R-E-S-P-E-C-T

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer  
 Novi Meadows Elementary School is using a personal approach to teach its students about having respect for others.

Along with a teaching students throughout the year about proper manners and how to be polite, school counselors, the principal and assistant principal visited each classroom this week to talk personally with the students in what they call "chalkboard chats."

The visits started Monday and were wrapped up by Wednesday.

The students are also given a chance to ask questions to the administrators.

Greg Carnacchi, assistant principal, said the student-to-principal

"We talk a little bit about our goals. Then we talk about respect."

When students act respectfully, sometimes they are given a card for their efforts. When they have three cards, they are honored on a bulletin board in the school cafeteria and they receive a prize from the school bookstore.

"Overall everything we do helps," Falls said.

Carnacchi added, "This is just one strategy we use to raise levels of respect in the school."

And, according to Carnacchi, the students seem to be responding positively to these lessons.

Carnacchi said he has received a letter from a group who performed at an assembly at the school complimenting him on the behavior of the students.

He said the writer of the letter was "just amazed" by the students' respectfulness toward others.

## Contractors will soon be invited to bid on Deerfield Elementary School

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer  
 Bidding for a construction company to build the new Novi elementary school, Deerfield Elementary, will begin soon.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of Novi schools for business and operations, said the estimated construction cost for the school, which will be located near the intersection of Eleven Mile and Wixom roads, are running between \$11.5 million and \$12.5 million.

Koster refused to give the estimated budgets of detail work in the building, because it would hurt the

buying process.

"You never want to indicate what your budget is because the bidder may bid to that budget instead of under it," Koster said.

Koster added details outlined at a December school board meeting showing the school having a courtyard with a large flower fountain, sculptured ducks and animal tracks formed into the cement area, and have always been options.

"It is kind of like buying a car with options," he said. It is up to the buyer to decide what options they want and what they do not want, but to make this decision a

buyer must know what options are available to them.

The decision of what options the school design will have will be made during the bidding process.

Koster said. Bidders will have a chance to offer a price to the school for basic construction and a separate price for construction of the options.

Koster said the administration will look at those numbers to determine who the best contractor for the project is. After this, a recommendation is made to the school board and a bidder is awarded with the project.

Koster said he is hoping to have a contractor chosen by this spring. Construction should begin shortly after.

While the bidding has not been opened yet, Koster added there is a lot of interest in this school among contractors because it is "a from the ground up" job.

However, he said, construction crews are extremely busy this time of year and this could hold up some of the process.

The school is expected to be completed and ready for students by September 2000.

### Obituaries

**MARtha A. LAFoRESt**  
 Martha A. LaForest, 99, died Jan. 29 at Charter House of Novi. She was born in Escanaba, Mich., to Paul and Martha Kostitzke.

grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Mrs. LaForest was preceded in death by a son, Edward.

Mrs. LaForest was a homemaker and raised three children.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Heaton of Roscommon and Marjorie Perry of Livonia; 11

Services were conducted on Monday, Feb. 1 at Northrop-Sassman Funeral Home, Northville with the Rev. John Striet officiating. Interment followed at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

## Novi Road closed Saturday, Sunday

North Novi Road closes this week every year as the wildly popular Spring Home and Garden Show packs in home improvement fans at the Novi Expo Center.

The show begins today and runs through Sunday. In past years, the event has made it a bit frustrating for shoppers and others to navigate through downtown Novi.

To avoid gridlock this weekend, the northbound Novi Road at Grand River avenue will be closed to through traffic from 11:30 a.m. to at least 2 p.m. on Saturday and

Sunday. The southbound lanes will remain open.

Drivers will be routed to alternative routes.

Signs will direct motorists to the detours, which include Twelve Mile Road, Meadowbrook Road, Ten Mile Road and Town Center Drive.

Expect a similar situation during the Expo Center Golf Show on March 11 to March 14. It's anticipated that northbound Novi Road will once again be closed.

Over 300 exhibitors are expected at the show.

## HGTV stars head to Novi home show

The seventh annual Spring Home and Garden Show opens Thursday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Novi Expo Center.

"Homeowners can save precious time by visiting some of the region's best home and gardening companies under one roof," said Peter Burton, president of the Building Industry Association and of Burton Katzman Development in Bingham Farms.

"They'll save money too since many exhibitors offer great show only specials."

The non-profit BIA is the event sponsor.

With "do-it-yourself" one of the nation's fastest growing markets, Pat Simpson, host of HGTV's "Fix-It-Up!" and "Before and After," presents his top ten list of home enhancements he will demonstrate how to save money by doing it themselves, covering everything from leaky faucets to creative painting and the ultimate backyard.

Richard Trethewey, mechanical systems expert on PBS' "This Old House" shares nuts and bolts wisdom at the Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association booth Friday and Saturday. He will explain how a quality hot water heating system is better for the natural environment as well as for a home's environment.

Other highlights include professional landscaper gardens, WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Cagnon and Dean Krauskopf and WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage, "Money Talk" Rick Bloom, "Auto Talk"

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## Man hits jackpot at Northville party store

A Redford man, who wishes to remain anonymous, won the \$100,000 top prize in the Michigan Lottery's Cash 5 game. The 87-year-old winner matched all five numbers in the Dec. 7 drawing. In addition to matching all five numbers on one ticket, he also matched four numbers on 10 other Cash 5 wagers, for the same drawing, winning an additional \$3,500.

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## Bagel eatery sued over spilled coffee

A Wixom woman has filed suit against the former owner of Motor City Bagels.

It's one of two lawsuits involving the bagel shop's previous owner, Joseph Anthony.

The latest lawsuit was filed by Nancy Coultis, 55, of Wixom, Jan. 26 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The accident happened Dec. 9, 1997 when Coultis spilled hot coffee on herself, she was hospitalized and underwent plastic surgery. Coultis is suing for \$25,000.

The accident happened more than a year ago, but the lawsuit was filed after Motor City Bagels' insurance company and Coultis couldn't agree on how much she would receive.

Alexander Benson, attorney for Coultis, wouldn't return telephone calls to the Northville Record. However, he told the Detroit News that he blamed the bagel shop's drive-through window design for the exact.

Ronn Nadis, Southfield attorney

for the new owners of Motor City Bagel, said he wanted it to be clear that the lawsuit has nothing to do with the new owner.

"The old owner went out of business in December and my client took over," he said. "As a result we have nothing to do with the lawsuit."

According to the complaint filed in Wayne Circuit Court, Coultis was injured with permanent, painful and severe burns to her left leg which resulted in serious and permanent scarring.

Nadis said the company may change its name to signify new ownership, but that it has nothing to do with either of the two lawsuits pending against the old owners of Motor City Bagels.

In addition to the coffee spill suit, Anthony is being sued in the 35th district court by Alliant Foodservice Inc. for about \$12,250.

Roy Sgroi, attorney for Alliant Foodservice, said this suit is for uncollected money on bills.

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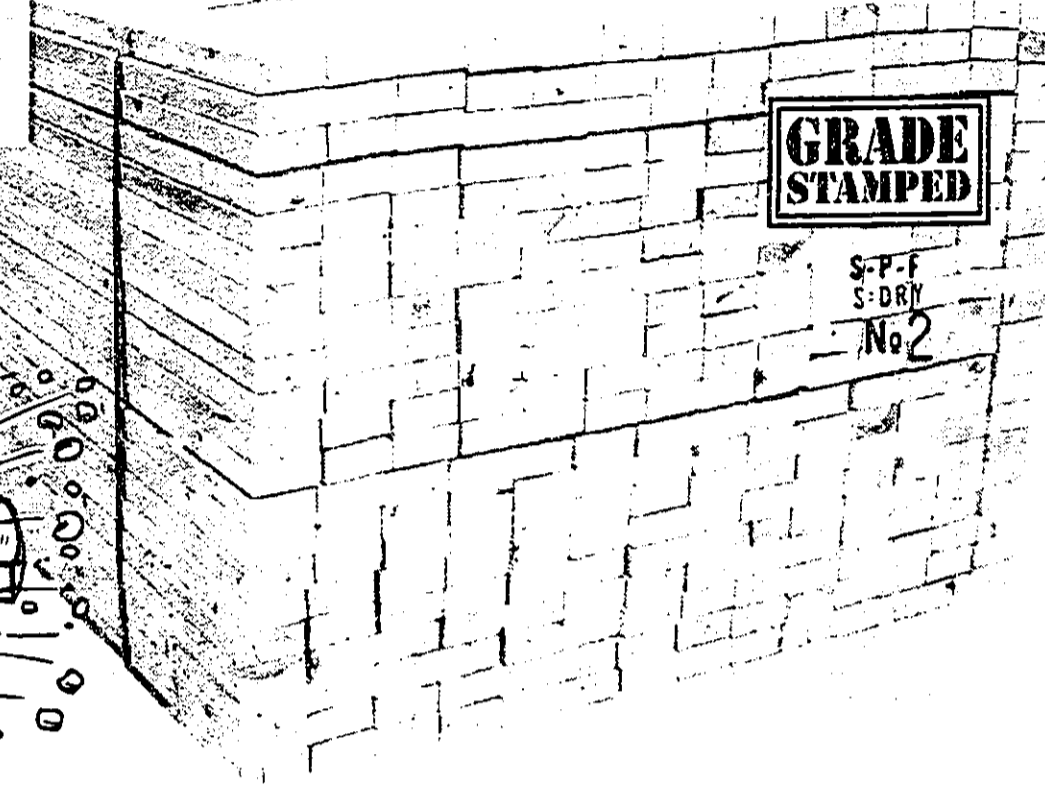
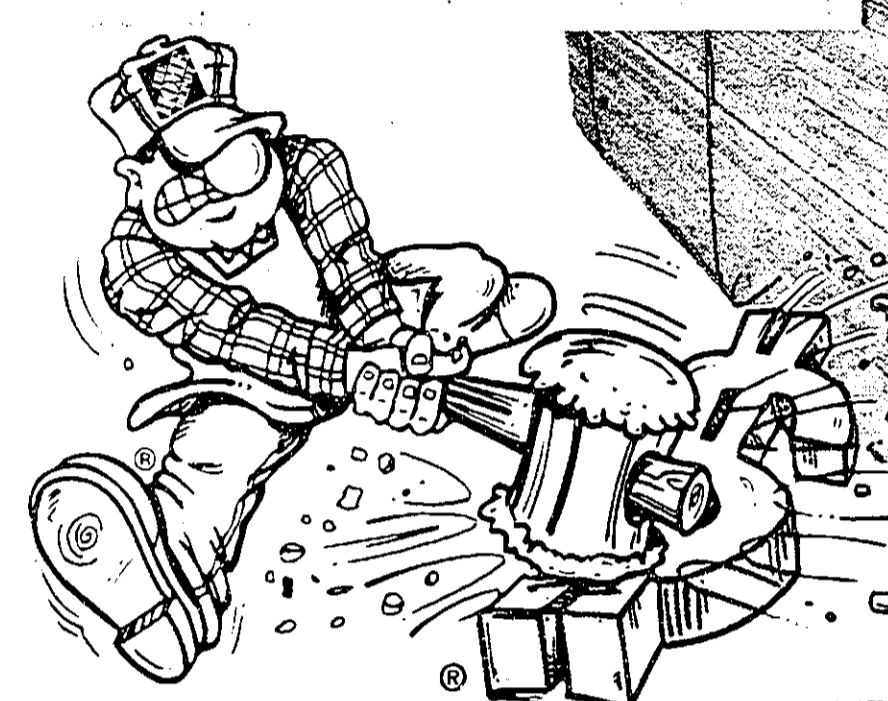
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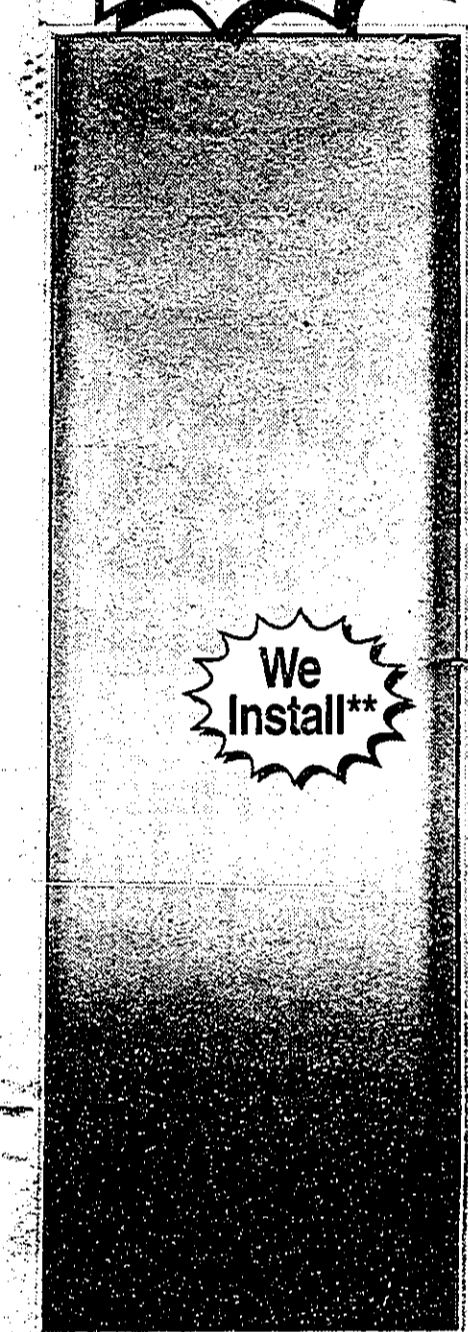
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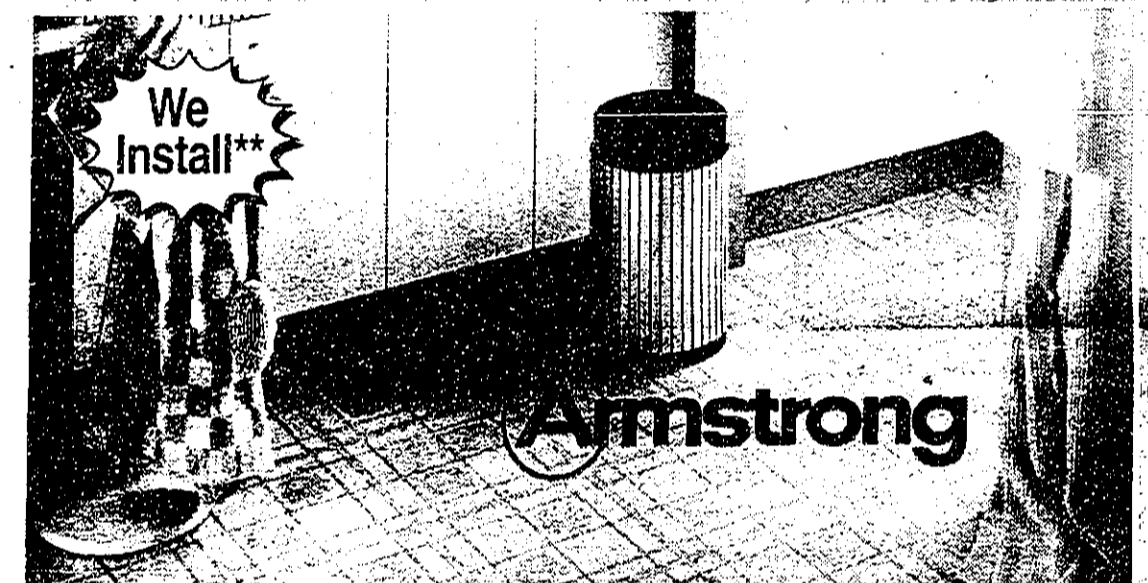
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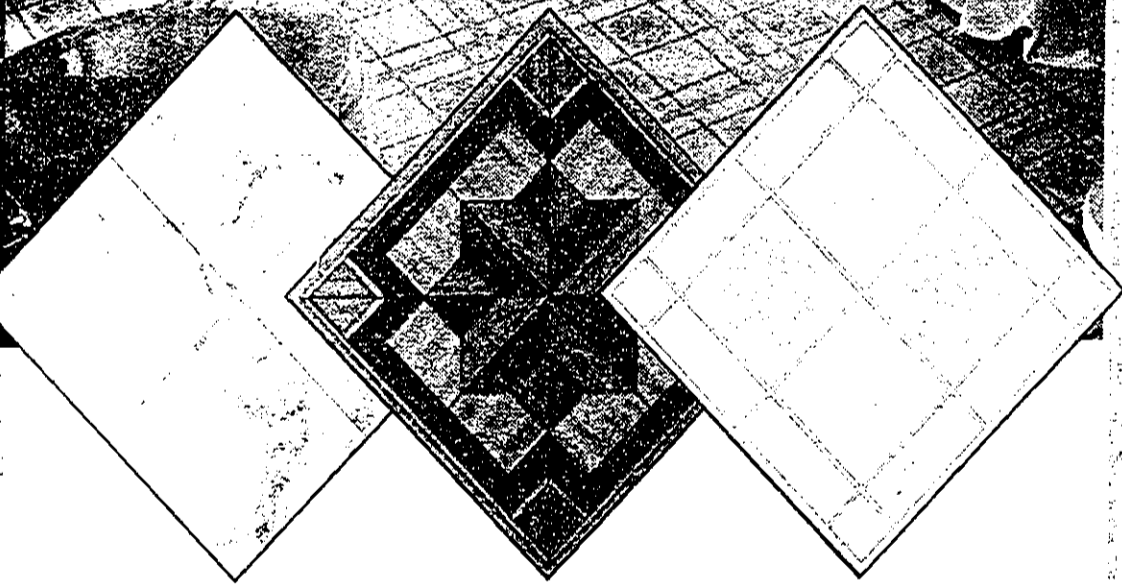


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**MONDAY, FEB. 8**  
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 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — In The Kitchen With Denise Jacobs  
 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry: Peters Return to Future  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — Going to the Chapel  
 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Johann Bunnard  
 2:30 p.m. — Michigan Living: Winter Car Care  
 3:00 p.m. — Colorado Ski Country  
 3:30 p.m. — YMCA Video Camp  
 4:00 p.m. — In The Kitchen With Denise Jacobs  
 4:30 p.m. — Options for a Balanced Life: Effective Ways for Teens to Handle Peer Pressure  
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why

5:30 p.m. — Up Close today  
 6:00 p.m. — Home for Life: Tool Cabinet  
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
 8:00 p.m. — Automobile Racing  
 8:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Men in Demand  
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Pierre Dees  
**TUESDAY, FEB. 9**  
 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile: Barbara Herard  
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
 12:30 p.m. — All About Angels and You  
 1:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multicultural: Fair Housing Practices  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking: Fundamentalism and World Instability  
 3:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)

4:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show With Tatiana: Karate  
 4:30 p.m. — Time Warner's Funniest Outtakes  
 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Puppet Art Theater  
 6:00 p.m. — On Target: Common Sense  
 6:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
 7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Low Impact for Beginners  
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Jaiann Briende  
 8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Mastering the Art of Tattooing  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Paul Welday  
**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10**  
 10:00 a.m. — Hummus Made Easy  
 10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today  
 11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update: Dietary Needs  
 11:30 a.m. — Consumer Corner: Fire Safety  
 12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking:

Kids and Drugs  
 12:30 p.m. — On the Job With Sen. Abraham: Poison Awareness  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 3:00 p.m. — Thundering Hope  
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Pierre Dees  
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 4:30 p.m. — Community Connection  
 5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
 5:30 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s: Domestic Violence  
 6:00 p.m. — The Best of Dr. Success  
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Denise Jacob  
 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat  
 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why  
 9:00 p.m. — Rhythm Method Drum Instruction  
 9:30 p.m. — Expansion  
**THURSDAY, FEB. 11**  
 10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Low Impact for Beginners

10:30 a.m. — The Elegant Life: The Button Lady  
 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Puppet Art Theater  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine: My Experience in Russia  
 1:00 p.m. — That's Italian: History of Sicily  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 2:00 p.m. — Book Talk  
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why  
 3:00 p.m. — Ski-TV: The Disciplines of Snowbinding  
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 6:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole TV  
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 7:00 p.m. — Travel the Movie Trail  
 7:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 8:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: People Who Make Things Happen: Puppet Art Theater

8:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
 9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 12**  
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Paul Welday  
 10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
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 12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
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 4:30 p.m. — The Valentine Show  
 5:00 p.m. — Dusty Rhodes: A Collection of Love Songs  
 5:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
 6:00 p.m. — Community Connection  
 6:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Pierre Dees  
 7:00 p.m. — Special Blend Valentine's Day  
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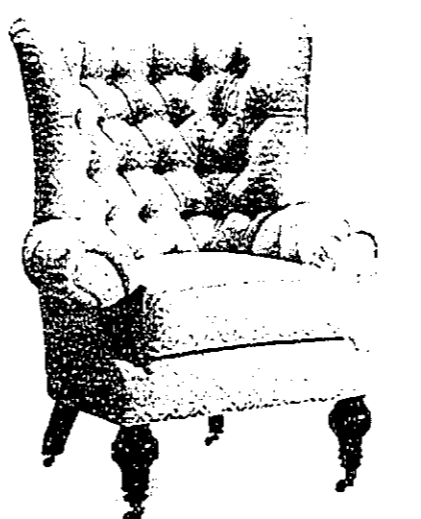
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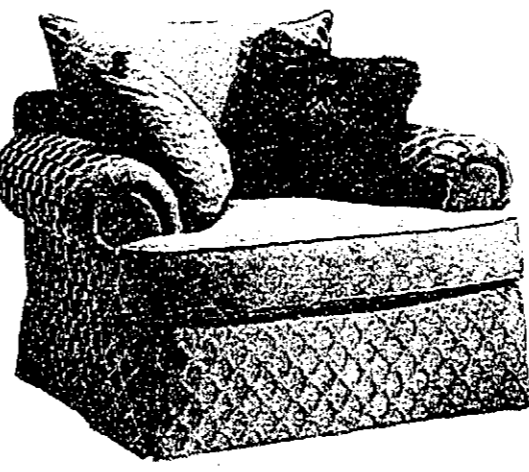
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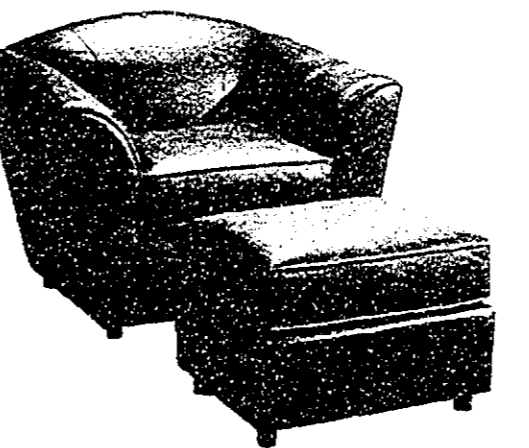
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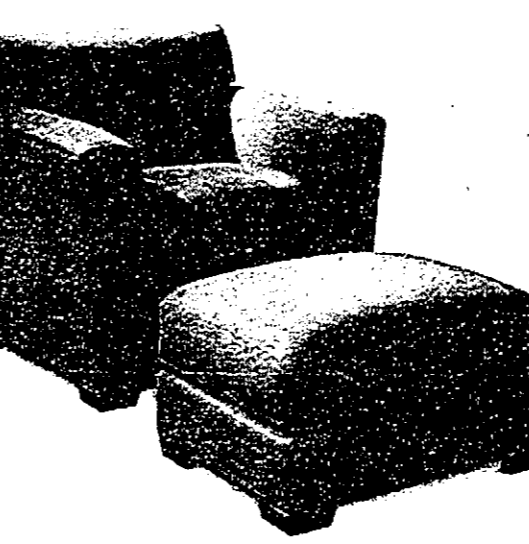
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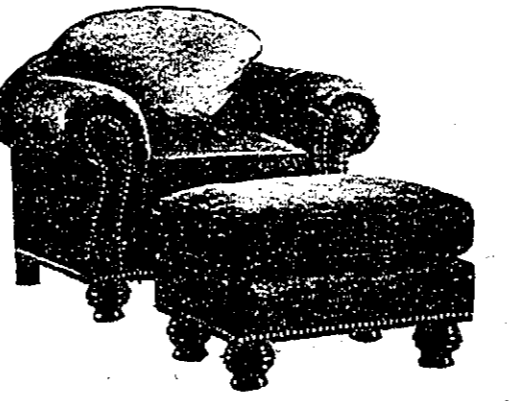
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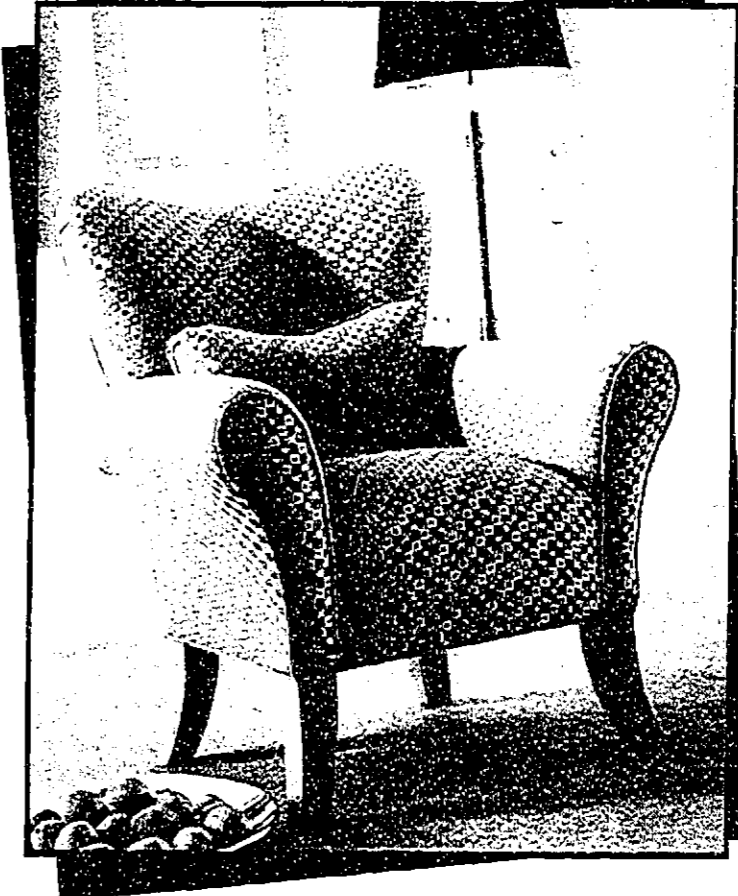
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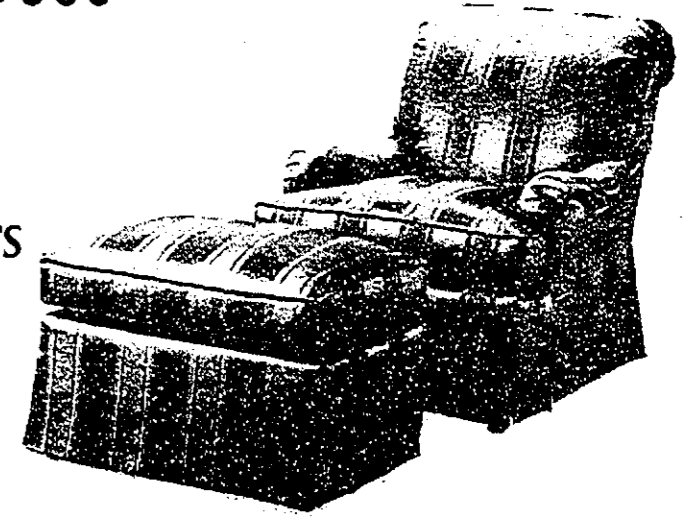
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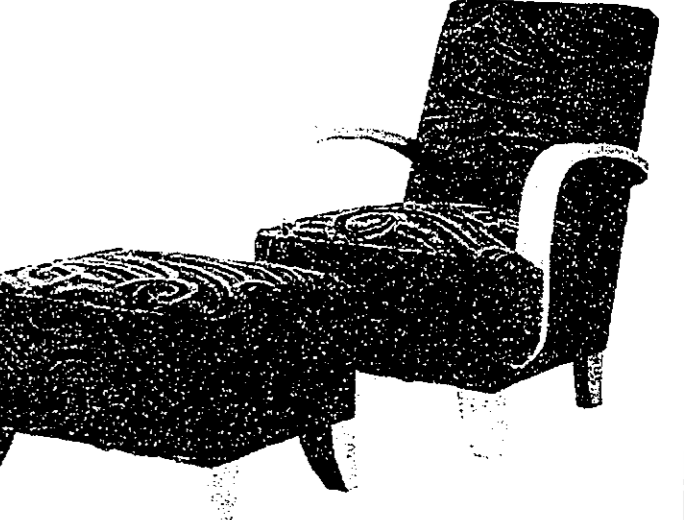
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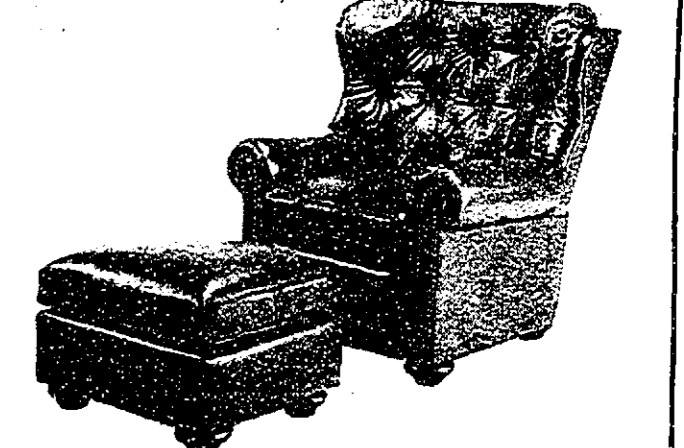
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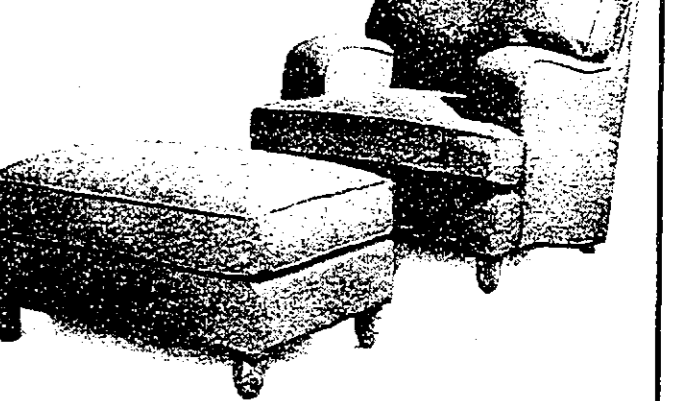
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## School add pre-college health class

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

A new mandatory class at Northville High School aims to take one last shot at student health before college.

The class, called Health Education, will be optional starting in the 1999-2000 school year. Starting in the 2000-2001 school year, students will be required to take the course in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

"We want to give students one last hit of health education before they go off to college," said Tom Johnson, principal of Northville High School.

Class subjects to be covered include: anatomy, CPR, first aid, sexually transmitted diseases, and performance enhancing drugs.

Additionally, students will be expected to develop listening, writing and verbal communication skills, research techniques and computer skills. Students also will be expected to develop skills in obtaining, analyzing and applying health-related information.

Students will earn .5 of a credit for the class. That means that of the 28.5 credits students need to graduate, .6 will be predetermined requirements. The other 12 credits will be elective.

"There is ample room for this class in students' schedules," Johnson said.

The mandatory class was approved 5-1 at the Jan. 26 Northville Board of Education meeting.

## Novi's O'Rear named to leadership program

Melissa O'Rear of Novi has been selected to participate in the Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) at Michigan State University. Participants will learn leadership skills, public policy process and analysis, governance and political skills. Over 230 graduates of this program have learned to better serve their communities, constituents or causes and some are now serving as elected public officials.

O'Rear and other MPLP Fellows will meet for ten weeks over ten months to discuss state policy issues with prominent political, business, media, university and community leaders. Fellows are especially geared toward working with diverse interests to build sound solutions for Michigan's future.

The fully paid Fellowships are made possible through private and corporate contributions raised annually through fundraising events. This year's event will take place on Feb. 11 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. Featured speakers are Mike McCurry, former press secretary to President Clinton, and Marlin Fitzwater, former press secretary to Presidents Reagan and Bush. This event has become the largest multi-partisan event in the state.

To obtain information on the Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowship or the fundraising dinner, call (517) 355-6672.

## New courses added to high school line up

Celebrating history and a history of celebrations are the subjects of two course revisions at Northville High School.

Additionally, a third new course will offer students the option to participate in a more advanced level of weight training.

The revised U.S. History curriculum for ninth- and tenth-graders is being updated to reflect a new format and being aligned toward Michigan social studies benchmarks.

Diana Hoffman, department chair for social studies at Northville High School, said the history course will now be better aligned with state guidelines for history.

The main difference will be the way the course is outlined in terms of what's studied when, she said. Also, a time line detailing class curriculum will be easier for parents to view.

The course called Celebrations will be an elective. Celebrations is designed to build on skills learned in the class Food for Thought so students can develop more experiences and creativity in food preparation.

The advanced weight training elective will allow for students to move onto harder levels of weight training.

## City seek restitution for gas main leak

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Board member Richard Brown voted against making the class mandatory.

"By the time students are in the 10th or 12th grade they've already made choices relating to such things as to whether or not they will smoke and drink," Brown said.

Brown said he would prefer the board meet next January to determine whether or not students are interested in taking the course and possibly talk at that time about whether or not to make the class mandatory.

But Linda Pitcher, assistant superintendent of instructional services for the Northville School District, said that was "not her recommendation."

Additionally, she said, the Michigan Board of Education "strongly recommends all districts have a required health education class."

"If students are not healthy in body and mind, the academic classes mean nothing," she said.

called in to assist.

The road remained closed while Consumers Power made emergency repairs. While making these repairs, the eastbound lane of Ice Arena Drive needed to be torn up.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said, because of the high number of city personnel needed to control the situation and the need to tear up Ice Arena Drive, which is relatively new, the city will be seeking payment from the engineering firm responsible for breaking the gas main.

"They really messed up a brand new road we put in there," Kriewall said. Due to the damage, he said, the eastbound lane of Ice Arena Drive will have to be replaced.

Anthony Nowicki, Novi Director of Public Services, said the costs the city will seek are estimated

around \$20,000.

On top of this, Nowicki said he can not find an application for a right-of-way permit for the Detroit Edison sub-contractor responsible for breaking the gas main.

Lew Layton, spokesperson for Detroit Edison, said the sub-contractor — the Corby Company — had obtained a county permit for the project, but he acknowledged that they did not get a city permit.

He said the contractor had applied for a city permit, but started the work before that permit was granted.

"We believe this was some miscommunication. We are investigating," Layton said.

Layton said Corby Company is a primary contractor for Detroit Edison for running underground wiring.

However, Nowicki said he was optimistic that the matter will be resolved quickly, because the city has a good working relationship with Detroit Edison.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said he was not sure if the city would be able to sue the contractor for breaking the gas main.

He added the city will pursue this matter "by any means we can." Some of these include working with Detroit Edison or not issuing the electric company any right-of-way permits until the matter is resolved.

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## SANDSTONE VERSUS NOVI

# Judge answers Sandstone judgment questions

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Howard: Right.

News: In the opinion, it did not make any mention of perhaps the plaintiff's responsibility towards its own failure to make that project work. Is any portion of the failure attributable to the developer's own business practices? Was that accounted for in the judgment?

Howard: The proofs as shown the court believed, based on the facts introduced and the evidence, was that the failure of the project was caused by those matters attributable to the city.

News: Solely to the city?

Howard: Those that count against. As in the opinion, it is not furthered with regard to the issue of damages, the expert opinion of the city's expert was not credible. They could not rebut the damages put forth by the experts of the developer.

News: I believe that is a reference to Jim Schmid (a Certified Public Accountant and expert witness for the city). Can you explain why his testimony was not credible?

Howard: Based upon the opinion, the examples and the thesis used by him was flawed and just plain wrong. They were done upon facts that were improper. And his conclusions based upon faulty information was just plain wrong.

News: The developer has since sold off portions we understand in three separate sales, to various parties, one of which is already applying ...

Howard: Matters after the opinion I can't talk about.

News: The opinion made the award based on the taking of land and profits that were not acquired by the developer. Does the sale of land, the money made by the devel-



Judge Barry Howard

oper, is that deducted from the profit, since they'd have had to sell the land anyway?

Howard: That will be subject, I'm sure, to future litigation and I'm not at liberty to talk about that.

News: I'm going to press this one more question further. Was the sale of land a consideration in the amount of the damages?

Howard: Yes.

News: Why is that?

Howard: Those are segregated different funds. Those were funds that were based upon the sale of bonds from the developer. They were not the city's money. They are specially accounted. And they are to be segregated in a special account which the city has never done.

News: My understanding is that Les Gibson (Finance Director for the City of Novi) testified the money is there and is segregated.

Howard: The money, according to the testimony of Gibson, is lumped together with other funds there is

ing off of the road, and the testimony showed, and the reason for the delay in construction of the road was to coordinate the road construction between this project and the project immediately south of that, which would have been the Department of Transportation project (to widen Novi Road).

The testimony reflected it was the thinking of the city that they could possibly use the Special Assessment District funds for the match for federal funds for the immediate south project. It is further the testimony that the city felt that by delaying this project, they wouldn't have to do the job twice.

And that course of conduct, the court found, added to and caused the delay in the project which caused the beginning of the financial ramifications disaster.

News: So it was the delay in order to get the grant for Novi Road that began ...

Howard: That's not correct. It did not approve every variance. And that is not in the opinion.

News: How many variances ...

Howard: You are going beyond the opinion. What you have done is talked to the developers and the city and ...

News: The city is telling me that every variance was approved.

Howard: That's not true.

News: The only variance I see (mentioned) in the opinion was granted.

Howard: That's not true. It's in the opinion. The material, and I'll stick with the opinion, the city would not open the road. They would not follow court orders. They gave false testimony with regard to opening the road. They blocked the developer from going forward after the court ordered it. The court went out there. The testimony is on the stand that Mr. (Ed) Kriewall

no special, segregated individual fund for this project, SAD 152.

News: But the opinion notes that within that fund, it is discreetly labeled.

Howard: Absolutely correct. It is not within general revenue.

News: The opinion refers to what it describes as a "vindicative struggle." Earlier it talks about a "paley and a pattern of delay," and obstruction. And it seems to me that every case cited in here is an instance in which the city was attempting to get the developer to follow its own ordinances. In addition, the city did a number of things that furthered the development. It provided the SAD, it approved the (Planned Urban Development), it approved every variance that went before ...

Howard: That's not supported by the testimony.

News: How am I reading your opinion wrong?

Howard: The purpose of a PUD agreement is contract zoning. Contract zoning means that you are to take and have special conditions put forth so that you don't have to rely and go back on every ordinance that the city has. And it is testimony that the city would require them to do things that went beyond their obligations under the PUD. And also with regard to the architectural review committee, the opinion talks about the requirements that were not there. Furthermore, in the requirements with regard to berming, and use of side berms on houses, they were required to do things that there was not authority for. And in fact the court assessed damages of \$500,000 based on the testimony. They were required to put dirt in and take it out.

News: So once there is a contract, no additional ordinances can apply?

Howard: No, no, that's not correct. The testimony was in this case that there were certain requirements and the PUD agreement provided for certain things. The testimony was that the city required

(Novi City Manager) was erroneous in who was responsible for the construction and finally the court had to go out there to do this. The information that has been given to you is not supported in the record and is in fact false.

News: There were a number of citations in here in which the city was seeking to get the developer to comply with ordinances. In particular, there was the addition of land, escaping berms and the application of architectural standards. According to my reading of the opinion, they weren't mentioned in the PUD agreement, and therefore they weren't permissible.

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News: So they went ahead with the repair in a manner that they had told the developer that they could not proceed?

Howard: Yes.

News: There is also a reference to setbacks. It is cited in here that (Building Officials Code Administration International Inc., a non-profit association which develops standards for construction) had signed off on those setbacks and that the city required that to go before the Board of Appeals. That was a vari-

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Resident viewpoints vary on \$40 million judgment

By JIAN JEFFRES
As Nov's city attorneys prepare an appeal of a \$40 million judgment...

non-commercial center zoning ordinance. He was not involved in any way with The Vistas development.
I think the people who have actually been involved in it from the city standpoint are going through a difficult process...

SANDSTONE VERSUS NOVI

Judge Howard explains judgment in lawsuit

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As an elected judge, believe me, I get no great joy in taking and imposing an obligation on my constituents.
Howard: You are dealing again here with one contract, an agreement that controls the PUD and the other plans, and then requiring things to be done that are at variance with the PUD...

Howard: The city controlled the process. Testimony is that this is the main thoroughfare. The city wanted the developer to put in the road there. The testimony was that the developer wanted to start the project, phase one, along the perimeter, Thirteen Mile or Novi Road. It would have been cheaper for them to build the road...

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# Opinions

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## As We See It

### Engler plan should win support of suburbs

Suburban school people — which includes parents as well as teachers and principals — should be praising Gov. John Engler's proposed Michigan Merit Award plan, announced Jan. 28 in his State of the State address.



#### Government

Eleventh graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams would receive \$2,500 apiece for study at their Michigan college of choice. Seventh and eighth graders who pass their MEAP exams would get \$500 apiece — a total of \$3,000 to help defray the rising cost of higher education.

Too many kids have been skipping the rigorous exams in reading, writing, math and science. Too many parents have been spoiling their kids by letting them skip the exams. Under Engler's plan, kids still could skip the tests, but it could cost them \$3,000 in college money. Not many parents, however wealthy, will let a kid toss away a sure \$3,000.

The MEAP exams are designed to test thinking and problem-solving skills, not just rote memory. They test the kinds of skills industry needs in a global economy. Indeed, it was industrial human resources people who prodded the state, during Gov. James Blanchard's years, to go this route.

And the merit awards have drawn praise from the Democratic side of the aisle. Democrats liken it to President Clinton's "Hop" scholarships. It's heart-warming to see the two parties close to agreement on the use of monetary carrots to improve test scores. And it's good that Engler recommended using tobacco industry settlement money to set up a trust fund whose earnings would support the program.

We raise, however, two caveats before giving Engler's merit award plan a full endorsement:

- Kids attending private, parochial or "home" schools would be eligible to take the MEAP tests and win the awards. That's fine. But would nonpublic schools be willing to publish their test results by submitting them to the state Department of Education? Nonpublic schools have an unfortunate habit of being tight-lipped about their test scores. They should be required to break that bad habit.

- Engler said the scholarship money could be spent at a Michigan school of your choice, not at a state university or community college. There's no need for the state to subsidize private universities, colleges or trade schools, directly or indirectly. We must beware of the private

schools' hunger to feed at the public trough.

The governor's budget isn't due until Feb. 11, but we hear there will be more money for a Jobs Commission program of grants to community colleges for information technology programs. Oakland and Henry Ford community colleges have received \$5 million apiece. Schoolcraft, Macomb and other fine community colleges were shut out in round one. Maybe they'll do better in round two.

Engler's nasty attacks on the State Board of Education have become more subtle. We observe:

- The governor wants to empower the mayor of Detroit — who already has a full plate with snow removal, trash pickup and bad housing — power to change the governance of Detroit public schools. Why did he leave out the services of the State Board of Education, which is constitutionally empowered to supervise all K-12 public schools?

- Suburbanites don't need to be reminded that if he can "do it" to Detroit, he can do it to Pontiac, Flint, Lansing and any school district in the state.

- Once state vocational training was in the Department of Education, Engler moved it to the Department of Labor. Then he shut down the Department of Labor and moved it to the Jobs Commission. This year he wants to move the Office of Workforce Development out of the Jobs Commission and set it up as a separate department. No. Workforce training belongs in the Department of Education.

- Engler invited the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals to his address. But although half his address was on education and making Michigan "the smart state," he didn't invite the elected, constitutional State Board of Education. It was a malicious snub. It's no wonder so many public school people distrust him, even when he does something good.

- To sum it up, Engler is mellowing just a little, and his plans deserve careful consideration plus a few friendly amendments.

## Case from the new guy's view



**Andrew Dieterich**

Picture it: my house on the edge of a park. It's 3 p.m. on a summer day. Kids are out of school looking for things to do and they (gasp) start a soccer game on the field in the park instead of in the street. We close all the windows and doors and hide in the basement until the game passes.

Horrible.

If you think these reactions sound ridiculous, that's what my reaction as an outsider coming into this case was after reading the complaint filed against the Northville school district on behalf of the Woods of Edenderry residents in Northville Township.

Some excerpts from the original motion:

"The homeowners have a great emotional and economic investment in their property and homes and reasonably fear for the health, safety and welfare of their children and themselves based on the district's ill-conceived and inadequate plans to develop the subject site."

"The district has also failed to preserve or enhance the natural features of the site by failing to comply with the township's landscaping requirements."

"With the utter lack of respect, care or sensitivity for the homeowners' or township's concerns, the district plans to bulldoze its way into the township and the homeowners neighborhood to squeeze more development on the proposed site than it can adequately or sensibly handle."

Beyond the obviously ridiculous power struggle between the parties in this suit are the kids involved. How can having a park that close to a neighborhood put children in danger? Would a pickup game of soccer in the middle of Six Mile Road be preferred? How about little Timmy and his friends trying to fly a kite down Haggerty?

Additionally, the district two weeks ago approved landscaping for the new school at a price tag of almost \$400,000. Spending almost a half a million dollars for landscaping is going to pay for more than a pickup truck full of cedar chips.

And where were the soapboxes when developers of the Woods of Edenderry bulldozed their way into the township? Maddening!

These were the most obvious questions that came to mind as I prepared to cover this case.

Less obvious, until I met with Tom Johnson, principal at Northville High School, was the issue of how important this high school is to Northville High students.

For instance, during my initial tour of the high school I saw the impressive computer lab. But less impressive were the garbage bags covering some of the computers to protect them from a leaking roof. It would appear to me that not only is this a dangerous situation for students, but wasteful because no one can use the things.

Not to mention the lack of parking, cramped classrooms and an outdated pool that prohibits the high school from hosting diving championships. Because the school can't host the larger events, that many more people from outside of Northville don't come to the area, including the township, to spend their money in retail shops and restaurants.

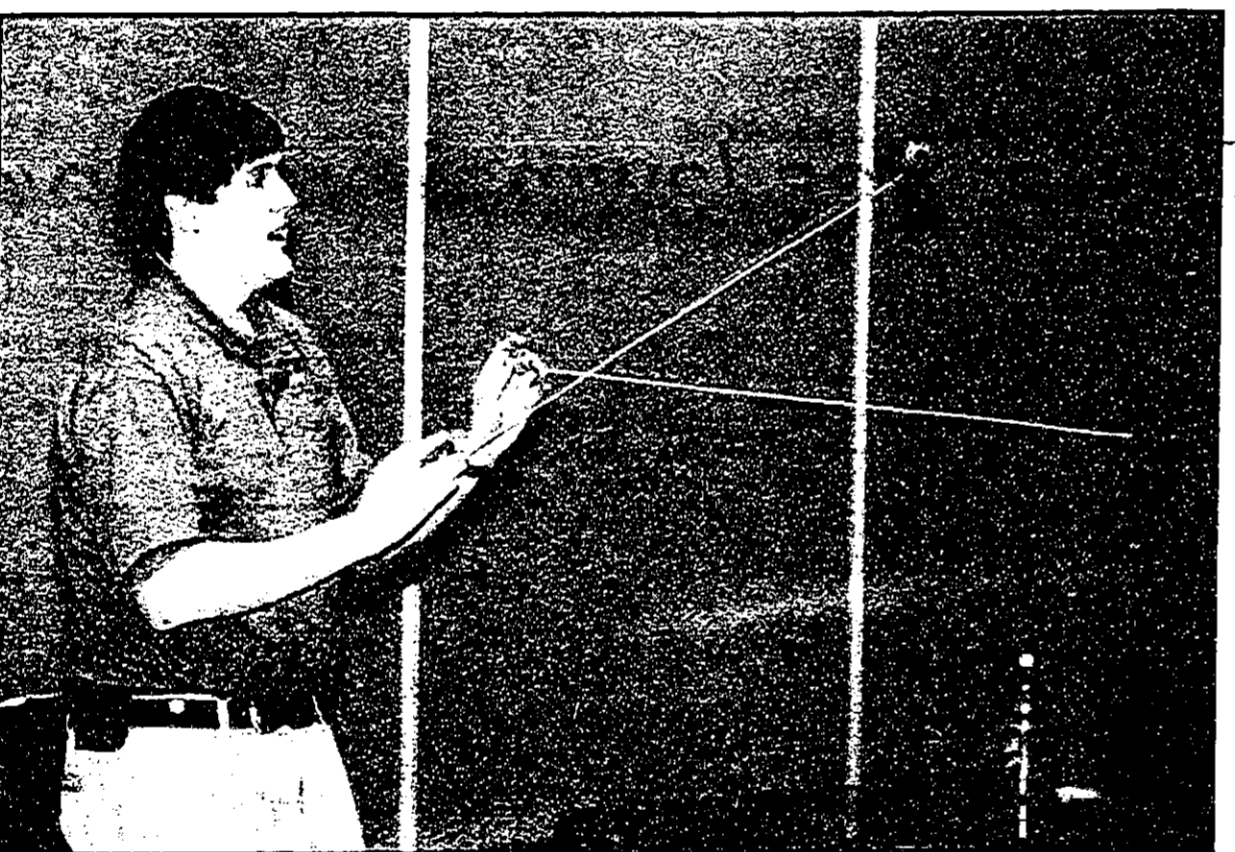
The township will pursue this case to the end which is both their right and prerogative.

But from the new guy's point of view who is forced to use common sense instead of experience with the case, it would appear that the district and township have both spent enough time and energy on this case.

Andrew Dieterich is staff writer for *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

## In Focus

**By John Heider**



Ryan Mears, professional yo-yo demonstrator from the University of Iowa, shows his stuff at Novi Wood Elementary last week.

#### Pro-yo

## Novi hotel was noted landmark



**Barbara Louie**

gance and beauty to the exhausted, dusty travelers of that early era.

Built around 1830, the hotel went up for sale in 1850. Its prime location on "the Grand River Turnpike" was advertised as "the greatest thoroughfare in the state."

What became the oldest hotel in Michigan had a long life, but it came to a deliberate end. In 1927, the owner, Patrick Gaffney, opted for progress by tearing down the historic building to build a gas station. A 1927 article from *The Pontiac Press* described the landmark hotel and its eventual demise.

"...The Novi Hotel, which for more than a century has stood on Grand River at the intersection with the Northville (Novi) Road, is being wrecked by efficient workmen. This historical landmark, so sturdy built, has outlived the days of its usefulness and must give way to the march of progress."

The steps of the Novi Hotel held firm under the tread of soldiers during the Mexican War, for it was one of the chief recruiting stations in the country, because of its location, on a "good" road. From its wide, spreading veranda less than two decades later, the youths of Novi were urged to enlist for the Civil War.

"In two weeks, after every vestige of the present building has been removed and proper excavations completed, a modern gas filling station combined with a lunchroom and auto accessory shop will be constructed on the site."

Henry Ford even made an appearance at the site of the old hotel headed for destruction. Unable to save it, he was able to garner the magnificent black walnut staircase for his own purposes.

The building which still stands today on the southeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River was originally designed as a bank. Built in the 1930s, it was completed just in time for the bank failures of the Depression years and has never been used as a bank. It did become The Novi Inn, however, erected on the site of Blanchard's Tavern, which was built 100 years earlier.

The Novi Inn remained in operation through the 1980s. Since then, the building has been used for a variety of businesses. Nationwide hotel chains have taken up where The Novi Inn left off, and today there are at least half a dozen hotels and motels in the city.

But the old inns that were scattered throughout the state and the territory before that, provided a welcome respite in replenishing the pioneer spirit of our hearty forebears by furthering the settlement and commerce of Michigan.

Barbara Louie is a local historian and author of the book "No. 6 on the Trail" and "Images of America: Novi."

## Sounds like a recipe for success



**Phil Power**

Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week got a lot of favorable comment, especially for his Michigan Merit Award plan that would give 11th graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams \$2,500 each for study at their Michigan college of choice.

Seventh and eighth graders who pass their MEAP exams would also get \$500 placed in escrow, kind of a down payment to encourage the kids to keep studying.

"It is important we reward our students who play by the rules, study hard, achieve on their tests and meet high standards," said the governor.

Money for the program is supposed to come from the annual payments Michigan will receive from the national legal settlement between the tobacco industry and various states.

Here's the math: If half the graduating seniors each year qualify for the full \$3,000 scholarship, the cost would be around \$200 million each year. State officials are estimating that Michigan's share of the national tobacco settlement would be around \$8.2 billion over the next 25 years, which works out to around \$330 million annually.

In theory, this leaves some money left over for anti-smoking programs.

After a week's reflection, I still think Engler's plan is on balance a good idea, but

is needing two changes.

First, kids attending private, parochial or home schools would be eligible to take the MEAP test and win the awards. Fine. But if they are going to get public money for their Michigan Merit Award, their test results should be made public, just like anybody else's. Nonpublic schools have had a bad habit of clamping up about test scores; now is a good time to break that habit.

Second, Engler said the scholarship money could be spent at a Michigan school of your choice, "suggesting it could go to private universities, colleges or trade schools. Private schools have been feeding off the public trough for years, and there's no need now for further public subsidies for private institutions."

Overall, in addition to encouraging kids to study hard, Engler's proposal also offers an important incentive for kids to take the state high school proficiency tests seriously. In recent years, far too many kids in well-to-do school districts have been skipping the rigorous MEAP tests in reading, writing, science and math. Those who skip don't get state-certified diplomas, but otherwise they have been getting off scot-free.

The governor's initiative changes all that. Even parents who have been whining that their little geniuses can't possibly be asked to take a MEAP proficiency exam in addition to the SAT and ACT tests they need to take for college admission aren't likely to toss a check for \$3,000 out the widow.

What is needed now is for the business community, whose complaining about underprepared kids entering the job market provoked the MEAP test in the first

place, to get on the stick. Ask most the human resources folks who actually do the hiring at Michigan businesses if they require MEAP test results on their interview forms; you're likely to get back a bewildered stare.

State universities should get the same message, too. Admissions offices scorn a state MEAP proficiency test on the grounds the ACT and SAT scores predict likely academic success in college perfectly well. Nobody knows, of course, and if colleges actually required test results on their admissions forms kids would realize people are serious about taking the proficiency tests in the first place.

Perhaps now is the time for everybody to get together and cut a deal on the MEAP test.

The governor has put a good idea on the table. The State Board of Education, which has been trying valiantly to get uniform assessment of K-12 academic proficiency accepted as the bedrock of school improvement, has an interest in seeing the governor's idea adopted. The business community should be invited to put up or shut up. And the universities should be asked to quit complaining and try to help solve the problem.

Sounds like a recipe for a successful summit meeting.

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

## There are affordable homes in Novi

To the Editor:

As a realtor in Novi and a resident of Novi for 26 years, I suggest you check your facts before publishing your opinion. There is certainly affordable housing in Novi. Check the sales in the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors and you will find the medium price range in the last year to be \$240,000 in homes and \$130,000 in condos. There were 290 homes sold under \$250,000 and 260 homes sold from \$250,000 to \$900,000. Statistics for condos sold were

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194 under \$150,000 and 78 sold from \$150,000 to \$800,000. The annual income necessary to qualify for the medium price home of \$240,000 is approximately \$80,000. I would suggest that your "Real Estate Savvy" friend is missing a great deal of business by telling people that "There is no affordable housing in Novi."

I will concede that most of the new construction in Novi is in the upper price ranges, but that is determined, in part, by the value of the land which is governed by simple economics: the idea of supply and demand.

Let's talk about why Novi has become so desirable. Could it be that the school system, supported by the residents of Novi including your so-called "upper

class," has become so highly acclaimed that it has driven this great demand.

When I moved to the Novi/Northville area in 1973, Novi did not have a great deal to offer. It is because of the residential development that we enjoy such a wonderful community.

My commentary, Mr. (Jeremy) McLean, was not only inaccurate, but naive.

Kathy McLean, Realtor  
ERA Rymal Symes

## Engler has lawmakers nervous



**Tim Richard**

Many suburban legislators are sweating over a question that doesn't directly concern suburban schools. It's Gov. John Engler's proposal to allow "urban" mayors to appoint new five-member school boards.

"Urban" means Detroit, certainly, and possibly Lansing.

The idea makes our legislators uncomfortable because if the state can replace school boards in one district, it can do so in "my" district. Moreover, suburban legislators don't want to irritate Detroit colleagues unnecessarily.

"This is not a racial issue," said Engler. He was wrong, of course. The president of the Detroit school board, Darryl Redmond, was blunt in our Oct. 7 "Spotlight" interview. Detroit in last Sunday when he cited an African proverb that you spend a lifetime learning the rules only to have someone (state government) change the rules when it's your turn to be on top.

Detroit kids' test scores and graduation rate are so bad, however, that Engler is willing to run the risk of a racism charge to turn things around. We all should be sympathetic to the notion that educating kids for the global economy and ideals of citizenship is more important than local — or

even racial — control.

I posed this question to Senate majority leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, who will sponsor Engler's bill:

Suppose you let the mayor appoint a new school board. It hires a good superintendent and doesn't try to micro-manage the system. Maybe you improve the business operations of the schools.

But how does that affect kids in the classroom? How does it improve MEAP test scores? How does it improve graduation rates?

Remember, DeGrow is one of the better class of Republicans in the Legislature — pro-public school, against vouchers, no darling of the religious right.

DeGrow replied that his father was a public school superintendent and that a superintendent can turn things around.

An incomplete answer, in my view, I'd like to know how the macro changes at the top being proposed by Engler are going to affect kids.

Sen. Joe Young Jr. and four other Detroit Democrats said, "Before this Detroit caucus will even consider a school takeover plan, that plan must include plans for a core curriculum, mandated small class size, teacher training, technology improvements and after-school programs."

That was a slightly better answer, though money-oriented.

When Richard Nixon became president, he said the problem with America wasn't its people, who were hard-working and patriotic, but with its Washington leadership.

In Detroit, the problem is people. If you've followed the Detroit papers coverage over the years, you've read that young black males have a disdain for schools because they're run by women. You've read feature stories where girls who try to do well in class are accused by classmates of "acting white."

A black friend who attained a managerial post with a major utility told me how he was ridiculed by other kids for taking books home for study.

A white suburban friend teaches in Detroit. She's excellent — I've visited her class. Yet her hostile colleagues accuse her of "taking a job away from a black man."

You can hear the same kinds of stories in white "Michigan hillbilly" areas, but they are most pervasive in "urban" areas. You don't hear those kinds of stories in Caspapolis, where Dennis Archer was raised.

The problem is people in a culture that has little respect for education and teachers. Unless Engler and DeGrow know something that I don't, there is little hope in that changing the school board, the superintendent, the business manager and business methods can help students learn.

In other words, I don't think top governmental officials have a magic wand that can change people's attitudes. I hope I'm wrong and they're right.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

## Outdoor liquor sales draws opposition

**BY ANDREW DIETDERICH**  
Staff Writer

A downtown Northville business will sell alcohol outside this summer, but at least one city resident opposes it.

Northville city council voted 4-1 Feb. 1 to allow Pooles Tavern, 157 E. Main St., to sell alcohol on about 800 square feet of a city-owned plaza/park area.

The council set up guidelines that must be observed that include — hours of operation to be 10 a.m. through 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday; the term will be April 1 to Nov. 12; renewal must be sought annually; advertising is prohibited on umbrellas; the business must remove all rattlans, tables and chairs off-season; there may be no increase in lighting; access to

neighboring businesses must not be obstructed.

Additionally, customers must enter through Pooles' buildings and only between 30 and 35 people may sit outside in the area.

The Northville police department said there were no incidents reported at the outdoor seating area last summer.

But Beth Beson, 504 Dunlap St., still doesn't like the idea.

"I don't think it should be the business of the city of Northville to give permission or provide space for a privately owned bar or tavern to sell alcoholic beverages in a public-viewing area," she said.

forced to whenever she takes a walk by the bar.

"As I take my daily fresh air walk uptown, I am forced to take part in an atmosphere I might not ordinarily sit outside in the area."

"My concern is about the children first and foremost," he said. "I think it would be helpful to put some sort of screen up around the area."

Harshorne said a screen around the parameter of the area would prevent children from seeing into the area because they're short.

Council member John Hardin

said that was unacceptable.

"Where do you stop?" he said. "Do you start blacking out all the windows in bars where people can see in?"

Hardin said he thought not everyone who goes to Pooles' and uses the outdoor area will be drinking.

"You're making the assumption that everyone in a bar is drinking," he said. "But when I go to the bar I don't go for the atmosphere and the food."

Mary Poole, owner of Pooles' Tavern, said concerns about the outdoor patio are unwarranted.

"We just don't have those kind of people in here," she said. "Getting out of hand on the patio is not even a concern."

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# Brateman wins business honors

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When Brateman's brother, Dr. Robert Brateman, decided to open a medical practice near Providence Park, he followed him to Novi to share an office. Today, Brateman, who has an MBA from the University of Michigan, is headquartered in the International Business Center at Main Street East.

Originally a leasing agent for shopping centers, he added leasing offices and industrial building space to his repertoire, then vacant land sales.

Representing a landowner along Grand River led Brateman to his first venture with local government.

He's on the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and has been the chamber's Legislative Affairs Chairperson for three years.

"I think you have to be creative, you have to look at the situation. I was trying to sell a piece of property and I thought, no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't do it. It was due to the ordinance," he explained.

"You're a person who's bought a piece of property and you've held onto it for ten years, the property has not appreciated. That's not fair, that somebody should have a very large investment of \$100,000 on Grand River and not have it developable."

The area was zoned for non-center commercial and he convinced both the chamber and the Novi Planning Commission that the zoning category needed fine-tuning. Last year, a revised NCC zoning was adopted by the Novi City Council.

NCC zoning keeps out fast food

"I bring together people that will be able to bring goods and services to the community, that are hardworking people who see Novi's future and they want to be part of it."

Jonathan Brateman

restaurants, "big box" stores and car dealerships. Before, the NCC zoning along Grand River would only allow one retail building no bigger than 10,000 square feet. Now, two retail spaces, with the largest no bigger than 25,000 square feet is permitted with the category.

"I think it really showed a cooperation between the planning commission, the planning department staff and the chamber, how we could look at an ordinance and work with it to try to create something that's more usable," Brateman said.

"Citizens may say it doesn't go far enough, but the whole point was to change the status quo that has existed for 13 years, to see if there could be more excitement created on the Grand River corridor."

Brateman also served on Novi's 20/20 Futuring Committee. One of the most important things about

that experience, he said was the change for Novi residents and members of the city's business community to mingle.

"That makes for good lines of communication. I can understand that the residents say we have a lot of development here. But talking with residents about community development, they can understand how business helps pay for the services everyone enjoys," he said.

Brateman's office is full of mementos from Israel, including rocks gathered at Masada, Jerusalem and Galilee. The country's welfare been an interest of his since early childhood.

"When I was ten years old, I explained to my fellow fourth graders what was happening during the Six Day War," he said.

That was in 1967. In 1973, with his family, he visited the country just before the Yom Kippur War broke out. Since then, he's been back 14 times.

"We have so many friends there. I follow Israel on a daily basis, it becomes so much a part of you, you're connected," he said.

Brateman sells more than real estate. He's been a leader in promoting bonds for the development of Israel's infrastructure. The nation of four million has seen a one million increase in its population since 1989, he said, with immigrants coming mostly from Eastern Europe.

In 1996, he was one of six young North Americans to win the Jerusalem 3000 Award, for their work in educating people about Israel bonds. He was chosen to give the acceptance speech on behalf of all of them in Jerusalem.

"My family was there. It was quite a moving experience, something I'll always remember," Brateman said.

In 1997, he made another one of his dreams become reality, creating his own cable TV show.

"I was flicking the remote control and it said don't just watch TV, do TV," said Brateman.

He signed up for a five-week class on cable TV through the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

"When I got there I was really nervous. There was all this different all this sophisticated equipment. I was afraid to touch everything," he said.

As part of the class work, he was on-camera for an interview with 1960s Tiger pitcher Earl Wilson, a family friend. Since then, Brateman's done 35 talk shows, with his brother and father, Irving Brateman serving as cameramen, including one shot in Israel and a cooking episode with Botsford Hospital.

"I love the show I did on Special Olympics. It showed how parents can be involved in making the children's lives better and what a wonderful organization Special Olympics is," he said.

People helping people is a persistence with Brateman.

"I try to provide service to my clients, to bring together people, landlords and tenants in long-term relationships," he said.

"I bring together people that will be able to bring goods and services to the community, that are hardworking people who see Novi's future and they want to be part of it."

# Twelve Mile Road was scene of multiple mishaps

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were presented with another problem. Mud thrown up from the excavator's rescue covered the road and needed to be cleaned off before county officials could inspect it.

"It looked like a big dirt road," McNamara said.

After the Novi Fire Department cleaned off the road, it was inspected and declared safe for vehicles. But, before the road could open, another disaster struck.

McNamara said a truck pulling out onto Twelve Mile Road with a trailer around 10:30 a.m. Tues-

day, caught some hanging phone lines and pulled them, and their poles, down into the roadway.

AT&T had to be called out to reset the poles and fix the wires. In the meantime, even though the wires presented little risk electrocution, they were still laying across the road, causing officials to keep the road closed until 4 p.m. Tuesday.

McNamara stressed the road was closed for safety reasons. "When the roads are ready and safe to reopen, we will reopen them," he said.

No one was hurt in any of these incidents.

# City council goes ahead with trimmed housing plan

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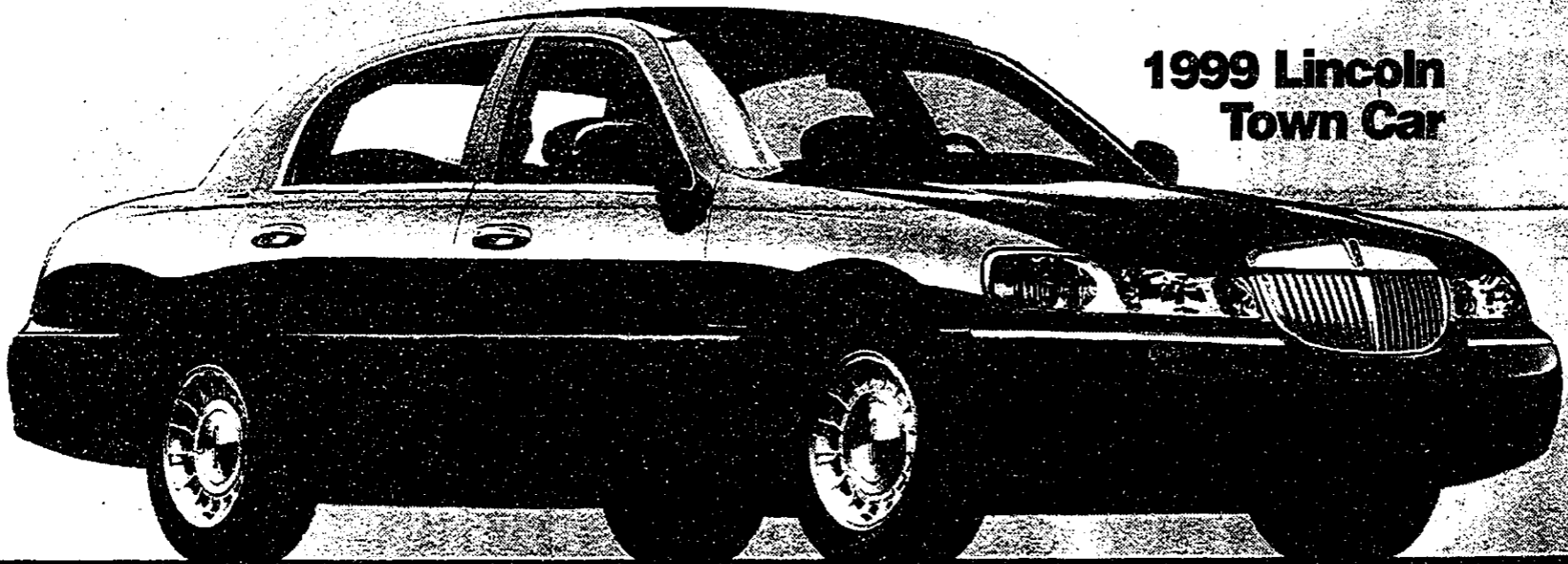
city would not need to seek a variance to build more units than RM-1 would allow on the land.

"It's very important that the city should lead by example. If we expect the private sector to

abide by the ordinances and reduce the number of variances they request, the city has a duty and obligation to do the same," Lorenzo explained.

Other variances for the project were on the Zoning Board of Appeals agenda for Tuesday, past press-time.

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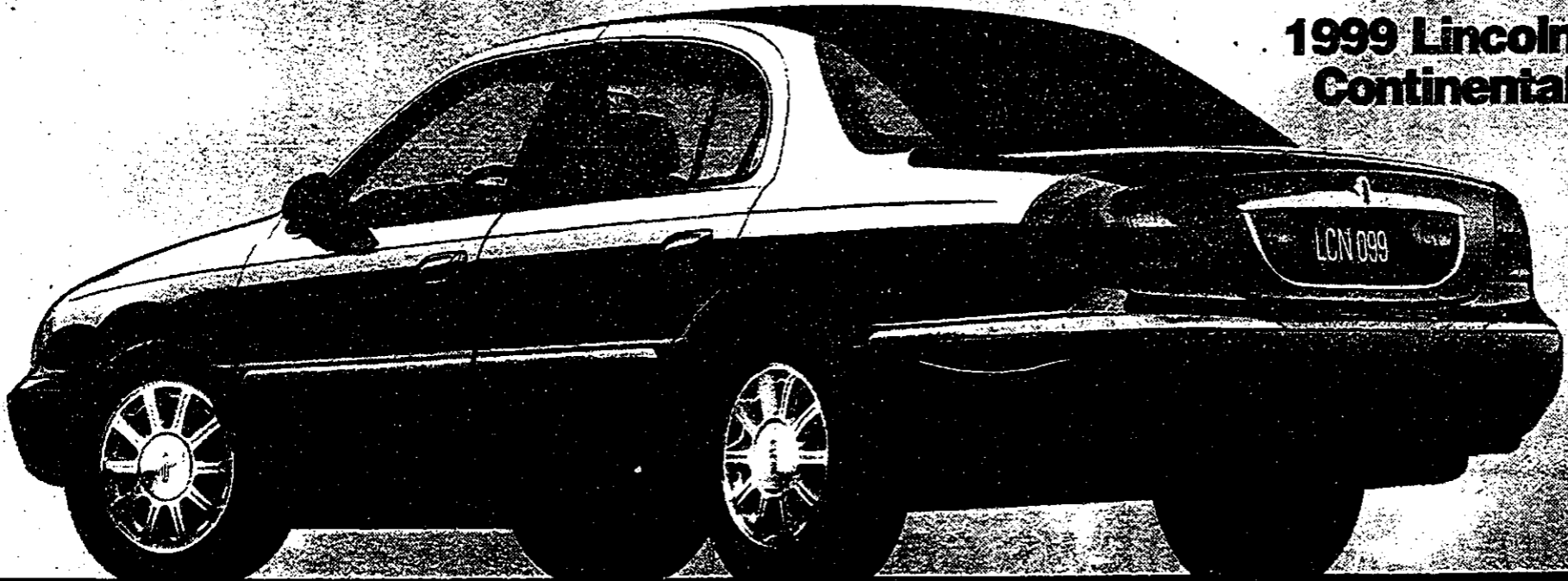
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Members of the Northville Woman's Club were eager to talk with attorney, financial planner and radio talk show host Rick Bloom following his talk on "Women and Investing."

## The art of **Planning Ahead** Expert gives advice on personal finance and investing

CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

**I**n a sometimes humorous, often times serious, discussion on "Women and Investing" Rick Bloom told members of the Northville Woman's Club and their guests at a recent meeting that it is never too late to start investing.

"Investing is mandatory for everyone," said the attorney, financial planner and talk show host of both "Money Talk" and "The Rick Bloom Show" on WXYZ.

"You are going to need more, not less, down the road," he said. "There's not a person in this room, I don't care how old you are, that shouldn't be investing money in the stock market."

The average woman in this country lives on \$14,000 a year at age 65 years and on \$9,000 if she's 75, according to Bloom.

People are living longer, are more active and living better lives than their counterparts did 30 years ago, according to Bloom. Senior citizens are not working because they want to, but because they have to.

The cost of living is continually going up. The style of living is also changing and increasing the cost of living. What were once considered luxuries - cell phones, computers, etc. - are now becoming everyday items.

"That's the reality, prices are going to

jump, we are living longer and we have to keep up," said Bloom, who is also a frequent financial correspondent on WXYZ TV Channel 7.

Bloom discussed the four areas of personal finance - estate planning needs, taxes, risk management and investing and had the following recommendations:

### Estate planning

"It's not just planning for our death," Bloom said. "It's making sure we know how to handle a family emergency."

A medical power of attorney is a must. "You need to put in writing what your wishes are if you can't make a medical decision for yourself," he said. "Most people in this country don't have one."

The Michigan Patient Advocate Form is free and available at local libraries.

Make a list of where your assets are and look at your will, trust, etc., to make sure they are correct.

"There's \$160 billion dollars in this country that is unclaimed," he said.

### Taxes

The main goal should not be to save on taxes.

"Taxes are immaterial," he said. "We should all pay the least amount possible. What our goal should be is to put more money in our pockets."

Be aware of taxes, deduct what you can, but never make a move just for tax purposes, if you do you will always make

the wrong decision.

### Risk Management

Video tape everything in your house with a narration.

Shop around for a homeowner's policy.

The only reason to buy life insurance is if there is someone who will lose out financially if you die.

If considering long term care, read the policy, not the brochure.

"You have to read those policies, understand them and check them out independently," he said.

An agent can't explain a policy to you when it is often so complex that even he can't understand it, said Bloom.

### Investments

"Leaving your money in a bank is not an option anymore, we live in a different world," he said.

The agricultural society is long gone. The industrial revolution is behind us. We are living in a service and technology economy.

"We have to recognize that everything else in our lives is changing," he said. "We have to change the way we think about money. If you don't, you are going to get left behind."

Define your goals and objectives when investing money and know your risk tolerance level.

Investing in the stock market is for a goal 10 years down the road, regardless

of whether you are a conservative investor or not. For something one year down the road, you would not invest in the stock market.

"It's not whether you are a conservative or an aggressive investor, but your own goals and objectives that dictate how you invest money," said Bloom.

Don't worry if the stock market goes up or down on any given day. Focus on your goal.

"There's no such thing as a risk-free investment," he said.

CDs and U.S. Savings Bonds are guaranteed to lose money, according to Bloom. In any 10-year period the stock market has never lost money.

The only way to make money in real dollars in the long run is to go into the stock market and for the majority of investors, it's mutual funds. Judge on the return, not on what they are.

More information on mutual funds can be found at the local libraries.

**B**loom uses the following rules when making his own investments:

1. Don't invest in anything that you can't check out independently.

"If you can't check it out independently, walk away," he said. "Some of the best investment are those we don't make."

2. Don't invest in anything that doesn't have a track record. Look at three-, five-, even 10-year track records.

"Projections are meaningless," he said.

3. Don't invest in anything you don't understand.

"I want to know how I can make money, how I can lose money, how I get my money out when I want to," he said.

4. Don't invest in anything unless you understand the costs. Know the price and the commission. Bloom recommends no-load investments.

6. Do a "smell" test.

"If it smells too good to be true, it smells," he said.

A portion of a portfolio should be in the stock market. It is immaterial what the stock market is at today.

"Women are actually better investors than men, but too many women don't get involved," he said. Investing is not a man's thing to do. People should look at it as a hobby.

"It is the only hobby I know where you actually can make money as opposed to costing you money," he said. "This is fun stuff. You don't have to be an expert in the market to do well in it."

Don't sweat the day-to-day fluctuations. Focus on your long-term goals. Do research going into the fund. Follow it for two years to check its performance.

"I don't fall in love with my investments," he said. "I fall in love with their performance."



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Maureen Schiffman and Coco will present a show during the schools' mid-winter break.

## Puppeteer takes kids on trip

CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

Coco came out of the closet in 1982.

Maureen Schiffman's thoughts turned to the monkey puppet she had stashed in her closet after an incident that happened while she was reading a story to her preschool class. When she called on a student to answer a question, a child sitting next to the student told Schiffman that the girl was shy and wouldn't talk.

Schiffman introduced Coco to the class the following day so they could discuss "shyness."

Not only did he not go back on the closet shelf, he's become quite a celebrity.

Schiffman has written about 50 different shows which she, Coco, and other puppets perform at libraries, camps, schools, rec centers, birthday parties, churches, synagogues, boy scout and girl scout activities, and at festivals including the Taste Fest in Detroit, the 50s Festival in Novi, and Dancing in the Streets in downtown Rochester.

"Now I can bring him to the schools and have fun educating the kids while also enjoying Coco's antics," she said.

During the mid-winter break, Schiffman and Coco will be presenting a program through Novi Community Education.

For "Travel Around the World during Mid-winter Break" Schiffman and Coco will visit each continent.

"I wanted to do something that was multicultural," she said.

"No matter what language we speak, we can communicate through music."

On the stop in Australia, Schiffman has an instrument that mimics the sound of the bull roar which is used by the aborigines.

Always interactive, the audience at the "Travel Around the World" show will count in Swahili, speak French, and get involved in movement activities. There's music, movement, puppetry, magic and a lot of imagination in all of her shows.

Schiffman started out as a ele-

mentary and junior high school teacher after receiving a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Michigan. But her affinity for entertaining started when she was a child. She would invite neighborhood children to her house where she would entertain them by playing games and music.

"My true love is playing with kids, being creative with them," she said. "That is how I found my niche in the entertainment industry."

Coco was not her first puppet. Schiffman had made animal farm hand puppets which she used while a preschool teacher. The students would make the sounds of the animals.

"This is really an extension of playing with the kids," she said.

Schiffman has a video which was shot at the Farmington Hills Amphitheater in 1989.

Selections from Schiffman's audio cassette "Sing a Little Happy Song" are aired nationally

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# Boy Scouts invited to attend Sunday services

By: JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

Scent Sunday at Church of the Holy Cross will be on Feb. 7. All scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church on that day. All scouts dressed in uniforms will receive a patch and a letter from the church for their pack or troop verifying their participation.

The youth group planned Soup-er Bowl Sunday, which was held following last Sunday's 11 a.m. service. The congregation was served soup and bread, with donations going towards Crossroads. The youth group continues to organize concession packets for the Crossroads Soup Kitchen on a monthly basis.

A number program sponsored by the youth is the Bingo game for young people and the showing of video tapes to the youngsters while parents attended the annual meeting.

During the holidays they collected items such as paper, books, and art supplies for the Wolvener Human Services and brought the outdoor nativity scene to the outdoor storage area.

This year's Lenten study will be a five-week program, including video tapes and discussions regarding spirituality and prayer. This program will be held on Wednesdays starting Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Ash Wednesday service will be held on Feb. 17 at noon and 7 p.m. with

the Liturgy and imposition of ashes.

Several groups are making plans for the coming year. An open invitation is given to ladies who like to knit, crochet, tat, sew, embroider, etc., and who would like to get together for an hour to work on projects. The committee in charge of these crafts would be interested in learning preferences of the day, time and place as soon as possible. Last year the group was able to contribute to the building fund through their efforts.

Plans are also being made for the popular "Adopt-a-Child" project which kicks off this month. Last year the group was able to contribute to the building fund through their efforts.

### NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The next general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, at Calico Corners. Those attending are encouraged to bring fabric swatches, wallpaper samples, paint chips, carpet samples, ideas from a magazine, interior pictures, or just come and enjoy. Everyone will be divided into small groups, with each group rotating to several design areas.

Members are reminded of the next Couples Night Out on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Comedy Club of the Eldorado Country Club. A buffet will be served from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by a show and dance. The special act for the evening is Norm Stolz, who is considered to be Michigan's premier story

February calendars are available at the information rack by the Novi Parks and Recreation office at the Novi Civic Center. This flyer

## Novi Highlights

For more details, contact President Robbi LeRoy at 380-9244.

Plans are being made for the Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-athon on Saturday, March 6, from 1-4 p.m. Information about forming a team or sponsoring a bowler to represent Novi Newcomers and Neighbors is available.

Also in March is the volunteerism at Hudson's. Many members did this during the Christmas holiday and were able to assist in the fund raising along with receiving discount coupons for themselves. In addition, Kohl's has also offered members and friends a similar program. More information is available by calling 380-9244.

This club offers many interest groups: daytime Bridge or Bunco, Book Club, Bowling, Evening Cafe, Euchre, Ladies Night Out at the Movies, Mom's and Tot's, Out-to-Lunch, Pinocchio, and the Play Group. The themes for the Regional Dinner Program during January and February are "Winter Wonderland" or "Some Romantic Evening."

### NOVI SENIOR CENTER

February calendars are available at the information rack by the Novi Parks and Recreation office at the Novi Civic Center. This flyer

has a wealth of information for senior citizens in the area. Included in the flyer are the center's activities and daily luncheon menus. The center will be closed on Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents Day so therefore, no meals will be served that day. Lunch reservations must be made in advance by calling 347-0414; a small donation is requested.

Focus Hope will be at the center Feb. 9 to distribute food to those who qualify. Requirements are: 65 years of age; monthly income of one person, \$872; monthly income of two persons, \$1175. Some furnished items may include rice, powdered milk, instant potatoes, powdered eggs, canned meat, fruit or vegetables, cereal, etc. Focus Hope is available once a month. Commodity Foods is available every three months. If you qualify, you must register in advance of the distribution date so call 347-0414 as soon as possible.

For those of you involved in the Pen Pal program, Feb. 10 is the deadline date for Valentine greetings to the children in elementary schools. Please put them in the mailbox provided in the center's office at the end of the hallway on the left.

### NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration for "Two of Us," "Three's Company" and "On My Own" will be from Feb. 8 through Feb. 20. Parents or caregivers must come into the library and fill out the appropriate form. Completed forms will be placed into the "lottery" box. When the lottery closes, the sign-up forms will be drawn one at a time until the class is filled. Presently, there are 200 children registered for these classes.

The library is very colorful with the snowmen made by Miss Jacqueline's class at the Children Awareness Center. Also attractive are the snow caps the children colored and brought back for display in the children's section.

On the bulletin board entitled, "Kid Stuff" are suggestions for making valentines along with other ideas.

A new bulletin board "Young

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There are many types of magazines children can enjoy at the library including "Jack and Jill," "Highlights," "Boys Life," and "Crickets." There is also a special video children's section.

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In the large showcase is a special doll display from the collection of Diane's Doll House. The dolls are dressed in native costumes from many countries including Japan, Korea, Croatia, Poland, Germany, Thailand, among others. There are nesting dolls from Russia and Czechoslovakia, a doll made in England, another with human hair, one from 1900, and even a miniature Grandma Moses. Anyone with a collection they would like to share, especially a child's collection should contact the library and sign up for the coming year.

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# Hippies attend appreciation dinner

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Staff Writer

They may not have been star dust. They may not have set their souls free.

But by the time city volunteers, appointees, staff members, elected officials and consultants got to Novi's annual appreciation party, most were dressed for the Woodstock theme.

Unlike the original event in 1969, everyone kept their clothes on, it was reported. And what clothes!

"It was fabulous. It was the best party ever. We had some people who really dressed," said Lynn George, administrative assistant to Novi's city manager.

George, the party-planner, sported a get-up that included bell bottoms and clogs. The bash was held Jan. 23 at the DoubleTree Hotel, where guests grooved to appropriate hit music of the day, such as "Hey Jude."

Typically, guests are encouraged to dress in costume for the annual event, based on each year's theme. Because Novi will celebrate its 30th anniversary this month, time-tripping back to 1969 seemed the righthand response.

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## Wedding



Steven and Gwynne James

Gwynne Evelyn Vereck and Steven Barron James were married Oct. 24, 1998, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. Dr. Carl Leth officiated the double-ring ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her mother and father. A reception for 300-plus guests followed at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Carl E. and Cheryl L. Vereck of Novi. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and is currently a real estate consultant for a brokerage in Haslett, Mich.

Attending as matron of honor was Angela Seehorn. Bridesmaids were Roxanne Vereck, Michelle Vereck, Sarah Williamson, Katie Schenkel, Christine Nuttall, Renee Koks, Rachel DeKuper, Debbie Hughes, Kim Nicholas and Sara Burrows.

The traditional white bridal gown was designed with an open back and sleeveless. The bodice was brocaded in lace and the satin

bottom with attached train was bustled for the reception.

The bridal veil was waist length and attached to a headband of brocaded lace to correspond with the gown.

The bride carried a European hand-tied bouquet of white roses with assorted white accent flowers.

The groom is the son of Douglas B. and Mary L. James of Fenton. Also a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree, he is currently employed as an account manager and sales representative for Coca Cola in Lansing.

Kevin James served as best man. Groomsmen were David James, Ed Vereck, Matthew Kotte, Mike Kehoe, Greg Larson, Adam Brody, Gary Holvick, Tag Saunders, Nate Miller, and Jason Saur. Attending as ushers were Don Paluszka and Steve Horvath.

The couple went to Negri, Jamaica for their honeymoon. They now live in Haslett.

## Engagements



Anthony Dobson/Jessica Milton

The engagement of Jessica Dawn Molton and Anthony Joseph Dobson is being announced by their parents, John Molton of Home City, Pa., and Cynthia Bow-ersocks of Portage, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Dobson of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Portage High School. She graduated in 1996 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Acad-

emy of Culinary Arts and is currently pantry chef at California Cafe in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The groom-elect graduated in 1994 from Novi High School. He anticipates graduation in August from Florida International University, and is also employed at California Cafe as a manager.

A July wedding will take place in Pennsylvania.



Lynn White/Bryan Kukuzke

Mr. and Mrs. James Kukuzke of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Bryan James, to Jessica Lynn White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Brown City, Mich.

The bride-elect received a bachelor's degree in human resource management in 1997 from Western Michigan University. She is

currently employed as a financial consultant at Pension Consultants in Farmington Hills.

The groom-elect is also a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in management. He is currently employed at Novi Fence & Supply as installation manager.

A November wedding is planned.

## ABWA to hold annual recognition dinner

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its 10th Annual Business Associates Recognition Dinner on Feb. 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi.

Headquartered in Kansas City, MO., the American Business Women's Association is comprised of over 80,000 members and is

the fourth largest association of its kind.

Since its inception, the Novi Oaks Chapter has awarded over \$16,000 to local college students through fund raising.

Scholarships to Oakland Community College (Farmington Hills) students will also be awarded during the evening event.

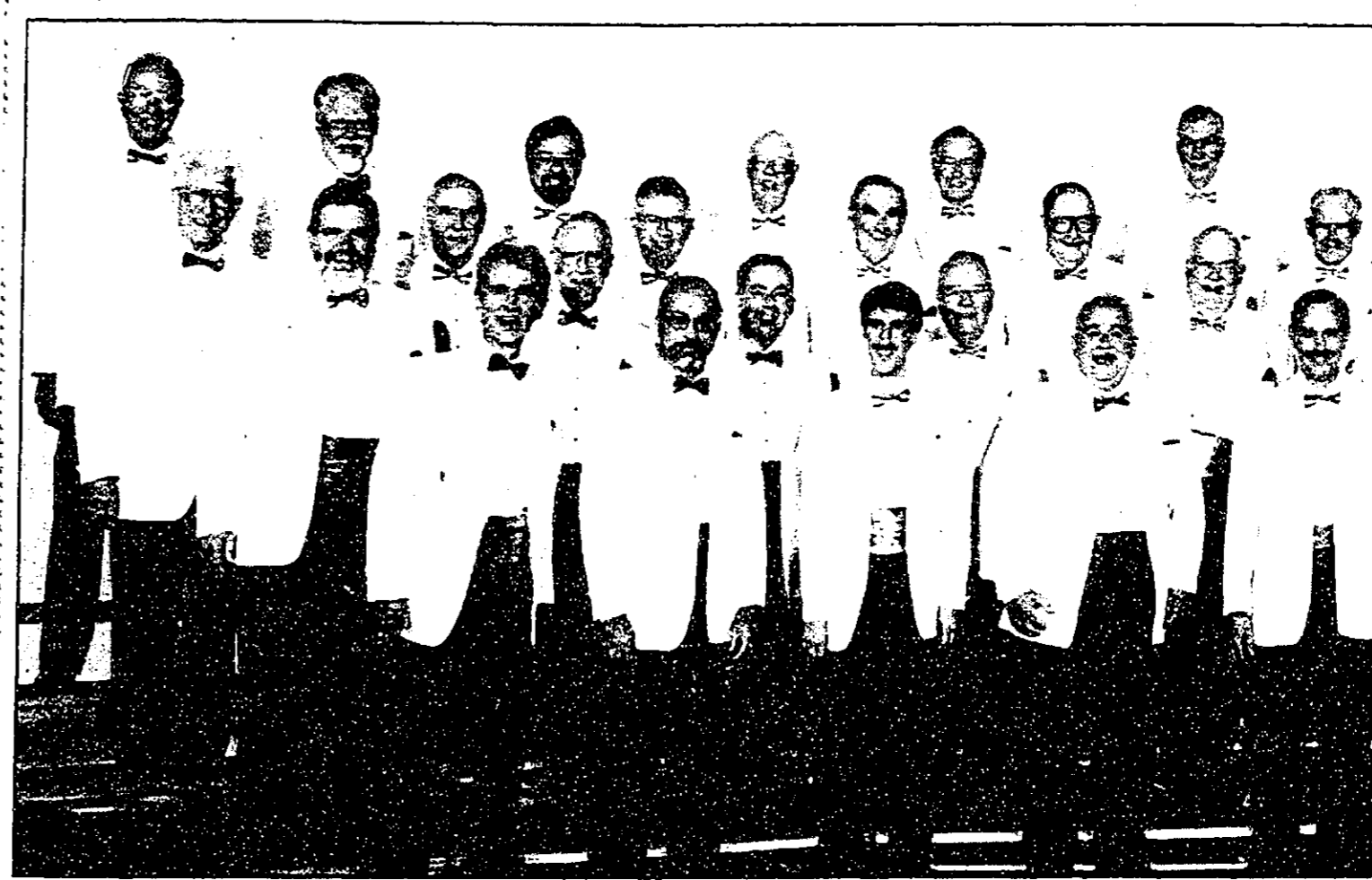
Tickets are \$18 per person and need to be purchased by Feb. 8.

Companies sponsoring a table will also receive an advertisement in the event's program as well as recognition of its employees.

For information, or to purchase tickets, call Dr. Katherine Duncan at (248) 426-6345.

# Diversions

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Fran Durham, back row far left, and Steve Sutherland, front row far right, are members of the Gentlemen Songsters.

## Barbershoppers schedule performance

Two of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top ranking quartets will headline the Detroit-Oakland Chapter's 50th Annual Parade of Harmony scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Appearing at both performances will be the 1993 International Champion quartet "The Gas House Gang" and the 1998 International eighth place quartet "Uptown Sound."

Fran Durham, Steve Sutherland, and Don Block will be among the

40-man Detroit-Oakland Chapter chorus, the Gentlemen Songsters, who will present a selection of barbershop favorites using the theme "Sentimental Journey." Two quartets from the chapter, Cross Town Exchange and Shindig, will also appear within the chorus program.

Sutherland, a teacher at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, is the director of the chorus. Northville resident Durham has been singing for 33 years and is the group's manager. Block recently joined the chorus and lives in Novi.

The group practices every Mon-

day from 7:30-10 p.m. at Starr Presbyterian Church at Thirteen Mile Road and Crooks in Royal Oak. Guest nights for auditions are held three or four times a year.

The performance benefits HeartSpring, a school for communically-impaired, multiply-handicapped children in Wichita, Kansas, and Sing America Sing Canada, a fund used to encourage singing in schools in the community.

With more than 34,000 members, the Barbershop Harmony Society is the world's largest all-male singing organization.

In addition to staging its annual

show, the Detroit-Oakland chorus performs regularly throughout the Detroit metropolitan area and competes twice each year in district competitions.

Clarenceville High School is located on Middlebelt between Eight and Seven Mile roads.

Tickets are \$13 for Friday night's performance and \$15 for Saturday's show. All seats are reserved. For more information, call (248) 559-7082.

Additional information is available on the internet at <http://www.world.comuserve.com/homepages/ssutherland/doc.htm>.

## Series opens with digital music concert

The Ann Arbor Digital Consort will perform a concert of digital music for keyboards and wind instruments at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville for the Fine Arts Series' first concert of this year on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

The Consort was founded and is directed by Dr. Jim Nissen, professor of music at both the University of Michigan, Dearborn, and Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He is joined by Scott Van Ornum, organist, and director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Dearborn; Todd Sager, director of music, Christ our Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills; and

Betsy Van Ornum and Thomas Maciak, wind instrumentalists.

Featured music on the program will be traditional classical music heard in a fresh way via the use of digital instrumentation. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Sleep May Satisfy Grace," and the famous "Passacaglia" written for the pipe organ will be a part of the first half of the program. The second half gives the audience the opportunity to hear Mussorsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." The performers will speak between each piece and give the audience an explanation of the types of

sounds and instrumentation used in the concert.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the church's main office during business hours. Advance ticket prices are \$10 per person, \$35 per family. Tickets at the door will be \$12 per person and \$40 per family.

The concert is sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

The Fine Arts Series includes six concerts throughout the year and an annual juried art show in October.

The next concert in the Fine Arts

Series will be on Sunday, March 14, at 7 p.m. The Lenten Concert includes an organ concerto for orchestra and organ written by Bixit, a Czech contemporary of Mozart. The first half also includes a piece written for harp and organ.

The concert concludes with a choral work accompanied by orchestra, organ and harp. The Faure "Requiem" will be sung by the Northville Concert Chorus, a chorus open to members of any community who wish to sing extended choral music.

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

## Entertainment listing

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

**AUDITIONS**  
FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions will be held on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. for "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. There are roles for three men and three women.  
Call Bill Salisbury, director, at (248) 661-1383.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
OUTDOOR CLINICS: REI will hold the following free clinics in February: Cold Weather Cycling, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.; and Bike Maintenance 101, Feb. 27, 11 a.m.  
REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville.  
Call (248) 347-2100.

**MUSIC**  
BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE: Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.  
Upcoming performances include GRB, Feb. 5 and 6; 10th Annual Polar Golf with musical guest band Black Market, Feb. 7-10; Shawn Riley, Feb. 12; and Pack Your Suit

**THEATER**  
PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "The Sound of Music" opens at the Water Tower Theater in Northville on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Other performances are on Feb. 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 and March 5 and 6. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m.

Case' Valentine's Party with the music of Shawn Riley, Feb. 13.  
Call (248) 669-1441.

**ART**  
GATE VI GALLERY: Watercolorist and Novi resident Penny Thorsen will exhibit her works at the gallery through Feb. 12.  
Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.  
Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

**NEARBY**  
BIG AIR SNOWBOARD CHALLENGE 1999: The snowboard jump competition is presented by Bavarian Village Ski and Snowboard and WXDG the Edge 105.1 FM, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6. Registration is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The contest starts at noon.  
The contest is open to anyone, although participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. All participants must wear a helmet.  
Registration takes place at Alpine Valley in White Lake on the day of the event only.  
Call (248) 347-3323.

**MUSICAL**: Farmington Players will perform "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt on Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and on Feb. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m.

**SWEETHEART DANCE**: The Swinom American Legion Auxiliary will hold a Sweetheart Dance with music by Jerry Sommers with a tribute to Neil Diamond on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8 p.m. until midnight. There are snacks and a cash bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

**FLOWERS**: Beginning Feb. 5, the Agriscience Greenhouse & Landscape Garden Center of Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus will be taking orders for a variety of annuals and perennials. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

They are located at 1000 Beck Road in Livonia.  
Call (248) 960-5454 for additional information.

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**MAKE AN EFFORT**  
Get in touch with this semi-retired Catholic DWM, 55, 5'10", who would like to spend time with a SWF, 35-50, Ad# 4321

**INTERESTED?**  
This outgoing, Catholic DW, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., with blond hair, blue eyes and a mustache, is looking for an outgoing, friendly SWF, 29-39, for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 2057

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Handsome, caring SWM, 33, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts and movies, is seeking an attractive SF, 18-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8708

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Friendly SWCM, 48, 5'10", who enjoys the outdoors, movies and traveling, is seeking a SF, 18-24, to meet a petite SWCF, 38-48, who likes to have fun. Ad# 7177

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He is looking for a SF, 18-40, who is of foreign descent and has no kids. This SWM, 35, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, has never been married, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and more. Ad# 1126

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He's just a regular guy who works, loves to read and enjoys the outdoors. This Catholic 38-year-old SWM, 6', from the Fenton area, is in search of a never-married SWCF, under 30, Ad# 8276

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SWM, 41, 5'8", friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passionate and giving, happy with life, romantic, fun-loving, genuine, young-at-heart, spontaneous, physically fit, seeks SWF with similar attributes. Brighton area. Ad# 2229

**AWAITS YOUR CALL**  
Professional SBM, 34, 5'6", 230lbs., is searching for a SWF, over 23, Ad# 8915

**GOOD TIMES**  
Outgoing Catholic SWM, 20, 5'8", who enjoys sport, would like to meet a Catholic SWF, 18-22, Ad# 4621

**CALL ME & TELL ME**  
SWM, 25, 6", with short blond hair and blue eyes looking for a cute, never-married Catholic SWF, 19-22, without children, at home, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 2342

**DO NOT DELAY**  
Active and fit, this professional DWCM, 47, 5'11", finds happiness in rock climbing, hiking and fine dining. He is looking forward to meeting a slender and attractive SWF, 30-40, So why not give him a ring now. Ad# 5017

**WAITING FOR YOUR CALL**  
A good time is guaranteed with this physically fit DWCM, 41, 6'1", 195lbs., who likes water sports, karate, riding motorcycles and skiing. He'd like to get together with an attractive, fit DWCF, 32-42, Ad# 1169

**SEARCHING**  
SWM, 35, 6'3", 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, movies and the theatre, dining out. Seeking a SWF, 27-45, who is honest and sincere. Ad# 3010

**TWO STEP WITH ME**  
Sensitive, never-married SBGM, 40, 5', 200lbs., who enjoys nature, classical music and dining out, seeks a never-married SF, age unimportant, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7733

**KINDRED SPIRIT?**  
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 45, who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, hunting and fishing, is seeking a woman to meet a kind, caring SWF. Ad# 7079

**LET'S TALK SOON**  
Romantic, witty SWM, 36, 5'10", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys walking, movies and traveling, is looking for a SF, under 30, to spend time with. Ad# 8884

**FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT**  
SW dad of one, 52, 5'11", N/S, non-drinker, who enjoys raising exotic deer and animals, camping, fishing and travel, is searching for an honest SWF, 52 or under. Ad# 4924

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

**SERIOUS ONLY**  
This SWCM, 24, 5'11", 150lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, outgoing, friendly, likes movies, dining out and more. She is in search of a sincere SWM, 18-45, who is compatible. Ad# 5989

**READY FOR ACTION**  
SWM, 19, 6', is student who enjoys spending time with friends, movies and sports, would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWF, 18-25, Ad# 5579

**HAPPY IN LOVE**  
SWM, 24, 6', 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys shopping, dining out and movies, is seeking a SWF, under 42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7345

**STARTING OVER**  
Employed SWCM, 40, 5'10", hopes to meet a caring, employed SWCF, 35-45, for friendship first. Ad# 1157

**MY ONE TRUE LOVE**  
Never-married SWCM, 25, 6'2", 170lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, church activities, dancing and clubbing, is seeking a fun SWCF, 21-28, with similar interests, who loves the Lord. Ad# 3273

**A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN**  
Call in love with this devoted SWM, 24, 6'2", 170lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, music, SF, 30-40. He is searching for a compatible SWF, 19-26, Ad# 1129

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SWM, 23, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys skiing, hunting and fishing, is seeking a friendly, down-to-earth SF, Ad# 1922

**KINDRED SPIRIT**  
Professional, Catholic SWM, 30, 6'1", with blond hair, who enjoys mountain biking, water sports and dining out, would like to meet a fun-loving SWCF, 24-32, Ad# 1451

**DESERVING**  
SWM, 20, 6', 200lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys going to movies, sports and listening to music. He is seeking a SWF, 18-24, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2019

**HELLO LOVE**  
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 45, who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, hunting and fishing, is seeking a woman to meet a kind, caring SWF. Ad# 7079

# Movies

## 'Ryan' rides high

World War II drama set for re-release Feb. 5

With interest in World War II at an all-time high, audiences will once again have an opportunity to see Steven Spielberg's World War II drama, "Saving Private Ryan" when the DreamWorks/Paramount release reopens nationwide on Friday, Feb. 5.

Originally released on July 24, 1998, "Saving Private Ryan" quickly emerged as one of the most successful and honored films of the year, garnering praise from both critics and audiences for its unflinching portrayal of war. The film has taken in over 190 million dollars domestically, making it the second highest-grossing film of 1998 to date. It is also an unqualified international hit, having earned more than 240 million dollars at the overseas box office.

In recent weeks, "Saving Private Ryan" has been named the Best Picture of the Year by both the New York Film Critics Circle and Los Angeles Film Critics Association, as well as Time Magazine. Best Actor, Drama (Tom Hanks), Best Screenplay (Robert Rodat), and Best Original Score (John Williams). In addition,



(Left to right) Sergeant Horvath (Tom Sizemore), Corporal Upham (Jeremy Davies), Private Jackson (Barry Pepper) and Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) are pinned down by an enemy sniper as they try to help a terrified little girl in a scene from DreamWorks Pictures' and Paramount Pictures' World War II drama "Saving Private Ryan," directed by Steven Spielberg.

and Broadcast Film Critics also gave Best Director honors to Steven Spielberg. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association recognized the film with five Golden Globe nominations for Best Picture, Drama; Best Director (Spielberg); Best Actor, Drama (Tom Hanks), Best Screenplay (Robert Rodat); and Best Original Score (John Williams). In addition,

"Saving Private Ryan" is on the top 10 lists of over 150 critics nationwide. Set during and just after the D-Day invasion of World War II, "Saving Private Ryan" stars Tom Hanks as U.S. Army Captain John Miller, who is ordered to take his squad behind enemy lines on a dangerous mission to find and retrieve on man: Private

James Ryan, played by Matt Damon. The youngest of four brothers, Ryan is the last survivor, the others have all been killed in action within days of one another. As the squad pushes deeper into enemy territory, Captain Miller's men find themselves questioning their orders. Why is one man worth risking



Claire Cooper (Annette Bening) is a woman who has a terrifying mind link with a killer in DreamWorks Pictures' "In Dreams."

# Bening plays terrifying mind games in newest DreamWorks release

"In Dreams," starring Annette Bening, Adan Quinn, Stephen Rea and Robert Downey Jr., is a horror thriller. The film was released in theaters Jan. 15.

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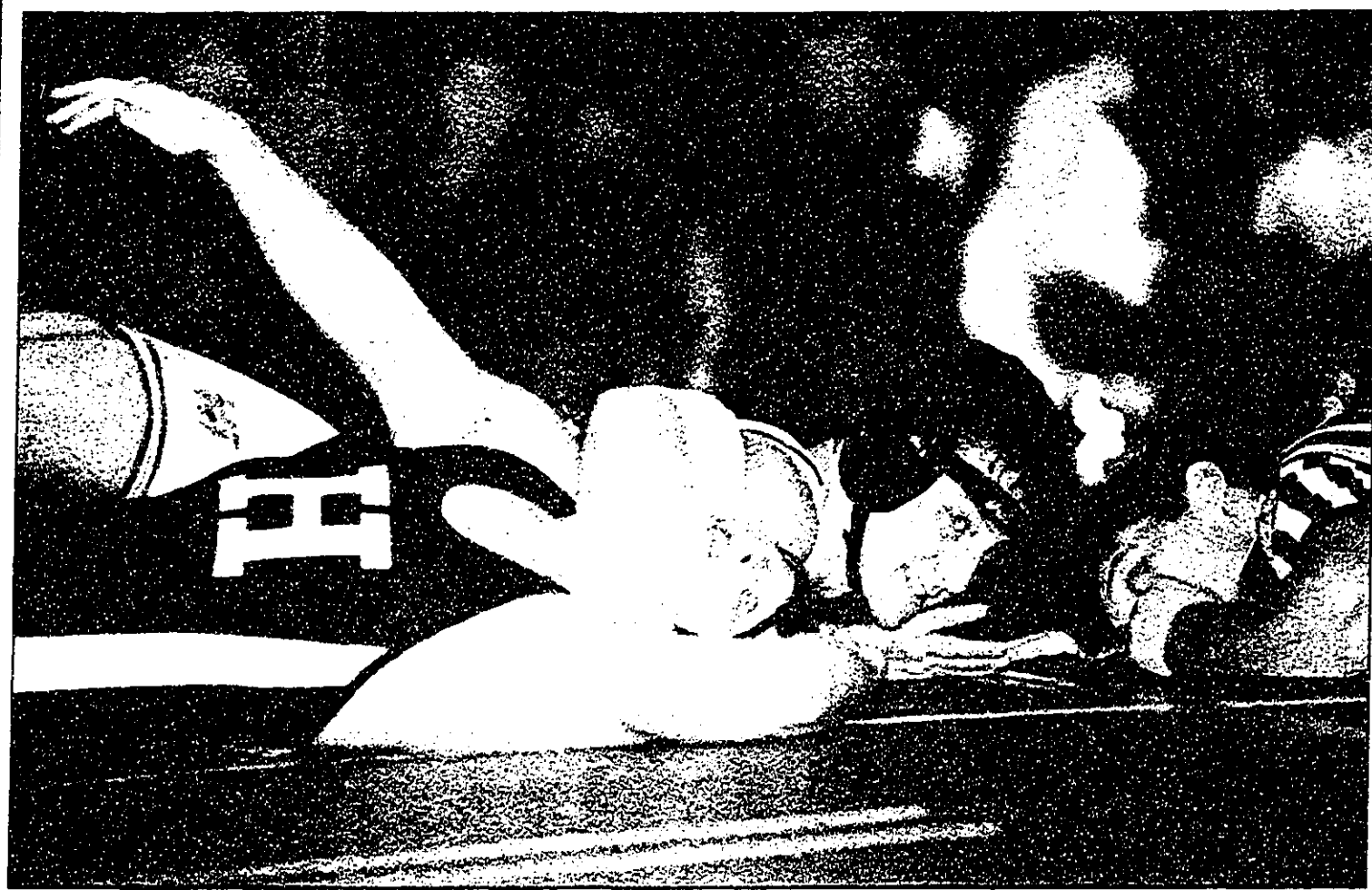
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Adam Borashko (on top) has a chance to pin Hartland's Nick Perkins, but settles for a 12-1 major decision and four points.

## Novi 1, Hartland 0

Wrestlers top Hartland 33-32, on track for KVC title

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

If Friday's wrestling match between Novi and Hartland was enough to give the Novi coaches coronary, then neither Brad Huss nor Tom Fritz need worry about heart failures in the future.

In what was supposed to be the match which would decide the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) championship, Novi fired the last shot and won a nail biter 33-32 at home last week. Senior heavyweight Brett Faulkner won by pin at 48 seconds, rallying his team from a five-point deficit. He caught Hartland's Brandon Bollman, turned him over, and pinned him within five seconds

to keep Novi unblemished in the KVC at 4-0. Hartland, ranked fifth in Division II, dropped to 3-1 with the loss.

"That's probably the second most exciting match I've ever been involved in," Huss said. "The regional championship two years ago was the most exciting, but this was really neat."

"We really got a big rivalry with (Hartland) right now. We snubbed Hartland's chance at a three-peat in the conference last year and they tried to snub us this season."

Novi will wrestle South Lyon and Howell tomorrow in the regular-season finale at South Lyon.

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## Split in KVC leaves basketball team two games back

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

There is a great deal of parity in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) basketball this season. But the problem is that six of the teams in the league have played relatively even this season, but South Lyon has run away from everybody. The Lions have jumped out to a 6-1 KVC mark, two games ahead of Novi and Lakeland (both 4-2).

"It was a physical, intense game," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "Every possession was crazy. The crowd was loud and really into the game." The "Cats trailed for most of the game, taking the lead for the first time late in the fourth quarter. The team trailed 30-25 at halftime and cut the deficit to two points heading into the fourth quarter.

"Usually when you take that many, you're gonna win the games," said Schluter. "We haven't always made enough to win, but we made enough in this game." "It's been a mental thing. It is not like they can't make them, but I laid off in practice and just let them go."

Junior center Chad Nadolni led the "Cats with 12 points. Senior guard Sean Brislin had 11 points, and shot 7 of 8 from the line. Brendan Hadley and Kyle Searly added eight points each.

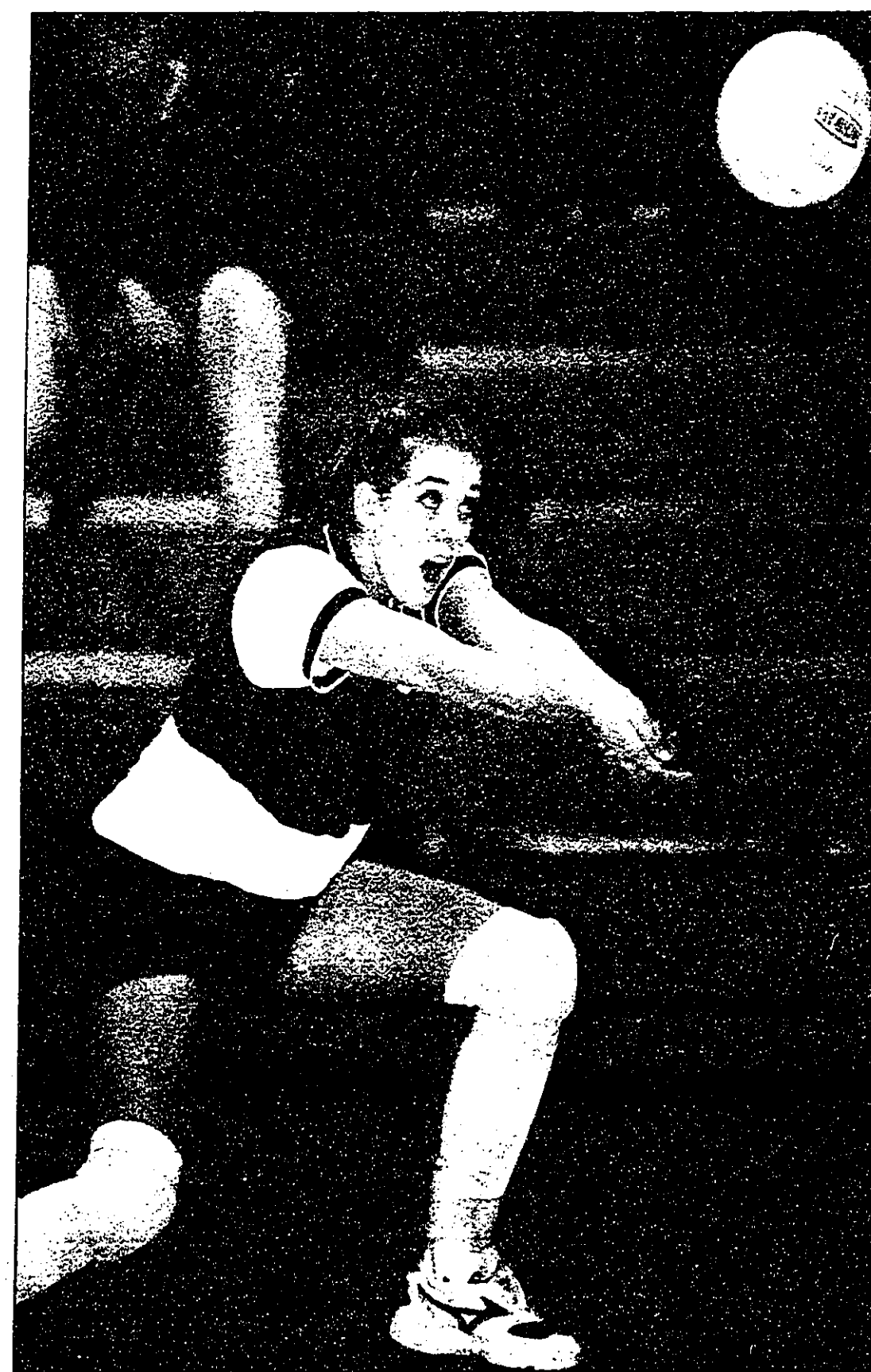
**LAKELAND 56, NOVI 50**  
Unable to stop Lakeland guard Dan Bahr, Novi

## Novi tops Eagles

Novi evened its Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) record to 3-3 Monday night, defeating Lakeland 11-15, 15-6, 16-14 on the volleyball court.

The Wildcats fell behind 7-0 in the first game, but gained enough momentum heading into the second to run away with it and force a game three.

Novi will travel to Brighton today to take on the Bulldogs in a KVC matchup. Saturday the team will compete at the Schoolcraft Invitational at Schoolcraft college and Northville High School. Tonight's match is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.



Junior outside hitter Kristin McGlennen passes to a teammate earlier this season.

## Wildcats stave off pesky Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

After seeing his team fall behind after the sixth event of the meet, Novi swim coach Bill McCord and his assistants decided it was time to fire back. With his big guns back in the lineup, McCord's team outscored the Brighton-Howell combined team 33-13 in the next three events to take a 79-60 lead, which it held up for a 104-81 victory last Thursday night.

"After they outscored us in the butterfly and took a 47-46 lead, we rewrote the lineup," McCord said. "We didn't want to lose a close one because we were playing around with our lineup. Their coach came out with both guns blazing. I think he wanted to keep up with us as long as possible."

It worked through the butterfly. The Bulldogs took first and third in both the 200 medley relay and the fly, giving it a one-point advantage. Mike Kurtli and John Jones finished 1-2 in the 100 freestyle to help Novi reclaim the lead. Kurtli's winning time of 58.64 seconds narrowly topped Jones (.59.37). Senior Bill Benton followed that up with a win in the 500 freestyle (5:43.89) to help the "Cats to a 87-58 lead."

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Bill McCord,  
Novi swim coach

The Brighton team is really coming along. They've got a young coach who is really sticking to his guns and I think their program is going to take off."

Brighton took first place in seven of 12 events, but Novi outscored the Bulldogs in six events. Two events were tied 8-8. Novi had a number of runner-up finishes, including the 200 medley relay team of Jordan Mobio, Tardella, Fischer and Kurtli (1:58.39). Kurtli was second in the 200 individual medley and Jones was runnerup in the 50 freestyle.

**KVC STANDINGS**

South Lyon	6-1
Novi	3-3
Lakeland	4-2
Brighton	4-2
Howell	4-2
Hartland	3-1
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## Wrestlers take out Hartland

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Lyon. If the Wildcats win both matches, they would receive first-place points heading into the conference meet Feb. 13 at Hartland. Hartland was the favorite coming into the match, but Novi started off strong and finished in a flurry to upset the Eagles. The match featured seven lead changes and five falls. After Hartland's Brandon Dorezo pinned Novi's Brent Frey at 130 pounds to make it 14-10 Novi, neither team led by more than six points the rest of the match.

Adam Borashko's 12-1 win over Nick Perkins at 171 really set the stage for what would be an exciting finish. The win pulled the "Cats to within two points at 26-24.

Nick Sloan edged Dan Ring (10-4 record) at 189 pounds, gutting out a 12-11 win that was back and forth the entire match. The win gave Novi a 27-26 lead and a good outlook with two matches remaining.

"What a gutsy performance he gave," Huss said of Sloan. "He hasn't wrestled for three weeks, and for him to suck it up was great. It would have been easy for him to give up out there. But he wrestled really smart. He knew he could score from the bottom, and he did."

Unfortunately for Novi, the tide turned quickly when Josh Perkey was caught on his back and was pinned by Sean Bajer at 3:59 of the second period, one second before the buzzer went off. The loss gave Hartland a new sense of hope with one match to go.

Faulkner came through, though, and gave Novi the six points it needed.

"What if Brett Faulkner beats up the other guy, but doesn't get the pin? We lose the match and he feels like he let the team down," Huss said. "Luckily for us, Brett's been doing a great job for us and can handle the pressure."

The top of the lineup fared well, with Novi winning three of the first four matches and grabbing a 14-4 lead. Sarb Rohatgi lost to Hartland's Bruce Scannell 12-4. Scannell is a perfect 33-0 this season.

After Brian Dodds won by void at 112, Ryan Churella defeated Shawn Peipren 17-5 to give Novi a 10-4 lead and Dan Jilg won his 37th match of the season 15-2 over Brett McManaman.

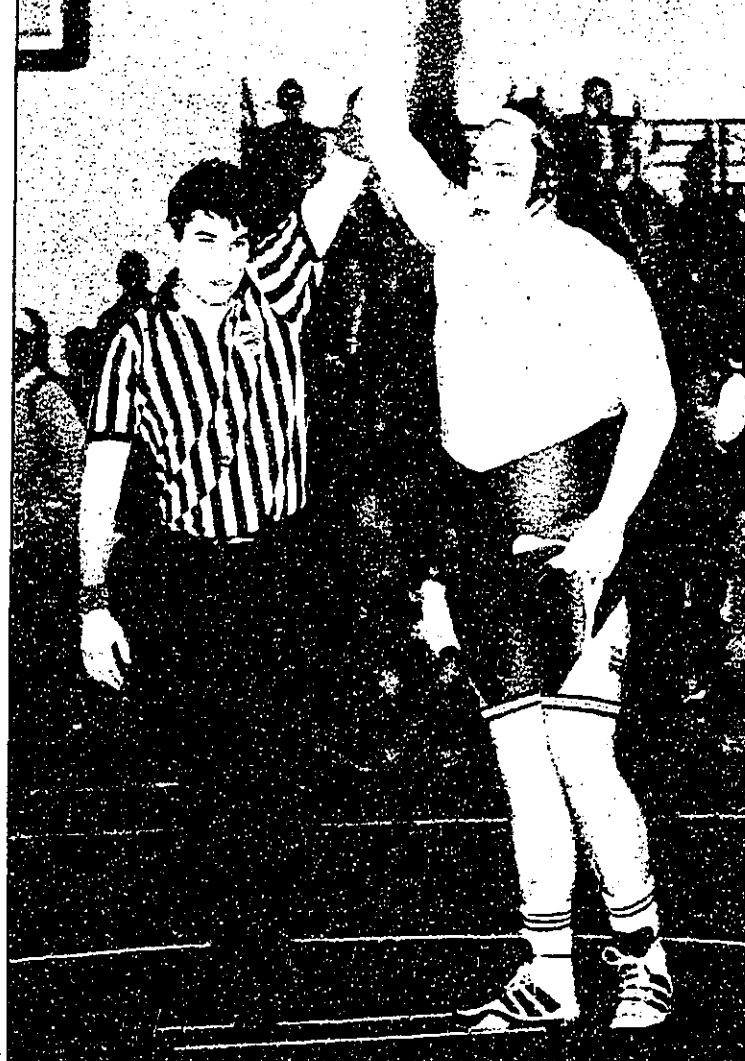
Andy Raudszus continued his

hot wrestling, topping Ricky Jakob 5-1 at 140 pounds. Chris Rumpf won the other match for the "Cats, a 7-2 decision over Mark Nelson at 152.

"Rumpf did a great job. He did what a captain needed to do," Huss said. "That was big because on paper that match could have gone either way."

Scott Kortlandt lost at 160, but he stayed off his back, which saved his team some points. "Brad Lusk is a great wrestler, so he saved us two points by not getting pinned," the coach said. "As you can see by the final outcome, those points were important."

If Novi wins the regular-season KVC title, it can win the title outright if it places first at the league meet or if Hartland finishes lower than first place.



The official raises the hand of senior Brett Faulkner Friday.



The varsity pom pon team members are front row (l to r) Jenny Bagdad, Karrie Smith, Crystal Hubel, Lindsay Wells, Laura Brandau, Valerie Caroselli and Trisha Naughton. Second row (l to r) Alyssa Hamblin, Erin Chupinskiy, Erin Riettmann, Jenny Haggopian, Kristin Misany, Angela Dominick, Courtney Harfoot and Kristin Fatt. Third row (l to r) Lindsay Anan, Becky Slatig, Abigail Saari, Heather Luka, Dana Dzwankowski, Melissa Gorman and Laura Takla. Last row (l to r) Cindy Hampton, Linzi Tullar, Natalie Corte, Lauren Madeja, Amber Emmenecker and Betsy Thelen.

## Pom Pon team heads to regionals...

The varsity pom pon team will compete at the regionals this Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School. The squad's placement at this competition will determine what division they will perform in at the state competition Feb. 28 at Saginaw Valley State University. For the past five years, the Novi varsity team has placed in Division I at the regional tournaments and twice were crowned state champions, in 1996 and 1998. Livonia Churchill is located at 8900 Newburgh Road

## SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL		103 POUNDS		130 POUNDS	
KVC STANDING/OVERALL		South Lyon	33-0	Scannell (Hartland)	33-0
South Lyon	6-1/11-2	Novi	4-3/7-5	Bragg (Lakeland)	8-0
Novi	3-3/3-3	Lakeland	4-3/6-6	Rashed (Milford)	13-2
Lakeland	4-2/3-3	Milford	3-3/7-6	Zube (Howell)	17-5
Milford	3-3/7-6	Howell	3-4/5-7	Rohatgi (Novi)	27-9
Howell	3-4/5-7	Brighton	2-2/4-6		
Brighton	2-2/4-6	Hartland	1-4/5-5		
Hartland	1-4/5-5				
LAST WEEK'S SCORES		112 POUNDS		140 POUNDS	
Walled Lake Western	68, Northville 49	Churella (Novi)	36-3	Neumann (Lakeland)	13-2
Northville 72, Stevenson 52		J. Kowal (Hartland)	22-3	Wood (Brighton)	19-3
South Lyon 56, Milford 43		Tarrow (Northville)	21-4	Neumann (Northville)	23-5
Milford 48, Brighton 41					
Novi 50, Brighton 48		119 POUNDS		145 POUNDS	
Lakeland 73, Howell 66		Jilg (Novi)	37-2	Chandler (South Lyon)	20-2
Pinckney 63, Milan 52		N. Lawrence (Milford)	12-3	Spaccaloni (Northville)	22-3
Fowlerville 80, Chelsea 74		Peipren (Hartland)	23-8	Scudiero (Hartland)	26-3
		Arbuckle (Northville)	11-5	Culver (Howell)	15-5
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		Slanner (South Lyon)	9-9		

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The senior 152-pounder kept the Wildcat wrestling team afloat at a critical time in the Novi/Hartland match. His 7-2 decision over Mark Nelson pulled Novi to within two at 22-20. Novi went on to win the match 33-32, and claim sole possession of first place in the Kensington Valley Conference.

**Mike Kurtli - Senior**

The senior took first place in the 100 freestyle and helped the 200 free relay team to victories last week against Brighton. Kurtli finished second in the 200 individual medley and was on the 200 medley relay team that finished runner-up. Novi went on to win the meet 104-81 and remain undefeated in the conference.

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## Health Column

### Resistance training done properly

Resistance training has never been more popular among both men and women. In fact, it remains one of the fastest growing segments of fitness today, and rightfully so. The already lengthy list of proven benefits from this type of exercise (for teens through seniors) has all but killed the old stereo-type of muscle bound men and women staring at themselves in the nearest mirror.

Most people do not realize that after their early 20s they begin to lose approximately one-half pound of muscle every year through lack of use. This can drastically affect one's quality of life as well as personal appearance. Scientific data supports that adding at least a couple days a week of proper and consistent resistance training cannot only stop but actually reverse these negative affects (at any age).

Resistance training can take many forms, such as completing exercises, resisting one's body weight, using rubber tubing, weight bearing machines, or free weights (barbells and dumbbells). The key to your plan is to maintain or increase your strength needed for you to maximize your quality of life. Unfortunately, along with the benefits of these exercises come many risks if the rules of the body are not obeyed; and that is the essence of this column and the series of columns to follow. To maximize the benefit while minimizing your risk through proper execution of your exercises. Obviously we cannot cover all of the many exercises, but we will include a key one for each body part in which critical factors can be repeated for other exercises.

Every exercise selection begins with your goal and personal profile. Obviously a person trying to gain strength for an upcoming sports season is drastically different than a person shooting for general conditioning to "stay in shape." Also as obvious is a person's physical readiness, including injuries, illnesses, current medication, etc. For our upcoming series we will use an average person, no serious limitations, looking for general conditioning.

Let's start with the chest area. A strong chest area is vital to the accomplishment of everyday activities. A strong chest helps to stabilize the shoulders and improve posture. Key exercises include the barbell and dumbbell chest press completed on a flat incline or decline bench. We are going to focus on the flat dumbbell chest press. The key factors outlined below can be duplicated for many

other chest exercises.

#### How to Align and Position \*

- Lie on a bench with neutral spinal curves, not flat.

- Position feet flat on the ground, assuming proper posture can be maintained, or on the bench, to aid in postural alignment.

- Position dumbbells over the middle of the shoulders, not over the head.

- Lift chest while pinching shoulder blades comfortably back into the bench.

#### Motion of the Exercise \*

- Slowly, lower the elbows outward and down while maintaining the wrist position over the elbows.

- The motion should stop when there is a loss of control or the upper arms are level with the shoulders.

- To return, keep the shoulder blades together, move elbows up and in towards the center. This will create a triangular motion when viewed from behind.

#### Key Safety and Mechanical Points \*

- Be sure elbows do not dip lower than the shoulders.

- Wrists should maintain a neutral position. In other words, do not allow the dumbbells to go forward or backwards to the forearm resulting in the loss of stability.

- Maintain proper posture.

- Keep the shoulder blades back in the bench (retracted).

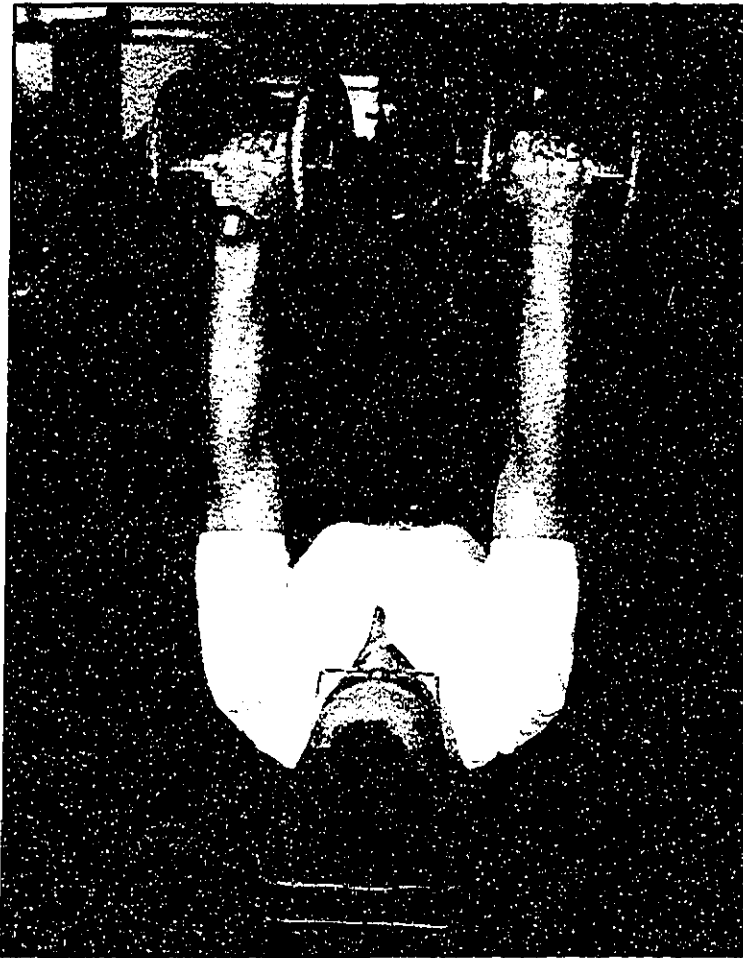
- Maintain the horizontal plane (dumbbells aligned over the lower to middle shoulder).

Begin with two-three exercises for the chest area, one set of about eight-15 repetitions for each exercise. When you gain control of the movement, work up to two-three sets of each exercise. Rest the chest area at least 48 hours before concentrating on this area again. By following these principles you are on the road of improvement with minimal risk. Good luck.

\* Duplicated from the National Academy of Sports Medicine

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club, an adult personal training club designed for people who have been away from or never involved with health clubs.

Klebba is also a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information, please call (248) 449-7634.



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The Water Wheel's Boo Sadikot shows the proper alignments and motions of the dumbbell chest press. Above he shows the proper alignment and positioning to begin his set. Below he shows the motion of the exercise.



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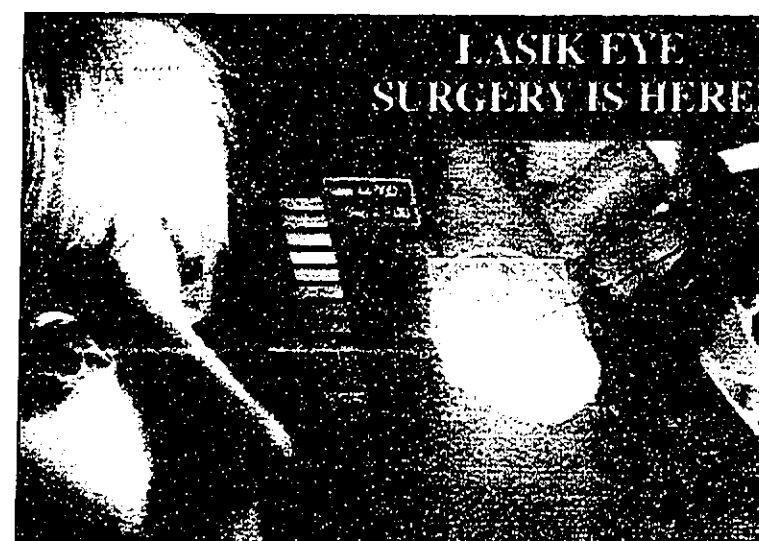
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