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City pushing for better cable service

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

The Novi City Council approved a formal request for a renewal proposal from the Southwest Oakland County Cable Commission for Time Warner Inc. Monday.

This action is the only step the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission feels it has to renegotiate a contract for cable service with Time Warner now that informal renegotiation attempts have failed.

SWOCC and Time Warner are negotiating an extension of the franchise that expired in May 1997. Time Warner currently provides service under a 1982 contract.

The formal request from the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi gives Time Warner 60 days to respond with a proposal that would meet the needs of the citizens. SWOCC then has 120 days to respond.

"This is the only way we can attempt to force it. It has been a

series of frustrations with Time Warner. Negotiations began three years before the contract expired in 1997 and we have yet to get an agreement with Time Warner," Council member Bob Schmid said. "I wish we could bring in competition, but it is so difficult to do with the federal regulations we have."

According to Council Member Kathleen Mutch, due to Federal Communications Commission regulations there is a limit on what the city can do about Time Warner's actions. However, the citizens of the communities may be able to get more effective results by sending a letter to their congressman.

"Every time there is an issue, people say, 'Write your congressman.' Those letters do have an effect," Mutch said. "On national issues, one letter can represent 40,000 constituents."

As far as Time Warner's attitude to the negotiations so far, Mayor

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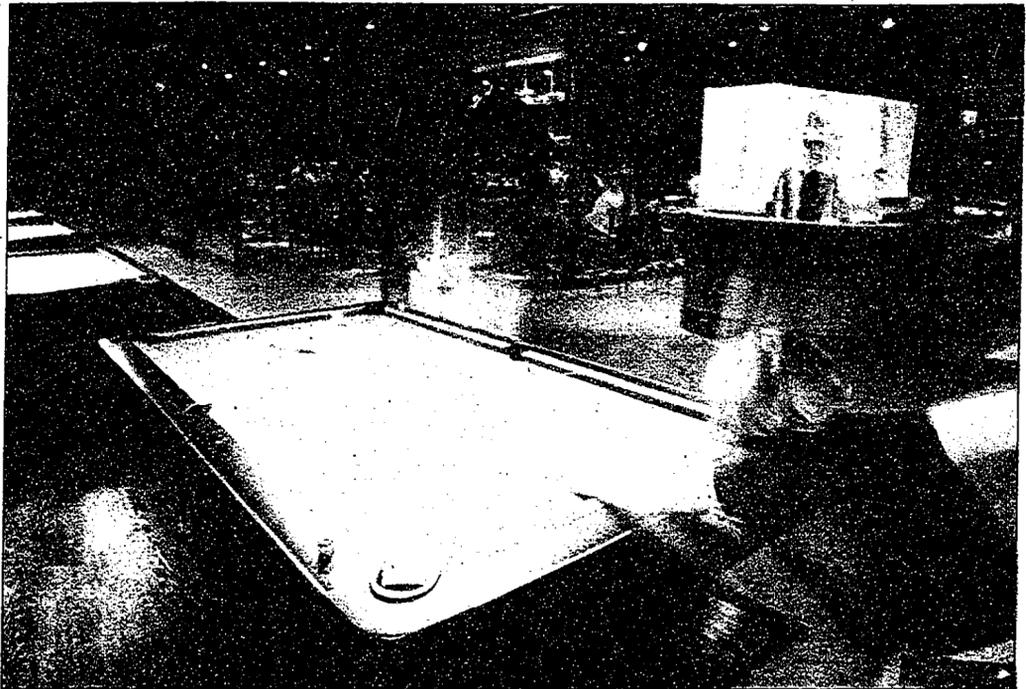


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Rack 'em

Fifth Avenue Billiards and Ballroom, on Novi Road near Main Street, opened for business last week. Dancing and live entertainment is scheduled to begin later this month. But a main

attraction, pool tables, are already being put to use by billiards players. Above, Lisa Thompson and Emily Hendrickson play a game. More photos appear on page 7.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

And the winner is ...

Owners Joe and Melissa Jancevski show some of the fare that made their restaurant, Border Cantina, Best Overall Restaurant in this year's Novi News poll. Complete results appear on page B1.

Developers ask for 'flexibility'

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

Developers and landscape designers want Novi to be more "flexible" with its landscaping and woodland requirements.

This was the general consensus of a small group of landscape architects and developers that met with the Novi environmental committee Feb. 18 in a roundtable discussion.

"Having flexibility will end up in a good job done in the design," Henry Sason, a Novi developer, said.

Sason said the woodlands ordinance that requires replanting of trees uprooted due to construction with an equal number of trees, or paying a fee to the city, needs to be changed to allow a developer to bring in bigger trees and more variety.

A proper development takes beauty into account with its design, he said. Currently, the city's ordinance requires a developer to buy small trees, of the same species, to replace

"We just want (a developer's) project to be the best for the community."

Kelly Schuler, Novi planner

trees lost during construction. While the trees may look nice in the future, at the time of planting, they do not, he said.

In many cases, Sason said, developers would rather bring in more mature, larger trees to give the development more beauty. Plus, he said, a variety of trees would "give the development charm and good feel."

In order to do this, Sason suggested the city change its current ordinance to count trees by their size rather than the number when determining how many to replace.

Gary Roberts, a landscape designer in Novi, agreed saying larger trees and a variety helps to enhance a project and gives designers more options.

"When you have an ordinance that is so unyielding and firm, it takes away the very ability of the designer to design," added Arnie Serlin, another developer in Novi.

Linda Lemke, Novi environmental consultant, said the reason for using smaller trees in development, as the ordinance requires, is that the smaller trees grow faster because they experience less "shock" from the transplant. Larger trees are in short supply this year.

Roberts, who also owns his own nursery, responded to these reasons and said a larger tree will shock a little more than a smaller tree. "But at least in the beginning we will have something large."

As far as the large trees being in short supply,

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Council hears DDA opinions

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

The Novi City Council listened to the public's opinion of the proposed creation of a Downtown Development Association along Grand River Avenue between Beck and Meadowbrook roads Monday night.

While all those who spoke at the meeting were in favor of a DDA, the council did receive a letter from Douglas Hyman, attorney for

Monte & Costella Company of 25005 Trans X Drive, detailing his client's disapproval.

"We are fearful that the establishment of a Downtown Development Authority will only result in further restriction on the use of my client's property and impose greater costs, by taxation or otherwise, on my client's property," Hyman said in his letter.

Many other businesses

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Novi's 30th birthday celebration is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. In today's edition of The Novi News, a special pull out supplement



recounting the city's history and covering the festivities appears inside the A section.

Lions take on cops for charity

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

Officers from the Novi Police Department police officers association took on the Detroit Lions in a charity basketball game Feb. 18 at Novi High School.

However, the officers were beaten by the Detroit Lions with a two-point slam-dunk made in the final seconds of the game.

The Lions' last-second effort consisted of five of their six players setting up in a football stance, hiking the ball and sending Lion's safety Ron Rice deep for a slam-dunk and the win.

This is the second year for the charity basketball game hosted by the Novi Police Officers Association.



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Detroit Lion Tommy Boyd signs autographs for young fan Zachary Stadnika in one of two local charity games played by the football pros locally last week.

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Thursday, February 25

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41471 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbert at (248) 344-2107.

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) 344-2107.

Monday, March 1

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters
The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call Tom Labatt at 348-6015 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, March 2

Novi Concert Band rehearsal
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Library Board
Novi's Library Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

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

Seniors meeting
The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Menopause Support Group
Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Amateur Radio Club
The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 3
Business Network International
The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

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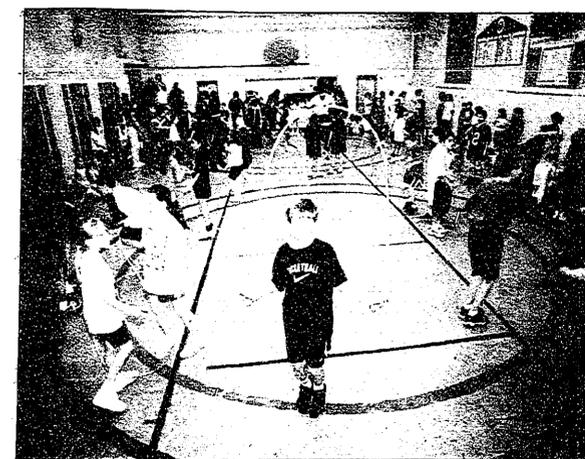


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Jumping for heart
Third through fifth grade students at Walled Lake Elementary School on West Maple Road and Heart Association recently in the school's annual Jump Rope for Heart event. More than 200 students participated.

Peachtree mall given second chance on zoning change

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

After first failing to get a rezoning approval from the city, Peachtree Plaza, near the intersection of Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads, may get a second chance.

The Novi Planning Commission voted 4-1 Feb. 17 to send a positive recommendation to the City Council to pass a zoning amendment which allows businesses in a Local Business District to include sit-down restaurants with a maximum seating capacity of 50 people.

The idea to change the ordinance came from a planning commission meeting early this year when the owner of Peachtree Plaza requested a zoning change.

The change was an effort to bring in a small restaurant to the center.

Commissioners refused to grant the zoning change. However, they suggested research should be done to determine about whether the Local Business zoning text should be amended to include a restricted restaurant.

Rod Arroyo, Novi planning consultant, said traditionally restaurants have been excluded from the Local Business district due to smells that may be associated with food preparation.

To eliminate the problem, the ordinance restricts the food preparation to "pre-cooked or prepackaged items, accessory baked goods cooked on site in a convection oven, microwave or similar process that does not require venting to the outside and similar functions."

The ordinance further states, "There shall be no deep-fryers, greasers, grills or similar cooking devices within the restaurant."

Jonathan Brateman, legislative activities chair for the Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber is in full support of the amendment.

"We appreciate all the efforts of the staff and planners on this issue. We always look for the planning commission staff to give us the tools we need to attract businesses to this community," he said.

However, Planning Commission Chair Eda Weddington said she could not support the amendment.

Weddington said other cities with a Local Business district do not have this type of provision for restaurants in their zoning text.

"The conditions added do make me feel better. But I don't want to create any more designer ordinances," she said.

Weddington called it a designer ordinance because the only time this issue has come up in the city is with Peachtree Plaza.

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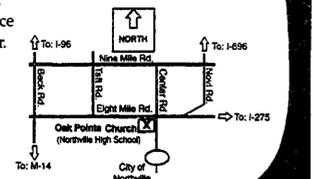
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Let's face it

A collection of ceramic masks hand-painted by local and national celebrities have been on display at Twelve Oaks Mall recently. At right is the mask contributed by Red Wings singer Karen Newman. Celebrity artists include Mary Wilson, formerly of the Supremes, Jeff Bridges, Pam Dawber, Mark Harmon, The Temptations, Tara Lapinski, Casey Kasem, Sinbad, Dennis Archer and Detroit Red Wing Brendan Shanahan. The celebrity masks will be auctioned on March 13 as a benefit for COTS (the Coalition On Temporary Shelters), which serves homeless people. The \$100 a ticket event will be at Greek-town's Athenium Hotel. For information on the benefit, call (313) 831-3777.



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Eatery gets nod to expand into catering business

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Too Chez received preliminary approval from the Novi City Council Monday to move ahead with plans creating a catering business behind its restaurant on Novi Road, north of I-96.

Too Chez is planning to turn an existing building behind the restaurant into a catering business. City Council approval allows the final site plan for the project to be reviewed administratively, if they receive needed ordinance waivers from Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals.

A lack of changes to the building's current facade caused debate among council members over whether they have the power to require facade upgrades.

However, a lack of changes to the building's current facade caused debate among council members over whether they have the power to require facade upgrades to an existing building.

The debate started after the general contractor for the project said a limited amount of the public will have access to the current block faced building to place orders for events they would like catered.

While the project calls for many upgrades in parking and landscape, it does not include many changes to the facade of the building, except for some painting to make the building fit in with the current Too Chez restaurant. A few windows are also planned to be cut into the cement wall.

This caused Council Member Laura Lorenzo to question why the city's planning consultants did not request more facade changes to the building, especially since the public will have some access to the building.

According to Dennis Watson, city attorney, he believes the city's ordinance dealing with changes to existing buildings in special land use districts does not allow the city to require facade changes.

The building in question is located in a special land use district for conference centers. City Manager Ed Kriewall added, the building is located away from

the general traffic of the area and a person would really have to be looking for it in order to find it.

"It really doesn't make much sense to beautify this location much," he said.

But, Council Member Robert Schmid said he too had a similar opinion as Lorenzo and was concerned about the city's lack of power in requiring facade upgrades to existing buildings in special land use districts.

Schmid said if the ordinance does not allow the city to require facade changes to building, then the ordinance must be changed to allow them this power.

Watson said he will look into the issue further.

In the meantime, Schmid suggested since the building will receive some traffic from the public, it should include a higher quality entrance.

Too Chez is planning to use the building as a sort of "food preparation location" for a catering extension to the restaurant. Most of its customers will be business and social groups.

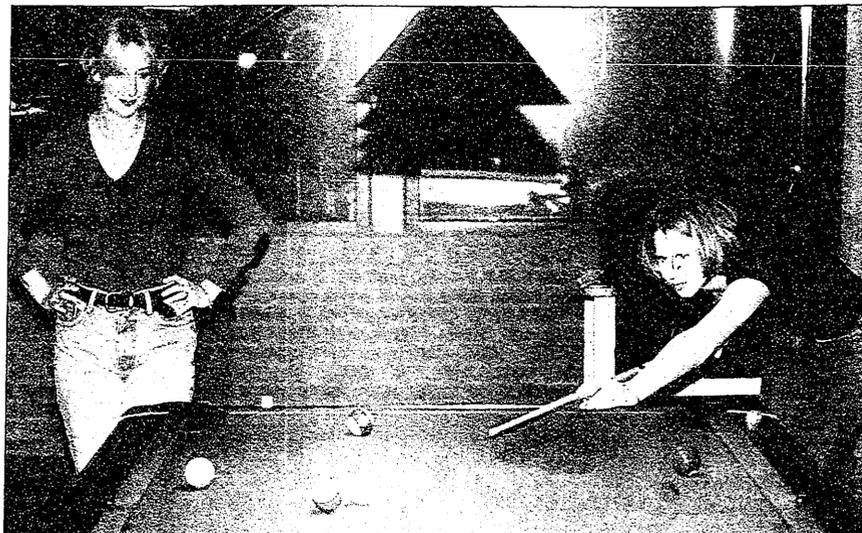
A motion to approve the preliminary site plan passed unanimously, as long as it receives ZBA approval for parking lot setbacks and parking space variances.



Local sharks

Fifth Avenue Ballroom waitresses Lisa Thompson and Emily Hendrickson take a break Monday before things get busy for a quick game of billiards. The pool room, along with restaurant and bar, opened for business last week. Hours are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the eatery on Novi Road south of Grand River. Owner Tom Brady said dancing and live entertainment will begin as soon as the light and sound systems can be installed. Then, live music will be featured as often as five nights a week. A grand opening will be scheduled for March.

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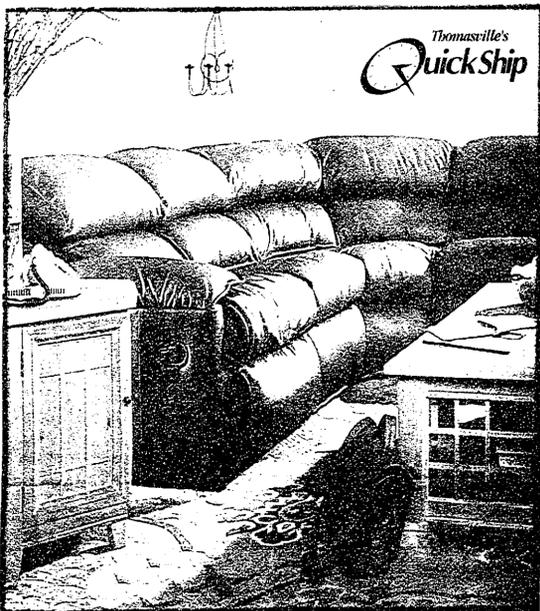
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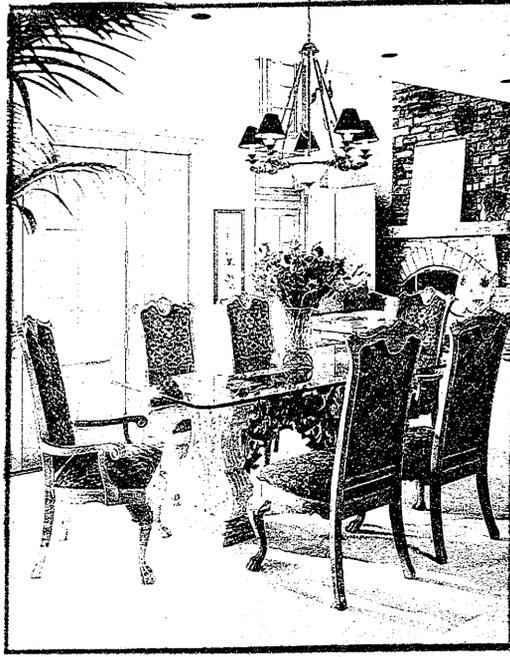
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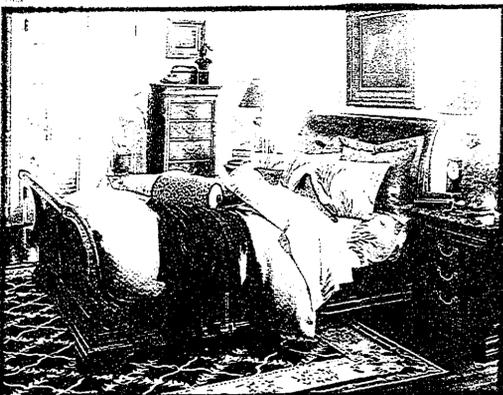


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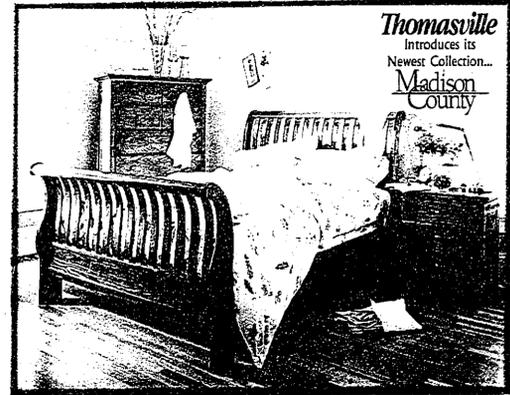
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OCC orders new Sim City for police officer training

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Trustees gave the head of Oakland Community College the marching orders he wanted — seek \$7 million in capital grants to build "Simulation City," a realistic training ground for police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

The program is feasible. You're directing me to look for capital funding," said Chancellor Richard T. Thompson. "We'll be going to Washington for capital funding. This business plan makes it clear it's a going enterprise on operating costs."

Trustees gave Thompson a 5-0 vote after asking a few questions about fees and the extent of their commitment.

"Sim City," as it's nicknamed, is an expanded version of "Hogan's Alley," an artificial street where dummies pop up and a trainee must decide in a split second whether it's a good or bad guy. It would go up on the Auburn Hills Campus.

The plan is endorsed by police chiefs and the state Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

OCC's business plan estimates operating expenses at \$115,000 on revenues of \$213,000. Conceptual architectural drawings by the firm of Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta place construction estimates at plus or minus 30 percent of the \$7 million figure.

"We have a decent track record on estimating construction costs," Thompson told the board. OCC will solicit donations of cast-off furnishings and equipment from local banks and other business supporters.

Among new police courses will be advanced patrol tactics; multi-agency critical incident management; civil disorder field force tactics; and barricaded gunman tactics. Firefighters will get flashover training, hazardous materials incident command, and high angle and rope rescue.

Police classes are expected to average 20 students; paramedics, 30 to 30; and firefighters about the same.

There are approximately 43 fire departments and 2,000 firefighters in Oakland County," said the business plan from Dr. Joseph Macri, director of public services. "In addition, there are 48 fire departments with approximately 1,500 firefighters outside of Oakland County that come to us for training throughout the year."

"I'd like to weasel around the

time line," said Thompson when asked when the project might be finished.

Voting yes on Thompson's marching orders were Jeanne Towal, Judith Wiser, Pamela Davis, Jan Simmons and Sandra Ritter. Absent were board chair Carole Crew and Anne Scott.

RENOVATIONS OK'D In other building matters, the board approved:

• A revised cost of \$447,444 for trash excavation on the Highland Lakes Campus. OCC's westernmost. The state Department of Environmental Quality found OCC's wasn't responsible for the dumping had to exercise "due care" in removing it.

• Granted its construction manager, George W. Auel Co. of Pontiac, authority to enter into design and construction contracts for a fume hood renovation in Levinson Hall on the Highland Lakes Campus at a project cost of \$126,000. Levinson's water air handling and exhaust systems are considered obsolete.

• Granted Auel authority to contract for a water supply system isolation on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills at a project cost of \$98,500.

Funds will come from a 1995 property tax approved by county voters.

The board approved the \$49,838 bid of Michigan Cash Register for 31 cashier workstations in business offices and bookstores, although a Tennessee firm's bid was \$500 lower.

BUDGET REVIS'D Although the budget year is two-thirds over, the board made minor revisions, raising the total operating cost by \$777,000 to \$107 million.

Revenues rose because the Legislature raised OCC's state grant 1.9 percent or \$386,000 to more than \$20 million. Gov. John Engler had recommended a flat continuation grant but signed the higher amount into law.

Tuition and fees revenue were up \$391,000 due to higher than expected enrollment.

Thompson had no comment yet on Engler's budget proposal for fiscal 2000 because no line item was available for OCC, largest of the state's 28 community colleges.

Engler is recommending a total of \$293 million, up 3.9 percent over the current year. The governor proposes operating increases of 2.5 percent plus "tuition restraint incentive grants."



Go in' mobile Above, Dan and Linda Lachowicz of Howell check out a Land Yacht by Airstream at the Annual Detroit Camper and RV Show at the Novi Expo Center last week. The show, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds, is a chance for RV enthusiasts to see the latest models of campers and trailers. Some 300 models were on display.

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Two reports analyze progress in 'charter' schools

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The public got two different reports on the progress of Michigan's 183 public charter schools in the past week.

Public Sector Consultants Inc. reported that charter schools are struggling with startup costs, disadvantaged by inability to sell bonds, closing the gap with traditional schools on MEAP tests, and "having considerable trouble" with federal-state special education rules.

PSA's study was authored in part by Mark Khamis, a former charter school administrator. He said the intent of the Legislature is to give charter schools more power to principals, power to teachers, power to parents.

But charter schools' statements of philosophy were used as marketing tools, added member Herb Meyer, D-Temperance, indicating he was unhappy with their lack of educational innovation.

PSAs are organized outside the operating limits of the state's 560 public school districts with charters from universities (109), community colleges (one), intermediate school districts (15) and local school districts (12). Nationally, charter schools are seen as alternative methods of schooling providing educational innovations.

But not in Michigan.

"We've been disappointed when we look at the dictionary definition of innovation," said Jerry Horn, co-author of the WMU study. "They've come up with cooperative learning and uniforms. But a lot of us would say, 'I've seen this before.'"

There were few pedagogical inventions - i.e., practices found in at least one traditional public school in Michigan - in the study-area charter schools.

The two studies agreed charter school students are performing below traditional public school students on standard MEAP tests in math, science, reading and writing.

PSA admitted: "The percentage of students scoring 'satisfactory' at charter schools is lower than at a majority of local traditional public schools." But it softened the blow by saying, "The rate of improvement in MEAP scores is greater among charter school students ..."

The studies agreed charter schools had many management and startup problems. WMU's found four kinds of groups forming charter schools: converted private schools (most), converted public schools ("a handful"), "Mom & Pop" operations (short-lived) and franchise or "cookie-cutter" schools.

WMU found "extensive nepotism in employment of relatives," teacher salaries as low as one-third of those in traditional public schools, and "poorly prepared" leaders dissatisfied with their lot.

WMU's study said, "There is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... [There is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs.]"

President Beardmore was concerned that many companies view charter schools as chances to make money. WMU's study said some viewed the \$5,600 per pupil in state aid as a chance to clear a profit of \$1,000 per child, particularly since charter schools are weighted toward the lower grades that are cheaper to operate.

Western Michigan University prepared outside charter schools as "skimming" good students, giving parents little influence, attracting for-profit companies that run "cookie-cutter" operations, failing to offer new and special education programs, and suffering "high rate of attrition among teachers, students, and even principals."

The WMU report was leaked Feb. 17 to wire services and widely reported. The PSA report would be unveiled until the Feb. 18 afternoon meeting of the State Board of Education with few reporters present.

"DISTURBED"
"Frankly, I am disturbed by the management company approach."

Senate gets tough with Internet predators

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Another "get tough" package of bills has been passed by the state Senate, this time covering sexual predators who use the Internet to target children.

The votes were 33-0 and 34-0 during the Senate's full-hour session Feb. 17. The bills go to the House.

Senators didn't discuss the \$24,000 per minute cost of adding two years to a convict's sentence if he used Internet to solicit a minor for sex.

"If you are a sexual predator using the Internet, we are going to find you, we are going to get you, and we are going to put you in jail," said Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, sponsor of SB 7 delimiting the crime.

More than 16 million children use the Internet every day, and this technology gives pedophiles and other predators unfettered access to minors," said Rogers, who sponsored the bill after two Windsor men allegedly used Internet to lure a Howell teenager to a motel for a sexual assault.

These bills say that we are not going to let these reprehensible people turn the Internet into a weapon to use against innocent children," said Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, sponsor of SB 217 setting a two year prison sentence for use of the Internet. The penalty would be on top of any sentence imposed for the sexual assault.

Repeat offenders would serve an additional five years.

A third bill, SB 117, is aimed at curbing pornography on the Internet.

All area senators voted yes except the absent John Cherry, D-Clinton, and Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, missed one vote.

A week earlier, lawmakers deemed Gov. John Engler's proposed 8.6 percent increase in the Department of Corrections prison budget while schools were getting half that increase or less.

But Mary Lannove, Engler's budget chief, pointed out that the Legislature itself is defining more crimes and mandating longer sentences.

The Senate Fiscal Agency said the package would have an "indeterminate" cost. About 2,400 cases a year involve child abusive commercial activity, kidnapping, stalking or criminal sexual conduct. About half the offenders get prison sentences or jail time.

The number of convicts who used Internet is unknown.

It costs the state an average of \$18,000 a year to house an inmate. SFA said that, assuming a prisoner with a two-year sentence actually serves about 16 months, the cost per person is about \$24,000. Assuming 5 percent of the cases involved Internet and minors, prison costs could increase by \$2.3 million.

Under Hart's bill, convicts also could be fined up to \$2,000 for a first offense and \$5,000 for a subsequent offense.

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Send off
Novi Police Detective John April got a department send off last Thursday as officers gathered for his retirement party. Above, dispatcher Christine Regentik congratulates him.

Library Briefs

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

JUST FOR TODDLERS
Children aged 18-24 months are invited to join us for stories, songs, and games on Friday, February 26, at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary for the half hour program. Space is limited, however, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our March selection is "The Crystal Cave" by Mary Stewart. The group will meet Monday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Tuesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

AARP TAX WORKSHOP
An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on Thursday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register in advance at the library's Reception Desk, or call the library at 349-0720. (Note: You cannot prepare small business or rental property taxes at this workshop.)

STORY TIME NOTES
Spring Story Times begin March 8. Please call the library after March 1 for information on the day and time of your child's session.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Senior booklovers are reading various non-fiction works about South Africa this month. The senior group will meet Thursday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at the Novi Civic Center.

KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY & SITES
This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The class meets Wednesday, March 10, at 4 p.m. For children aged 8-12; parents are welcome. Please register in advance for all Internet classes by phone or in person.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
Our basic introduction to the Internet contains a brief history, terminology, and searching techniques. All ages are welcome at the class, which will be offered on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.

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Four new classes add to lineup

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Students at Novi High School will be seeing four new classes added to the lineup next year.

The Novi school board approved proposals at its Feb. 4 meeting allowing the high school to offer a television news course, a television production course, an additional French class and an additional Spanish class.

The television news course will concentrate on daily live news production and will transmit a short newscast to the school on a school-wide video channel.

The television production course will have longer-term features and magazine-style productions.

While these two courses will not require the hiring of any new teachers, the television news course will need additional technological equipment.

These classes will be open to students in the sophomore through senior level with the appropriate English credits.

Along with these increased opportunities to learn about the television business, students will also get a chance to further hone their skills in speaking Spanish or French.

Both of these new offerings will provide students with the option of taking two one-semester, one-credit courses in language rather than the current single year advanced placement course.

These language classes will give students additional knowledge of humanities and the cultural aspects of the civilization surrounding the vernacular.

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Developers seek more flexibility

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As far as the creation of berms to shield residential areas from commercial areas, landscape designer Randy Metz suggested the city determine what the purpose of the berms would be and let the designers of the landscapers create a berm to that defined purpose during the project's preliminary site-plan phase.

For example, if a berm is going to be used to shield a residential area from noise and lights from a commercial area, the ordinance should let the designer use his creativity to find a solution that is both pleasing to the eye and meets its purpose.

"The landscaping is your development's entry, we want it to create an impact," Serlin added.

Environmental Committee member and Novi Planning Commission chair, said, "We will take this back to committee and see what we can do."

Randy Metz, a Novi planning assistant and city official responsible for setting up the meeting between the committee members and developers, said the session did not mean the city is catering to developers.

While developers were specifically invited to the meeting, Schuler said the meetings are always open to the public and public input is always welcome.

"If there are any changes to ordinances, there will be a public hearing," she added.

Schuler said the reason developers were invited was because the committee members wanted to address technical problems with development and the ordinances.

The meeting was also part of the planning department's actions to make itself more "customer friendly" to developers and the general public, and to bring better development to Novi, Schuler said.

"We just want (a developer's) project to be the best for the community," she said.

More meetings between city officials, the committee and developers are being planned, Schuler said.

Environmental committee members present were Robert Churella, Philip Koneda and Eda Weddington.

City pressures Time Warner to improve contract

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Kathleen McLallen said she was very disappointed.

"This is a company that has been a part of the community for a long time and has presented this face of being a good corporate citizen, but it has merely been masking its noncooperative business persona," she said.

Using this formal request, SWOCC is asking Time Warner to provide internet service in the area, offer parental control devices, make the system universally available to all residents, enable the system to provide video and audio overrides for an emergency alert system, improve the current system to permit interactive cable, install status-monitoring equipment to enhance the system's reliability and signal quality, keep all existing public access channels, add one more channel for schools and provide one free cable drop outlet and modem cable to government and school buildings.

Tom Bjorklund, vice president and regional manager for Time Warner, said the company will certainly respond to SWOCC's request.

"It's unfortunate the process is going in this direction. We have always been willing to sit down with SWOCC," Bjorklund said.

He denied SWOCC and the Novi City Council's claims that Time Warner was being uncooperative and added the company has offered to meet with SWOCC several times, but its phone calls were not returned.

"SWOCC apparently felt it was necessary to paint a negative picture of us," Bjorklund said.

Council takes opinion on DDA plan

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expressed their support at the meeting.

Bob Melvin, a Novi resident and attorney for several businesses along Grand River Avenue, said all of his clients are in support of the plan, but would like to know more details of what the revenues generated by a DDA will be used for.

Support for the DDA was also echoed by James Chen, developer of Novi's planned Main Street downtown. Through his attorney John Bernard, Bernard further said he placed an ad in The Novi News earlier this year listing several businesses in support of a DDA.

"Around the state and across the country DDAs have worked," he said.

Adding to the large support of the DDA was the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Jonathan Brateman, legislative activities committee chair for the Chamber, said, "We want to do all we can do to help Grand River Avenue businesses. We are going to lend our support to the DDA."

A DDA is used to capture tax increment revenue from developments within the boundaries of the district. Revenue gathered from this is then used to fund streetscape and esthetic upgrades to areas within the DDA's district.

Through the creation of this district, city officials hope it will provide a framework for future development along Grand River Avenue. It will also focus on unifying the corridor through landscape and design, while improving the traffic flow, city officials said.

Mayor Kathy McLallen said the council will continue to study the DDA issue.

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Lions face off with cops for charity

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Diane MacGregor, Novi police officer and treasurer of the association, said proceeds from ticket sales for the basketball game will be used to fund a number of local charities.
Funds are used to buy bullet-proof vests for Novi police officers, sponsor the Parks and Recreation Halloween Party and other activities.

"We put the money back into the community. When a worthy local charity asks for a donation, we turn around and do it," she said.
The event raised about \$12,000 for the police officers association.

Six members of the Detroit Lions attended the basketball game. They were Eric, Luther Ellis, Richard Jordan, Travis Kirschke, Scott Ewaldowski and Corey Thomas.

Making up the police officers association team were Tom Landberg, Kevin Hebert, Larry Fontaine, Kevin Hickey, Scott Teves, Randy Moore, Steve Edging, Mark Brady, Eric Tapia, Mike Prough, Jason Meyer and Eric Landblade. Otto or Kevin Elira coached the team.

MacGregor said the event was a lot of fun and very entertaining for the officers and spectators.

In even things up, the Lions allowed five points for every basket made by the police officers and pulled children from the audience to take free throws for them.

The Novi police dog, Colonel, even got into the spirit at things by joining his fellow officers on the court and making a basket himself.

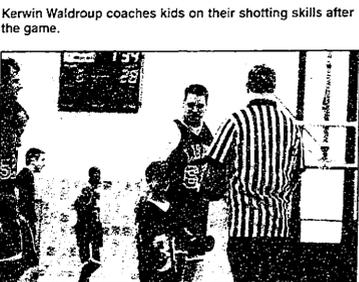
At halftime, spectators got a chance to meet the Lions, take pictures and get an autograph. Lucky attendees even won raffle prizes throughout the night. Six dinner tickets at two restaurants were raffled off and the grand prize was a football signed by all of the Detroit Lions present at the game.

MacGregor said the audience turnout for the event was great, with about 400 to 500 people in the stands.

"We will probably do this every year," she said.



Signing autographs was popular after the contest with Novi police.



Kerwin Waldroup coaches kids on their shooting skills after the game.



Travis Kirschke coaches kids during the game.

Squad challenges school

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Walled Lake Western High School staff took on the Detroit Lions in an exciting basketball game at Walled Lake Western High School on Feb. 6.

In the end, with a score of 60-61, the Walled Lake staff lost by only one point.

"The Ron Rice/Tommie Boyd combination was awesome," said Eric Henderson, a physical education teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary School. The willingness of the Lions to have fun and be light-hearted was evident during the second annual exhibition basketball game, according to Henderson.

The well-attended event included an autograph session at half-time and a raffle of Lions' items during the game.

Members of the Walled Lake Schools staff

included Patty Pape, Patty Wilson, Bob Marjanovich, Kevin Keller, Amy Schell, Greg Riley, Doug Bevier, Steven McIntyre, Mark Watson, Peggy Hauer, Kevin Joseph, Mark Hess, Vincent Bare, Ruben Colaneri, Anita Nida, Eric Henderson, Jonie Summerville, Kelly Henke, Susan Winters, Pam Segal, Liz Knepp, David Blatt, Suzanne Ickes, and Christi Flynn.

Both the cheerleaders and the Pom Pom Squad performed during the game.

Announcing the game was Jason Lowe. The National Anthem was sung by Lori Cleland. Officers were David Drake, a former student teacher at Walled Lake Western, and T.C. Cameron. Fund raising chairperson was Bill Cleland.

All proceeds benefited Walled Lake Western's band and orchestra students.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-011

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to March 3, 1999.

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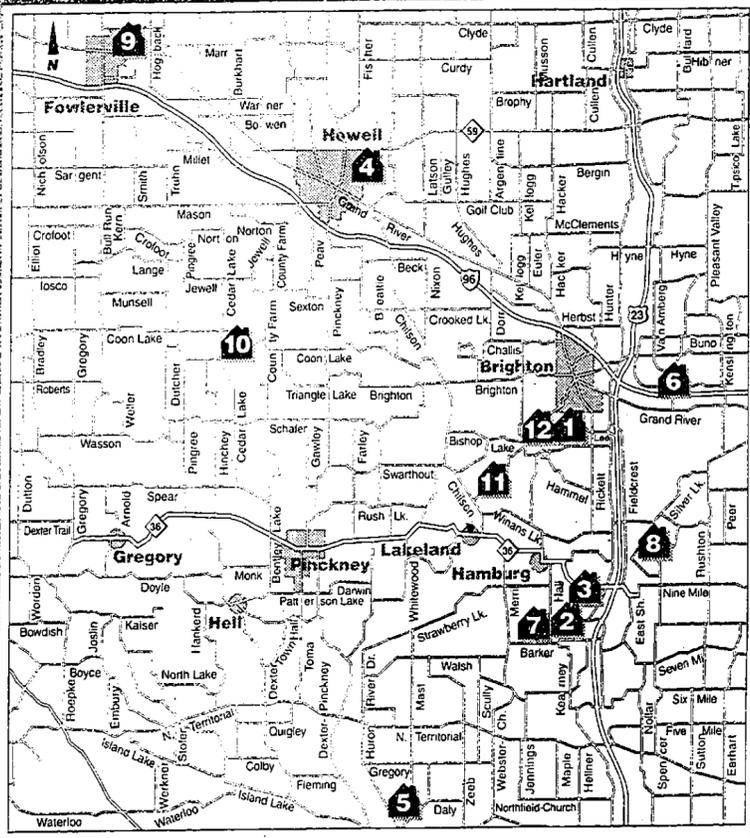
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1999 Northville Record/Novi News Restaurant Poll Results



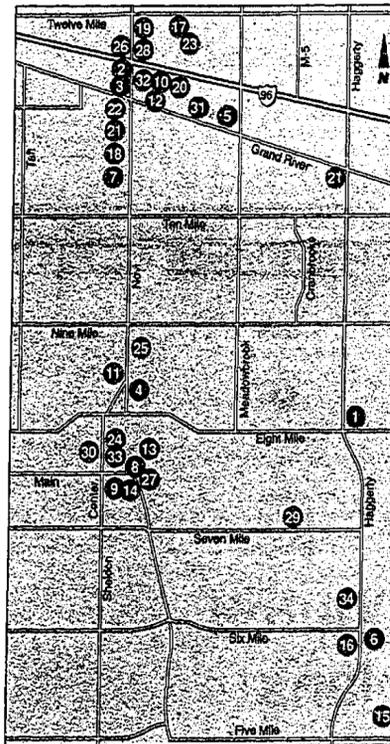
Joe and Melissa Jancevski, owners of Novi's Border Cantina, left front, and some of the rest of their staff proudly take the cake this year as the best overall restaurant in The Northville Record/Novi News 1999 Restaurant Poll. Karen Miller, left rear, and Mario Zamora, right front, were voted best waitperson and best chef, respectively.

The winners...

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| <p>Best Overall Restaurant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Border Cantina, Novi 2. Charley's Deli Grille, Northville Township 3. MacKinnon's Restaurant, Northville <p>Best Inexpensive Restaurant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. Border Cantina 3. Dandy Gander, Northville <p>Best Breakfast Restaurant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. Dandy Gander 3. Bob Evans, Novi <p>Best Sandwiches</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. Kosch's Tavern and Eatery, Novi 3. TIE — Panera Bread, Novi and Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, Northville <p>Best Desserts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. MacKinnon's Restaurant 3. Big Boy Restaurant | <p>Best Coffee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. TIE — Tuscan Cafe, Northville and Panera Bread 3. Orphan Annie's, Novi <p>Best Salad</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grady's American Grill, Novi 2. Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Novi 3. TIE — Big Boy and Charley's Deli Grille <p>Best Pizza</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jet's Pizza 2. Pizza Hut 3. Pizza Cutter, Northville <p>Best Burgers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. B's Farm, Novi 2. Burger King 3. Starting Gate Saloon, Northville <p><i>Worth noting: Bates received enough votes to place second had it still been in business.</i></p> <p>Best Seafood</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Red Lobster Restaurant, Novi 2. Rocky's of Northville 3. Steve & Rocky's, Novi | <p>Best Ethnic Food</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Border Cantina 2. China Cafe, Novi 3. Little Italy, Northville <p>Best Fast Food</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. McDonald's 3. Wendy's <p>Best Soups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. Grady's American Grill 3. TIE — Big Boy Restaurant and Panera Bread <p>Best Steak</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grady's American Grill 2. Rocky's of Northville 3. No VI Chop House, Novi <p>Best Gathering Place</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charley's Deli Grille 2. TIE — Border Cantina and Poole's Tavern 3. TGI Friday's, Novi <p>Best Chef</p> <p>TIE — Rocky Rachwitz at Rocky's of Northville and Mario Zamora at Border Cantina</p> <p>Best Waitress</p> <p>Karen Miller at Border Cantina</p> |
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and where to find them...

1. Big Boy Restaurant, 20800 Haggerty Road, Novi
2. Big Boy Restaurant, 26401 Novi Road, Novi
3. Bob Evans Restaurant, 26425 Novi Road, Novi
4. Border Cantina, 21420 Novi Road, Novi
5. Burger King, 39601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
6. Charley's Deli Grille, 16873 Haggerty Road, Northville Twp.
7. China Cafe, 24299 Novi Road, Novi
8. Dandy Gander, 333 W. Main, Northville
9. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville
10. Grady's American Grill, 43350 Crescent Blvd., Novi
11. Jets, 1053 Novi Road, Northville
12. Kosch's Tavern & Eatery, 43224 Eleven Mile Road, Novi
13. Little Italy, 227 Hutton, Northville
14. MacKinnon's Restaurant, 126 E. Main, Northville
15. McDonald's, 39700 Five Mile, Northville Twp.
16. McDonald's, 39555 Six Mile, Northville Twp.
17. McDonald's, 42665 Twelve Mile Road, Novi
18. Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi
19. Orphan Annie's, 24291 Novi Road, Novi
20. Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 43300 Crescent Boulevard, Novi
21. No VI Chop House, 27790 Novi Road, Novi
22. Panera Bread, 25875 Novi Road in Novi
23. Panera Bread, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi
24. Pizza Cutter, 340 N. Center, Northville
25. Pizza Hut, 22128 Novi Road, Novi
26. Pizza Hut, 43455 West Oaks, Novi
27. Poole's Tavern, 157 W. Main Street, Northville
28. Red Lobster Restaurant, 27760 Novi Road, Novi
29. Rocky's of Northville, 41122 Seven Mile, Northville Twp.
30. Starting Gate Saloon, 135 N. Center, Northville
31. Steve & Rocky's, 43150 Grand River, Novi
32. TGI Friday's, 43200 Crescent Boulevard, Novi
33. Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville
34. Wendy's, Haggerty, Northville Twp.



The Border is IT!

Hard work pays off at last as family-owned eatery grabs eagerly anticipated top spot

Story by Carol Dipple
Photo by John Heider

Border Cantina has made it to the top.

Voted Best Overall Restaurant in The Northville Record/Novi News 1999 Restaurant Poll, Border Cantina moved up from the second place it held in 1996 and 1998.

Prior to Rocky's of Northville's three-year reign from 1996 to 1998, MacKinnon's of Northville had been voted number one every year since the poll began in 1990. There was no poll in 1994.

Owned by Joe and Melissa Jancevski, Border Cantina was also voted best ethnic restaurant, a position it has held since 1996. It tied for the spot with Little Italy in 1995.

"I think it is a huge honor and distinction to win this," Melissa Jancevski said. "I would like to thank my customers first off and my staff for making it possible."

The Jancevski's have been in the restaurant business since 1975, opening the Novi Border Cantina in 1993, followed by the Brighton location a year later. They have also been part owners of the southwestern-themed Coyote Grill in West Bloomfield since 1990.

"We have a lot of experience behind us," she said. "We've opened eight different businesses."

Both sons, Bob and Dan, help run the family-owned restaurant and are night managers.

"It is definitely hands on," she said. "Our heart and soul goes into running that restaurant."

Seating capacity at the Tex-Mex restaurant is 125 but an addition planned to begin this spring with completion scheduled for the fall, will increase its size to accommodate up to 180 customers.

"It has been a long time coming," she said.

"We were told from the beginning we were too small."

Along with the bigger waiting and seating area, there will be a new and improved menu and some changes to the decor, according to Melissa.

"Before we put the finishing touches on our plans for the decor and our menus, we are planning to go back to Texas where we originally got the inspiration for the restaurant and to refresh our outlook on the business," she said.

"It is definitely hands on. Our heart and soul goes into running that restaurant."

— Melissa Jancevski
Co-owner, Border Cantina

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Family Health Day is part of Project Health-O-Rama

CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The First United Methodist Church of Northville is participating with the yearly Project Health-O-Rama by offering a Family Health Day on Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The day's events will have information on health and safety tips for children as well as tests and services for adults and is being coordinated by Kathy Greenleaf, who is a member of the church.

This is the first time the church has participated in the yearly project.

"It is basically a community project for the community, we are basically helping each other," she said.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR

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—Kathy Greenleaf

Northville police and firefighters, along with health professionals will be at the Children's Health Fair to educate children and adults about health and safety.

The Northville police will talk about DARE, bike safety, fingerprinting, and child identification.

Northville firefighters will have a fire truck in the parking lot of the church, located at 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, and will answer questions on fire safety.

If it is information on immunization programs you're seeking

or sun safety and nutrition, health professionals will also be available to answer questions. There will be a free drawing for a bike helmet and other items.

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

For the adults, free and low-cost health screening tests will be available for anyone at least 18 years of age. Free tests include height and weight, vision screening, blood pressure, and glaucoma.

The following six tests will be available a nominal laboratory

processing fee:

•Blood Panel Profile of 23 tests (\$24) which requires a four-hour fast

•Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)

•Blood Test for Men (\$25)

•CA-125 Cancer Antigen Blood Test for Women (\$25)

•Colorectal Cancer Screening Kits (\$8)

•H. Pylori Blood Test - gastritis/other stomach ailments (\$15)

•Bone Density Screening (\$25)

Results will be mailed home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Family Health Day is part of the Project Health-O-Rama which is held in 97 locations in the tri-county area and is sponsored by WXYZ-TV, United Health Organization, and the United Way. The project begins March 1 and concludes April 1. They do everything, all we have

to do is get the volunteers," said Greenleaf who is also a registered nurse. "We will have a 100 percent volunteer staff, not a single person is paid to work this."

Volunteers include members of church and students from Madonna University. Nurses have volunteered to draw blood for the tests.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Greenleaf is still looking for volunteers to help process registration forms. A medical background is not necessary to process registration forms.

To volunteer call Greenleaf at (248) 669-3377.

The Project Health-O-Rama hotline is (248) 424-8600 and is available Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FAMILY HEALTH DAY

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777 West Eight Mile Road
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Engagements



John Rolles and Janet Grech

Janet Pauline Grech and John Matthew Rolles announce their engagement. An October wedding will take place at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi, with a reception following at the Mayflower Grand Hallway, Plymouth.



Heather Harmon/Aaron Holdread

The engagement of Heather Michelle Harmon and Aaron Samuel Holdread is hereby announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harmon of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Holdread of Goshen, Ind.

St. Paul's is gearing up for annual auction

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is seeking donations for their annual auction. Diners for two at area restaurants, health club memberships, televisions, CD players, sports tickets and memorabilia, symphony tickets, antiques from the Plymouth Historical Museum, a half day at a spa, and a plane ride at Mettetal Airport will be held at auction on Friday, March 19.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table listing various churches including Walled Lake First Baptist Church, St. John Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Church of Today West, Northville Christian Assembly, Novi United Methodist Church, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Worldwide Harvest Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, New Life Lutheran Church, Immanuel Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Hope Lutheran Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod, First United Methodist Church of Northville, First Baptist Church, New Horizon Community Church, Faith Community Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church of Northville, First Church of the Nazarene, Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Oak Pointe Church, Cornerstone Community Christian Church, Oakland Baptist Church.



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Singles

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

Church Notes

The Prayer Partners at FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 Ten Mile Road in Novi, are sponsoring a Lenten Series entitled "Prayer in the Midst of Life" on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 25 and continuing through March 25.

On Campus

The following students from Novi were named on the Dean's List for fall semester at Schoolcraft College: BONNIE LYNN BAILEY, RENEE MICHELLE BURCHFIELD, HSI-WEN CHANG, BENJAMIN CLIFFORD HEIKES, KATHLEEN E. RIMBLE, ANDREA SUSAN KOVACSIS, TAMARA P. KRAUSE, MARIA LANDIS, ZHUN LIU, ERIC J. RETZBACH, HEATHER LEIGH SIEGEL, CHRISTIAN DAVID SNYDER, ANDREW MICHAEL SZALONY, and MICHELLE RENEE TOTTY.

Named to the fall '98 Dean's List in the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn were: EMILY WALLER of Novi, and SCOTT SMITH and MADHUCHANDAN BARMAN, both of Walled Lake.

KRISTA A. HOPSON and ANGELA V. SHEA, both students from Novi, were named to the fall '98 Dean's List at Grand Valley State University. They were recognized for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average while carrying the minimum of 12 credits.

JEFFREY BRANDON was awarded a bachelor of science degree in December ceremonies at Kenting University in Flint. Brandon is the son of David and Karen Brandon of Novi.

Seminar is designed with chefs in mind

Eating out should be a multi-sensory treat; unfortunately, it can also be a calorie-and-fat minefield for those watching their weight. As a result of an innovative seminar in early March for area chefs at Botsford's Health Development Network (HDN), diners will find more lighter, leaner dishes this spring at some of their favorite Oakland County restaurants.

Church Notes

The Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies at MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, is offering a Lenten Series entitled "Jesus, Faith and Practice" which began Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Private reconciliation is held every Saturday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. and March 31 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Final selection of Scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the president. Selected will be one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts; and 15 students at-large.

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MATTHEW B. BENDERNAGEI of Novi graduated in December 1998 from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in science. Purdue University student ANDREA MARIE COOK of Novi earned academic honors for the fall '98 semester.

For more information, call 248-477-1646.

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Gate VI artist shows sculptures, baskets

By CAROL DIPPLE
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The Gate VI Gallery artist of the month is Betty Marionetti, who also happens to be the exhibit coordinator for the gallery.

When the scheduled artist has not come, rather than go without a show, Marionetti put together an exhibit of her own sculptures of alabaster, cast paper baskets and mixed media collages which will be on display through March 11.

Marionetti first became interested in art about 20 years ago. Originally she went into the medical technology field, thinking it would be more practical than a career in art.

But she stayed at home when her three children were young, and once they were in school, she went back to school and received a degree in fine art from Madonna College.

"I still then I had been doing some part time work in the art field," she said.

After graduating from Madonna, she landed a job with the Pratt Gallery in Southfield, where she has been an art consultant for six years.

Her choice in mediums is constantly evolving. She started out with oils, still uses watercolors and print making, makes hand made paper which she uses to make three-dimensional baskets, and her collages mix different mediums.

"There are so many interesting things that when I see something, I get stimulated by that and want to incorporate it in some way," she said.

Marionetti has exhibited her cast paper baskets at Birmingham's juried Our Town show.

"I was wondering if those would be looked on more as a craft art than they were accepted as art," she said.

Other shows that have juried in her works include Sharing the Gift in Northville, the Ann Arbor Art Association Show, Women in Art at Oakland Community College, and Art in the Park at Farmington.

The month-long exhibit in the Novi Civic Center atrium includes seven cast paper baskets, about a half a dozen two-dimensional pieces and live stone sculptures, one of which she did while participating in a workshop in Spain.

"That was my fantasy trip I had always wanted to do - take a work-



Betty Marionetti, with her alabaster sculpture "Breaking Free" which she did in Barcelona.

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Movies

What are freinds for?

Two friends vie for affections of one woman

"Touchstone Pictures" comedy "Rushmore" chronicles a year in the life of tenth-grade student Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman), a student at Rushmore Academy, one of the finest schools in the country.

Max loves his prestigious school. He is the editor of the newspaper and yearbook, founder of the Debate Team, Dodgeball Society, The Max Fischer Players, president of the French Club, German Club, Chess Club, and practically everything else. Max is applying for early admission to Oxford. Harvard is his safety. He is also one of the worst students at Rushmore and has been placed on sudden-death academic probation.

Threatened with expulsion, Max begins a new pursuit, falling for his first grade teacher, Miss Cross (Olivia Williams), and uses all of the resources at his disposal to try to win her over. He develops a plan to construct an aquarium at the school in her honor, and goes to one of the school's benefactors, a steel tycoon named Mr. Blume (Bill Murray), to raise some seed money. Max and Blume become good friends, but two unfortunate events follow: first, Max gets expelled from Rushmore for attempting to build the aquarium on the site of the school's baseball diamond. Second, Blume falls in love with Miss Cross, as well, triggering a war between Max and Blume in which Max will use all of the resources at his disposal to try to destroy his friend.

"Rushmore," an American Empirical Pictures Production, is directed by Wes Anderson. The screenplay is written by Wes Anderson and Owen Wilson. Producers are Barry Mendel and Paul Schiff, executive producers by Buena Vista Pictures Distribution. The film runs 93 minutes and is rated "R."



Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman, right) is the worst student at Rushmore Academy, one of the finest schools in the country. Threatened with expulsion, he begins a new pursuit, falling for a first grade teacher. But Max's mentor and friend, tycoon Mr. Blume (Bill Murray), also pursues an affair with the teacher, which triggers a war between the two.

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Juliette Lewis (right) as 24-year-old Carla Tate has always faced tough challenges, with mom (Diane Keaton) by her side, but when she falls in love for the first time, her family is reluctant to accept her boyfriend Danny (Giovanni Ribisi).

Romantic comedy looks at life from the other side

In "The Other Sister," an uplifting and often bittersweet romantic comedy, 24-year-old Carla Tate (Juliette Lewis, right) is a slightly mentally challenged young woman who, after years of special education at a private boarding school, has successfully transcended many of her limitations - except her over-protective mother, Elizabeth (Diane Keaton).

As Carla matures into a young woman with dreams and ambitions, her growing need for personal fulfillment begins to express itself in ways her mother refuses to accept and when she falls in love for the first time, her family is reluctant to accept her boyfriend Danny (Giovanni Ribisi).

"The Other Sister" is a Touchstone Pictures release, distributed by Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

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Entertainment listing

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "The Sound of Music" opens at the Water Tower Theater in Northville on Feb. 25 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. The Sunday matinee on Feb. 28 is at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 each at the door or \$11 if purchased in advance at 202 West Main Street in Northville. Tickets for students 18 and younger, which are only available at the door, are \$8.

The Water Tower Theater is located on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital at 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville.

Call (248) 349-7110.

GENITTS'S: In their newest production, "Swingtime," the Genitts performers will take the audience back to the days of the 30s and 40s, for a live broadcast of "Swing and Sway with Stanley Courvoisier" on WGGT, home of the hottest music and dance show on radio.

The evening also includes Genitts's famous seven course Italian dinner.

Genitts's Hole-In-The-Wall is located at 108 East Main Street in Northville. Call (248) 349-0522.

MUSIC

LABOOM: The teen club Laboom, formerly Modern Rock Cafe, is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Upcoming events include Rockell on Feb. 26. Showtime is 11 p.m. Tickets are \$11 and are available at Ticketmaster.

Call the hotline at (248) 926-1000.

LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43309 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Coden performs on Saturday.

Call (248) 624-2800.

WAGON WHEELS: The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville.

An open Blues Jam is held every Thursday night beginning at 9 p.m.

Everyone gets to play if they sign up at the door.

Call (248) 349-8666.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. Call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 305-5856.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays. Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. Call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Open Blues Jam is every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with the Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. Call (248) 624-9607.

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

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

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

Resto and David McMurray every Friday from 7 until 11 p.m. on the patio throughout the summer (weather permitting). In the case of inclement weather, the groups will perform in the bar area of the restaurant.

Call (248) 348-5555.

CARVERS RESTAURANT: Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-5333.

BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE: Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Upcoming performances include Calcutta Rug on Feb. 26 and 27. DJ Paul will be at Bogey's every Thursday and Sunday in February. Call (248) 669-1441.

THE GRAND CAFE: The Grand Cafe is located at 33316 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Call (248) 615-9181.

NEARBY

TRINITY HOUSE: Two women from opposite backgrounds find that their struggles through adversity bring them closer together during Trinity House Theatre's production of "Grace & Gloria" which premieres on Friday, March 5, at 8 p.m. Other performances will be held on Fridays and Saturdays, March 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. and on Sundays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more. Reservations are strongly recommended. To make a reservation call the box office at (734) 464-6302.

Parents with young children should be aware that "Grace & Gloria" contains some adult language.

MUSICAL: Farmington Players will perform "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt on Feb. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m.

The Farmington Players Barn is located at 32832 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$14.

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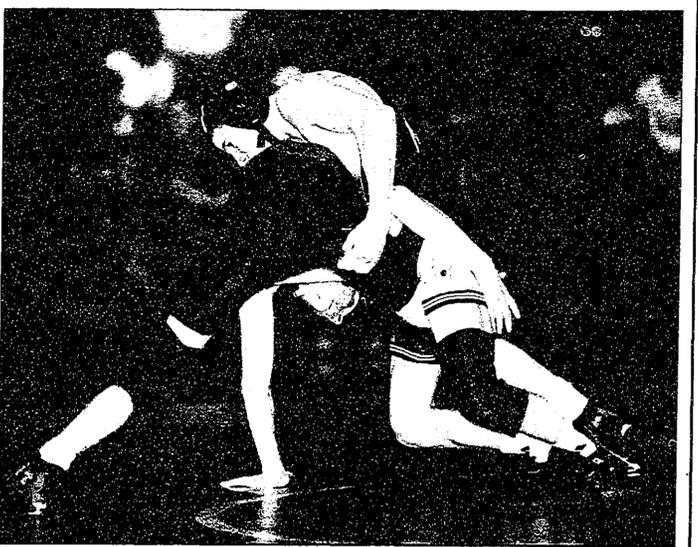
Team ousted, but four advance to regional tourney

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Trying to prove to the wrestling world that it's more than just a good team with three bonafide superstars on it, the Novi Wildcats took to the mat Saturday at the individual district wrestling tournament at South Lyon with the hopes of advancing another handful of wrestlers.

Unfortunately for Novi, the results showed just that. Four wrestlers qualified for this weekend's regional tournament at Temperance Bedford, and Dan Jilg brought home a consolation home his second consecutive district title.

"We would have liked to qualify more wrestlers, but we had an extremely tough district this year," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "For a while there, we were having a real good day." Jilg



was joined by Ryan Churella (112 pounds), Brett Faulkner (Heavyweight) and Adam Borashko (171 in qualifications).

Jilg wrestled his way to the title by beating Doug Anderson of Huron by pin at 1:11 in the second round, and then topped Charles Ash of Salem 7-2 in the semifinals. He beat Eric Jones of Adrian 3-0 in the finals to win the title.

"He's just a tough-hard nosed kid," Huss said. "His style's not pretty, but he's not afraid to take a punch."

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Defensive inconsistency plagues Novi volleyball team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

A lack of consistent defensive play has plagued the Novi volleyball team this season.

And it was that inconsistency play that did the team in Monday night in a 7-15 loss to Howell. The Wildcats hit the ball well when it had the chance, but Howell did too, and the team was unable to build any momentum.

"I've come to the conclusion that we're probably the best hitting team in the KVVC, but our defense is really poor," coach Julie Fisetite said. "We just don't have the defensive desire to hit the ball. We don't work on it."

The Wildcats had their share of sideouts, but struggled with their serves. The team committed six service errors the first two games and missed seven in an exhibition third game.

"If you can't play defense, then you can't bring the ball back up to put yourself in position to put it away," Fisetite said. "And we're having more troubles with our serves. The girls who haven't missed a serve all year long are struggling and those who had troubles earlier on are correcting their mistakes."

Leading the Novi offense against Howell was Kristin McGlennen, who had six kills, of which four came in the first game. "She was really unstoppable in that first game," her coach said.

Jenny Corless, Emily Ernst and Diana Fallone each added two kills in the match. McGlennen had three solo blocks in the second game.

NOVI TOPS MILFORD IN TWO STRAIGHT

Making the match closer than it needed to be, Novi overcame its mistakes to pick up its fourth conference win of the season. The Cats defeated the Skins 15-11, 15-13 to move to 4-6 in conference play, and 13-16 overall.

"The scores really shouldn't have been that close. We had lots of kills, but tons of errors too," Fisetite said. "We have to be able to play defense in order to win. It's a hard thing to coach. You have to have players willing to sacrifice and be ready to dive for balls. Right now we don't have a lot of girls willing to do that."

Again, serving was a downfall for the team. Novi missed seven serves in the first game, and missed five more in the second.

Ernst led the team with nine kills and McGlennen led the way with seven solo blocks and three assists in the match. Sophomore Mickie Rzepka had a pair of kills in the second game.

The Wildcats take on Lakeland Thursday at home and will compete in the U-Of-M Dearborn Invitational Saturday.

The team is currently in fourth place in the Kensington Valley Conference race, but could move past Howell with wins over the Eagles and a make-up match against Hartland.

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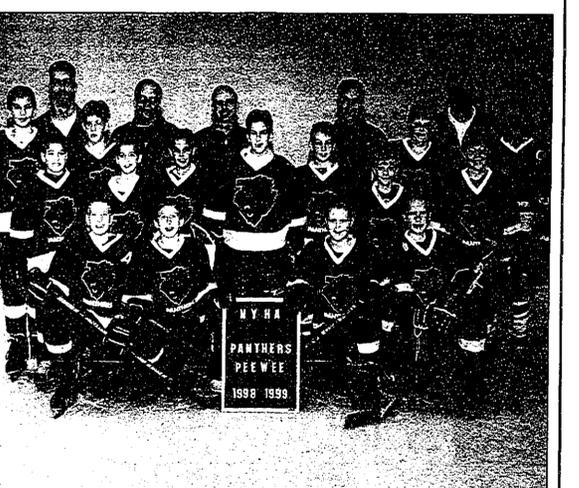
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Affectionate SWCF, 47, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking an outgoing SWCM, 38+, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8989

COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE
Committed to both family and strong work ethics, this outgoing DWP, 42, 5'11", 165lbs., with strawberry-blond hair, enjoys outdoor activities, golf and remodeling his home. He seeks a confident SWPF, 32-40, N/S, with strong values. Ad# 8183

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South Lyon	Thursday, February 25 6:40 p.m.	Clarkston	Thursday, February 25 7:45 p.m.
Northville	At Ann Arbor Ice Cube Monday, March 1 6:30 p.m.	Lakeland Ice Arena	Wednesday, March 3 7:45 p.m.
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Panthers lace up for district tournament...

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Although the Northville/Novi gymnastics team's record lacks in comparison to last season's unblemished mark, the team is still hanging in there while competing in the state's toughest conference.

Along with the top two teams in the state (Hartland and Brighton), the Mustangs must also compete against top 10 teams like Canton, Salem and Farmington. The Falcons handed Northville/Novi a 135-5.6 loss Monday night at Farmington.

The two teams were tied after three rotations, but Farmington fared better on the floor while the Mustangs continued their struggles on the beam.

"We did really well on the first three events, but had one bad one," coach Laura Moyers said. "That's where our room for improvement is."

Northville/Novi led after two events, thanks in part to good rotations on the bars and vault. Jennifer Rohlfis finished second on the bars, scoring an 8.9. Teammate Monica Fink added a third-place finish at 8.65.

Freshman Lindsey Carlson was second on the vault, and Fink shared that spot with an 8.7.

Rohlfis came back to take second on the floor exercise (8.5) and third on the beam (8.7), but no other Mustang placed.

Rohlfis was second overall with a 34.65 and Fink finished fourth with a 34.25. "We really thought we could win this meet," Moyers said. "The girls just blew it on the beam. But once in a while that's gonna happen."

Northville/Novi will compete at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet today at Farmington High School. Results will be in next week's edition of the Northville Record and Novi News.

Gymnasts fall to Falcons

The girls just blew it on the beam, but sometimes that's gonna happen."

Laura Moyers, Northville/Novi gymnastics coach

Panther team members and coaches are front row (l-r) Jake Vitale, Joe Vitale, Mike Martinez and Tyler Laing. Second row (l-r) Todd George, Drew Bulbul, Jordan Pus-tover, Brennan Booms, Roth Notebaert, Matt Money-maker and Ross Priehs. Third row (l-r) Kyle Kobe, Zach Flavin, Eric Guthrie and Chaz Bulbul. Coaches are (l-r) Mike Bulbul, Keith Kobe, Tom Vitale, Phil Martinez and Dave Priehs.

Panthers win first district title

The Novi Panthers, a house Pee Wee hockey team, won the district tournament and have advanced to the state tournament, March 12-14 at the Southfield Civic Arena.

The Panthers won the district tournament in their inaugural season and will now compete against seven other district winners for the state title.

Novi went undefeated in the double-elimination tournament with a perfect 4-0 record. In the opener, it defeated the Lakeland Avlanche 4-2. From there the team beat the Redford Senators 5-4 to advance to the championship game.

Southfield worked its way back out of the losers bracket, only to be beaten by the Panthers again, 3-2 in the finals. In each of the last three games, Novi trailed at some point.

Lakeland, Redford and Southfield had lost a combined five games coming into the tournament.

Goalie Brennan Booms (2.50 goals against) and center Chaz Bulbul (seven goals, seven assists) were co-MVPs of the tournament.

Other members of the team include Zach Flavin, Eric Guthrie, Kyle Kobe, Tyler Laing, Mike Martinez, Drew Bulbul, Todd George, Matt Money-maker, Roth Notebaert, Ross Priehs, Jordan Pus-tover, Jake Vitale and Joe Vitale.

The head coach is Tom Vitale and his assistant coaches include Mike Bulbul and Dave Priehs. Also assisting were Keith Kobe, Allan Laing and Phil Martinez.

The team will play its first game Friday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

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Varsity pom pon advances to states...

The Novi Varsity Pom Pon squad was one of just four teams to qualify for the Division I state tournament this weekend at Saginaw Valley State University. The team scored a 168 out of a possible 180 points at the regional competition Feb. 6. Teams needed to score at least 153 points to

qualify for the state meet. There were a total of 14 teams which competed for the right to go to the state meet. Novi is the defending state champion and has its sights on a top three finish this season. Results will be in the upcoming issues of the Novi News.



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Jaguars win D-4 championship...

The Novi Jaguars won the District-4 championship Feb. 14 in the second sudden-death overtime against Southfield. Trevor Tarpinian scored the game winner, which advances Novi to the State of Michigan playoffs held in Muskegon next week. Pictured above are (bottom row l-r) Kevin Chubb, Brandon Kummer, John Stachowski, and MVP goalie Charlie Kemp. Second row (l-r)

are Craig Koczyski, Trevor Tarpinian, Ryan Pletzke, Curt Kivistio and Steve Richardson. Standing are Lawrence Mills, coach Dave Major, Marcus Brodtmeyer, John Murray, James Wolter, Peter L'Esperance, coach Brian Devlin and head coach Randy Paquette. Missing from picture are Brandon Galdoni, Ty Mohr and coaches Bill Wolter and Dennis Murphy.

Cagers top Hazel Park 63-57

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

When something isn't working, adjustments have to be made.

In basketball it's the law, and Novi coach Pat Schluter followed the law which resulted in the Wildcats ninth win of the season Feb. 16 at Hazel Park, 63-57.

Trailing 35-33 at the half, Schluter switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone. The move worked as Novi limited the Vikings to just four third-quarter points and regained the lead 43-39.

"We just had a hard time covering them as a man," Schluter said. "They are a quick, athletic team and we couldn't keep up with them."

"By playing a zone throughout most of the second half, we slowed them down a lot by clogging up the middle and forcing them to shoot from the outside."

Novi trailed 22-21 after the first quarter. Brent Dicken led the team with 16 points and

three other Cats scored in double figures. Kyle Sineary had 13 points and teammates Chad Nadolini and Larry Drury added 12 and 11.

James Hornoz led Hazel Park with a game-high 19 points.

The district draw took place last Tuesday and the Wildcats received a bye in the first round and will square off against Northville in the semifinals Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. Plymouth Canton plays Livonia Churchill Monday night at 7 p.m. with the winner taking on Plymouth Salem Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the other semifinal. The championship game will be played Friday night at 7 p.m. All games will be played at Plymouth Canton High School.



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Pumas take Great Lakes Title...

The Novi Pumas won the Great Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament (Mite B division) last month with a 5-4 overtime win over Quaker State. The win came in just the team's second tournament.

The win avenged a 1-0 Quaker State win the night before. Drew Sennhenn (the tournament MVP) started the scoring before Quaker State struck for four straight.

Down 4-1 entering the third period, the Pumas scored three unanswered goals, one by Sennhenn and two by Aaron Smith, to tie the game at 4-4.

Steve Krieger scored the game winner off a pas

sor from Smith with 1:52 remaining in OT. Goalie Brian Bivins picked up his second win of the tournament. Jordan Duff had a goal and three assists in the tournament and Dan McAree added the last goal. Picking up assists for the Pumas were Nick Diegel, Jack Kennedy, Steve Krieger, Matthew McPherson and Sean Murphy. Jack Kennedy, Andrew Kennedy, Mike Szuma and Wes Gates led the defense and Jack Nelson played great two-way hockey for the team. Teammate Nicholas Genise missed the tournament due to illness. The team was sponsored by the Novi Expo, Local Color and CDI.

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McDONALD FORD SALUTES NORTHVILLE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Brett Faulkner - Senior

The senior heavyweight beat tough competition Saturday, earning him a runnerup finish and a trip to the regional meet this weekend at Temperance Bedford.

Faulkner defeated KVC champion Gino D'Agostino before knocking off the 1998 state runnerup Charlie Hamblin of Salem in the semifinals. He lost to Northville's Ted Bowersox in the finals.

Brent Dicken - Senior

Dicken poured in a team-leading 16 points in Novi's 63-57 win over Hazel Park Friday night.

Novi improved to 9-8 on the season and remains 5-5 in conference play. The team drew Northville in the district semifinals on March 10 at Plymouth Canton High School.

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Strong abs reduce lower back pain

This is the second column in a series focused on the truths and techniques of strength training. In our last column we covered the chest area. In this column we are going to concentrate on probably the most famous bodypart of all, the abdominals or midsection. Again, our goal is to give you some facts on the specific bodypart we are covering and the key components of one or two movements to train this area with the highest benefit and lowest risk. As always, we keep our opinions to ourselves (or at least try to) and base our information on how the human body works. We are using an average person with no sports injuries in our example.

The on-going incredible desire for a flat, toned mid section has prompted the usual hype and misinformation. Not a day goes by that we do not hear or see everything from the "magic pill" to the "magic machine or gadget" to instantly give us super model abdominal or abs with little or no work. The truth of the matter is we need exercises to create and keep our abdominal muscles strong and functional. They hold the stomach and intestines in place and are critical to good digestion and elimination.

The "abs" also play a key role along with the lower back as insurance against lower back pain that 60-80 percent of us will suffer from some time in our life. As to the point of flatter and more toned abs, that is a different and often misunderstood story. Short of the affect that the stronger abs will have by holding the internal organs more under control, and improving our posture thus having a slight flattening affect, the key here is reducing body fat. If we have a layer of body fat covering our abs we can crunch forever and the excess fat will go along for the ride. Body fat is another column, but the fact I am trying to make is to train your abs for the reasons I have stated here. However, to flatten and really show tone, look to body fat reduction and stop looking for the magic solution, it is none.

Let's break down beginning abdominal training to three levels. These key components are pointed out by Helena Salati, a certified personal fitness instructor. Level one -

- Repeat the set up and steps in Level Two.
- Be sure to maintain stabilization in the hip area, this may take some practice to start.
- The lower the ball on your back area the more range of reverse motion.
- Combine these starting movements with good consistent posture and you are on your way to stronger abdominals. Good luck.



Above, Water Wheel fitness technician Helena Salati shows the start of the exercise ball crunch. Below, Salati shows the proper motion of the crunches.



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Jilg wins, Churella and Faulkner 2nd

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very physical and he comes right at his opponents. He's a three-time KVC champ and a two-time district champion. Those are some real impressive numbers that are gonna be hard for anyone to beat."

Faulkner, wrestling in what was arguably the toughest weight class along with Churella's 112-pound division, picked up a pair of impressive victories en route to a runnerup finish. He beat Derek McWatt of Canton by pin at 1:33 the begin day. He then avenged his KVC championship loss to Gino D'Agostino of South Lyon with a 5-3 win in the second round. Faulkner then beat Charlie Hamblin (the No. 1 seed) of Salem 4-1 in overtime to set up the title match with Ted Bowersox of Northville.

But Bowersox proved too tough for Faulkner, who lost 6-1 to the

that match 100 percent differently. "You're not going to find any draw anywhere in the state that was tougher," his coach said. "You have five wrestlers who were exceptional, and the sad thing was that one of those five guys weren't gonna go."

"I think if anything he proved something to himself. There wouldn't have been any shame if he didn't come out of that district."

Churella cruised to the finals, defeating Lance Jambeck of Milford in the first round and then teammate Brian Dodds in the second. He topped Salem's Ron Thompson 18-3 in the semifinals, but couldn't beat Thompson's teammate John Mervyn. Mervyn beat Churella 10-4 to take the title.

"It was a tough weight, but not particularly for us," said the coach. "But Mervyn's the real deal. If they meet again, Ryan has to wrestle

Northville's just too deep for Novi

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Kevin Arbuckle was injured the first time around, but was in the lineup this time and it paid off for the Mustangs. Arbuckle tapped Nate Mitchell 2-1, just before Reggie Torrence picked up a technical fall 18-2 win over Novi's Brent Frey at 130 pounds. The tech fall gave Northville an 11-10 lead, a lead it would only expand on as the round rolled along.

Northville captain Adam Sarac pinned Aaron Platt in 2:58 at 135 pounds and Chad Neumann topped Novi's Andy Raudsuz 11-4 at 140.

Platt and Raudsuz switched positions from the first meeting. "I thought by voiding 119 and putting Kevin in at 125 helped us out a lot," Northville coach Garnett Potter said. "And I actually think that switch hurt them. But they felt they had to do it. Other than that one move for us, our lineup was

Kevin Gles solidified his win for Northville by pinning Novi's Adam Lenthart in 2:44. The pin gave the Mustangs a 36-17 lead. Northville voided at heavyweight.

The win gave Northville its second consecutive district championship over the Wildcats. The Mustangs defeated South Lyon 34-33 in the district semifinals. Novi received a first-round bye.

"To beat them, we'd have had to do it with smoke and mirrors," Huss said.

Potter was pleased with his team's effort in the finals. "If we want to get back to where we were last year, we have to wrestle like that. If we wrestle that well, there's no reason why we can't," he said.

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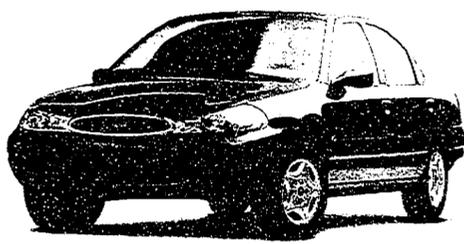
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The Long and Winding Road from 1969

Novi City Council takes a stroll across Main Street in a reenactment of the photo that made the Beatles' Abbey Road album famous. The 1969 cover fueled speculation that Paul McCartney was dead, killed in a car accident. Leading the way is Mayor Kathy McLallen, replacing John Lennon - supposedly the Christ figure. Then comes Bob Schmid as Ringo Starr, as the undertaker. A very-much-alive Craig DeRoche takes the place of McCartney (who also happens to be very much alive) -

out of step, in what could be taken for a burial suit, sans shoes and supposedly smoking his last cigarette. Hugh Crawford follows in the place of George Harrison, apparently the gravedigger. Ed Kriewall completes the scene as a bystander leaning on an up-to-date Volkswagen, supplied by Livonia Volkswagen.

One giant leap for Novi

It was the dawning of the Age of Aquarius ... and the city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

What a year!

In 1969, half of all Americans were under 27 and phrases like "generation gap" and "Now Generation" were coined to explain the phenomenon.

Richard Nixon was sworn in for his first term in office in January and the president's daughters, Tricia Nixon and Julie Eisenhower, were models of GOP decorum. But as many as 50 percent of the college students were believed to be experimenting with marijuana.

The Standard Reference Encyclopedia Yearbook's "Events of 1969" - on sale in grocery stores throughout Michigan in 1970 - had this to say about love-ins and rock festivals:

"Youth expressed in countless ways its deep scorn for the traditions and accepted values of the older generation. 'Do your own thing' was the cry. It was answered both by rapt states and bizarre display."

Accompanying this were pictures

of rapt and bizarre youth at the Woodstock music festival.

Youth could counter that it had reason for scorn. The question of the era was "One Two Three Four What Are We Fighting For?" The draft began in 1969. By then, some 40,000 Americans had been killed in Vietnam.

In Novi, the world was a quieter place, although all the business of becoming a city kept locals worked up. It's just that there weren't too many locals at the time; the population was 9,600. The new city boasted 2,700 homes, most of them valued between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

Statewide, under the governorship of William Milliken, the younger generation was a key issue, too. A Michigan Office of Youth Issues was created, as was a center to study drug abuse. In addition, the State Board of Education suspended the teaching of sex education in the schools, until the board could establish guidelines.

Thirty years ago, the prime interest

rate was 8.5 percent and adults were worried about galloping inflation when the Consumer Price Index rose by 4.5 percent. At that time, the average hourly wage in manufacturing was \$3.23.

In every way 1969 was a landmark year. Here's why:

- John Lennon married Yoko Ono.
- Woodstock, with performers including Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix, rocked New York.
- Neil Armstrong, at 38, became the first human to set foot on the moon, during the Apollo 11 mission. They brought back groovy moon rocks.
- Who were Charles Conrad and Alan Bean? The Apollo 12 astronauts strolled on the moon a few months after Armstrong.
- Lt. William Calley was charged with murder in the My Lai massacre.
- Salty language: The U.S. and the Soviet Union began Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

• Sen. Ted Kennedy drove over a bridge in Chappaquiddick, MA; casualties were Mary Jo Kopechne and Kennedy's try for the presidency.

• Charles Manson and five gang members were indicted for the murder of seven in Hollywood.

• What do Dwight Eisenhower, Ho Chi Minh, Boris Karloff and Jack Kerouac have in common? They all died in 1969.

• On a lighter note, falsetto singer Tiny Tim of "Tiptoe Through The Tulips" fame married the teen-aged Miss Vicki.

• The U.S. Supreme Court ordered an immediate end to segregation.

• Nixon ordered the withdrawal of 110,000 troops from Vietnam, while 430,000 remained.

• 250,000 headed for Washington, D.C. to protest the war, during for the year's second Vietnam Moratorium Day.

• Quarterback "Broadway Joe" Namath of the New York Jets was the hero of the Super Bowl.

■ The festivities surrounding Novi's 30th birthday party begin Saturday at the Novi Civic Center. The details appear on page 2.

■ Forming the city was a long, cantankerous battle. But voters finally approved incorporation in February of 1969. The history appears on page 4.

■ Those involved in the formation of the city recount their efforts. The story appears on page 5.

■ Plans for more celebration are on tap for the remainder of the year. Details are on page 2.

■ Remember 1969: We were all young then, and busy making our futures. The memories are recorded on page 3.

City celebrates anniversary all year long

By JEREMY MCBAIN

While birthdays come once a year, the City of Novi will stretch its 30th birthday celebration throughout 1999.

Lou Martin, director of public information for Novi, said the 30th Anniversary Committee is planning several events throughout the year to commemorate Novi's incorporation in February 1969.

One of those birthday programs is the selling of commemorative bricks that will be placed around a fountain to be built on the northeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

The 30th Anniversary Committee is working with the Novi Center Planning Committee to sell the bricks, Martin said. The bricks will be laid in a circle around the fountain and will be engraved with the buyer's name, a family name or the name of a business, he said.

The committees have not yet settled on a price, but Martin said he believes they will run somewhere between \$30 and \$50 per brick.

The program can be expanded to include every ten-year anniversary of the city's incorporation. For every ten years following this year's celebration, Martin envisions offering the bricks for sale and placing them around in growing circles.

A person visiting the fountain could "kind of walk through the anniversaries" as they walk through the rings of engraved bricks surrounding the fountain, Martin said.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick can sign up at Novi's 30th Anniversary party from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Novi Civic Center Atrium.

A 5K Fun Run is also being planned for this summer.

The idea was suggested by Dave Sheeran, a resident and volunteer who is an active long distance runner. The run is scheduled for June 13.

While the healthy and energetic can run in honor of the city, those who are more interested in Novi's history can take part in a picnic next September at the Forest Home property on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Fall Roads.

The theme of the picnic will be the 1960s.

The history of Novi is also the theme of the city's public access channel this year, Martin said.

Martin, who oversees much of the programming for the channel, said he will be showing a variety of interviews between City Manager Ed Krawall and members of the community who have helped make Novi what it is today.

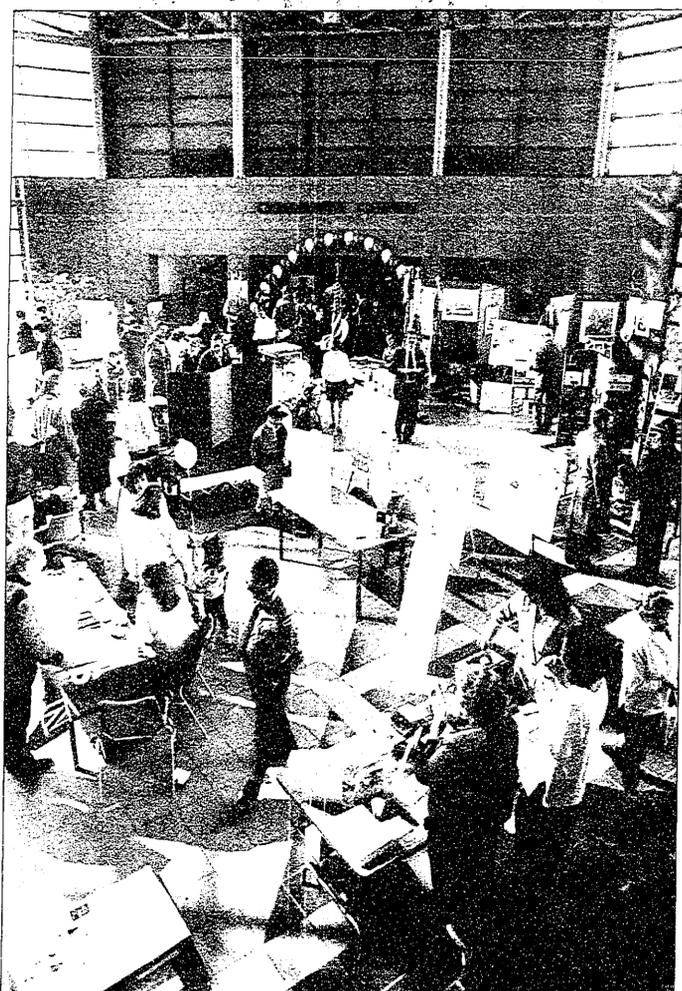
This month, the channel will air an interview between Krawall and former Novi City Council members from the mid-1980s.

"It's really interesting. They talk about roads and infrastructure," Martin said.

Martin will also be airing a collection of residents' memories of the city that he has taped for television.

These are kind of a "talking history" about Novi, he said.

For further information about any of these events, contact Lou Martin at 347-0434.



The city's last big birthday blowout, when Novi was just a young pup, a mere 25 years old.

Festivities begin this Saturday

By JEREMY MCBAIN

Stash Wines. In celebration of its 30th birthday, the City of Novi will have an Anniversary Party from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Novi Civic Center Atrium. The day marks 30 years since the swearing-in ceremonies for Novi's first City Council.

Lou Martin, director of public information for Novi, said the party will showcase several informative displays, such as blow-ups of front pages from The Novi News during the time of the city's formation and accounts of events and memories by city officials.

Council Chambers will be turned into a movie theater for the party, complete with popcorn and refreshments. The show will be a popular documentary about the Walter Lake Casino and Amusement Park. The park, which was located at the end of what is now Old Novi Road on Walled Lake, was a popular vacation spot for many Detroit residents during the 1930s and '40s, Martin said.

The public information office made the documentary seven years ago detailing the park's growth and eventual decline, he said. It has previously been aired on public access television. The film has become quite popular, with requests for copies coming from across the country, Martin said.

"Some people want to give it to their relatives as Christmas presents," he said.

Orders for copies of the documentary will be taken at the anniversary party.

Along with these history lessons, Martin said five Novi mayors, past and present, will visit and give short speeches about their impressions of Novi, recounting memories from the time of their terms.

Mayors Kathleen McAllen, Matthew Quinn, Robert Daly, Gilbert Henderson and Patricia Karczewich will be on hand Saturday to recount their experiences.

Mayoral memories will not be the only accounts of Novi to be heard Saturday. Martin said attendees will be encouraged to share their own recollections of the city. A camera will be set-up in the lobby of the Civic Center to record party-goers' accounts. The recording will be shown on public access cable throughout the year, Martin said.

Admission is free and the gathering is open to the public.

Flashbacks

Novi residents remember 1969

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The year was memorable. But more than national and local history was made in 1969. These Novi residents recall a world that was exciting and explosive, in more ways than one.

California dreamin'
Kathy Mutch, Novi City Council Member

"Mutch had a groovy youth. San Francisco, 1967, the Summer of Love - she was living in Haight Ashbury, working at a poster and candle shop."

"Like Scarlett O'Hara, she made her own dresses out of curtains."

"One of my prized possessions was a real silver peace symbol I wore on a chain," Mutch said.

"When Mutch wanted to party, one of the places she headed for was Janis Joplin's house."

"Janis was just like she appeared out of it. It's not like going to a party and here's the hostess and isn't she sociable," Mutch said. "You're there and she's there, but in her own little cloud."

By 1969, this hippie chick was very ready to settle down to a more conventional lifestyle.

"That year, she was renting a flat near Wayne State University. A friend wanted to visit a guy who lived nearby and dragged Mutch to an apartment adorned with a beaded curtain at the door. She found herself talking to the cat's roommate, a fellow by the name of Charles Mutch, who had lived in the Haight."

"He was a perpetual student. He had a motorcycle and a beard and was so far from his computer image. He tells me I wore very short skirts," she said.

The pair eloped and were married on June 17, 1969. Mutch wearing a mini-dress bespattered with large roses.

"I didn't wear flowers in my hair, or anything like that," she said. "The Mutchs honeymooned in California. The first of their seven children was born in 1970."

Sorority sister
Lisa Willard, executive director, Novi Chamber of Commerce

Willard was a student at the University of Georgia, at Athens. She lived in the Delta Gamma sorority house, Tara's architectural twin.

"The Beatles may have been singing about revolution, but tradition eroded slowly in the South."

"We were not allowed to wear pants on campus during my freshman year. It wasn't ladylike. We wore mini skirts and boots. It was pulled-together, hippie chic," she said.

Curfews were the order of the day for the sororities. Freshmen girls had to be in by 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends, older girls got an extra half-hour out.

"Doesn't that sound weird now? Why did we say okay?" Willard wondered.

"I did have sorority sisters who challenged things, but we felt they were really liberal because they were from the north."

Even the University of Georgia had campus unrest, however. In 1970, an anti-war protest was staged and her future husband, Bob Willard, was in the Marines officers' candidate school.

"They started to burn the American flag and he ran up and grabbed it. He ran all the way up the hill with them chasing him," Willard said.

"Now it must be asked, Was Lisa Willard in training as a Southern Belle in her sorority?"

No, Willard said.

"You were expected to have these things when you came in the gate. You wouldn't get past the front walk if you were a clod," she explained.

Next stop was Vietnam
Matt Quinn, former Novi mayor

This local attorney can tell you month by month where he was 30 years ago. April - graduated from Western Michigan University. May - a draft physical. June - married his wife, Joyce. July - inducted into the U.S. Army.

Quinn spent the rest of 1969 and half of the next year in training stateside as a combat engineer.

From July 1970 to July 1971, he was in Vietnam, coming home as a staff sergeant in E6. He was stationed in the north of South Vietnam, in Hue and in more remote areas.

"It was a beautiful country. At the time, we were just kind of tearing it up," Quinn said.

Combat engineers were the guys who went in first to construct a base camp. Their tools included bulldozers, chain saws and plastic explosives. They were also charged with mine-sweeping roads and building underground bunkers.



Kathy Mutch, now on City Council, was a West Coast hippy back in 1969.

"We would jump off helicopters and slide down ropes onto a hill out in the jungle. Our job was to level the top of the hill with explosives," Quinn said.

"That was rather exciting and hot work. You can't really hide when you've got a chain-saw."

"We would go so far off, we didn't expect there would be any NVA around. We would get rockets and shot at."

Plastic explosives are fairly safe, if you know what you're doing, he explained.

"They served as a really good way to heat your food. You put a dime-sized sliver underneath your canteen and lit it," Quinn said.

"You had a 3,000 degree fire, better than a microwave. When you put it out, you couldn't stamp on it because you'd get your foot blown off."

Swinging
Art Cervi, radio personality

Not only was he the star of "The Bozo Show," once he pulled off the nose, big shoes and red wig, Cervi was right in the heart of Detroit's lively music scene. He was on camera for two live shows a day, "Bozo" in the morning and "Swinging Time"

with Robin Seymour" in the afternoon.

Typically, he'd step out in a modified version of the British look such as a double-breasted suit or a Nehru jacket.

"We probably dressed pretty much like hippies with long hair. I look at pictures we have in scrapbooks and say, 'Oh, my God, I looked like that,'" Cervi said.

As a D.J., Cervi did shows at local dance palaces for CKLW, including at Novi's own Walled Lake Casino.

Some 1,500 teens a night would pack into the Casino. With an age range of 14 to 18, most of the kids were hip, but not hippies. This were well-behaved youngsters, not into psychedelic sounds or substances, Cervi said, although someone might drink too much Seven-Up.

International acts like the Rolling Stones and Paul Revere and the Raiders were swooping into Detroit to promote their new albums and singles, but local talent on their way to stardom were favorites at the Casino, including the MCS, The Rationals, The Woolies and all the Motown groups.

"They were doing record hops for nothing. Barry Gordy would come by and say, 'I've got this group, they need exposure,'" Cervi said.

"We did have a happening city, it was a great time."

For an entrance fee of \$1, on a typical night, the youth of the sixties danced The Swim, the Mashed Potatoes and Motown-style line dances.

For Cervi, life has come full circle. In the early sixties, he was music director for WKRN, Keener 13, where he originated the Keener 13 Hit List distributed at local record stores.

WKRN is now WYUR, where Cervi does a show about classic autos. "Let's Talk Cars."



Chamber president Lisa Willard back then with her husband to be, Bob.

er and sister. Favorite groups included Mountain, Jethro Tull and Cream.

"I appreciate all kinds of music, but I think the music of that era stood the test of time. I don't think the alternative bands we hear today will have the longevity," she said.

"In 2025 or 2030, will you still hear the bands of the eighties and nineties or the sixties and seventies?"

While she went through the "girly-girlie" little velvet dress phase in her younger years, by 11 Lorenzo was on the cutting edge of the casual dressing movement.

"You see all the teenagers today are wearing the clothes I wore, baby tee shirts and elephant bells and flannel shirts," she said.

"I had jeans that had more patches than material, with a smiley face patch and a peace sign patch."

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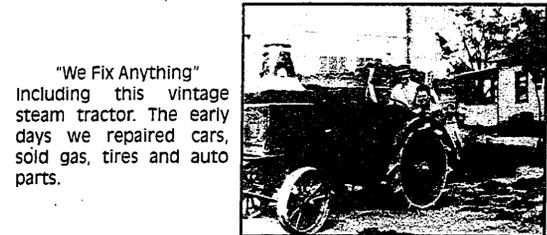
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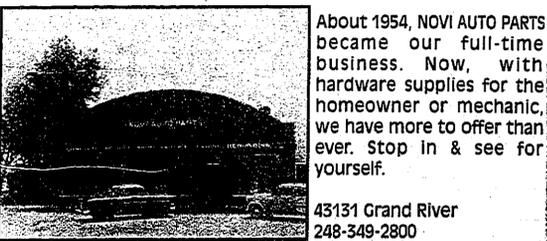
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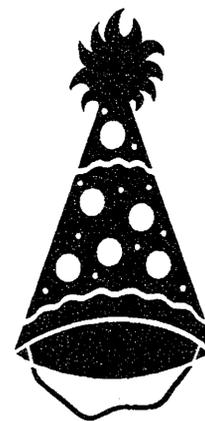


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Circle the wagons

Cityhood was long, bitter fight to save land from nearby communities

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi may not have had the population of most cities, but the number of residents was not on the minds of officials when they argued it should become a city ... protecting land was.

In the late 1950s and 1960s, the cities of Wixom, Walled Lake and Northville all had their eyes on Novi and slowly were taking away chunks of land.

At the time, Novi was just a township and village, giving it very little power to stop the land grabs.

The land grabbing started with the taking of western Novi property north of Grand River housing where the Ford Wixom Plant is located. This annexation by Wixom was especially painful because Novi township officials had worked diligently to bring the plant to the area.

It didn't stop there. Northville began annexing land along Novi Road north of Eight Mile Road for its schools and the City of Walled Lake jumped into the land-grabbing fray and attempted to take all of Walled Lake south to Twelve Mile Road.

To stop this, Novi officials asked the voters to approve incorporation as a city. They received the protection they needed Feb. 20, 1969, when Novi voters approved the city charter in a vote of 629 to 283.

But the incorporation of Novi as a city was not without a struggle. Previous attempts had been rejected by voters on two occasions and opposition among other local officials was strong.

To fight the city-forming push, some township officials waged a lengthy legal battle arguing that the attempt at cityhood was illegal under existing state law. The law required a village to have a population of 500 persons per square mile before becoming a city.

They made the argument in Oakland County Circuit Court, with several judges handing down a series of conflicting decisions.

Finally, the court decided that it was indeed against the law and citizens could not vote on incorporation.

A citizens committee appealed the decisions to the Michigan Court of Appeals. It was reversed and voters were allowed to decide for themselves what the status of their community would be.

With the Nov Javices heading the push, voters were given five major reasons for a positive vote on cityhood.

- Give boundary protection.
- Give a protection to the residents tax base.
- Simplify government by replacing the village and township governments with a single city government.



Cityhood advocate Leo Harrawood



Novi's first mayor Joseph Crupi



Denis Berry, on Novi's first council



David Harrison, on Novi's first council

- Modernize the government.
- Remove partisan politics from city government.

Voters agreed and the newly-approved city government officially replaced the old village and township of Novi government Feb. 26,

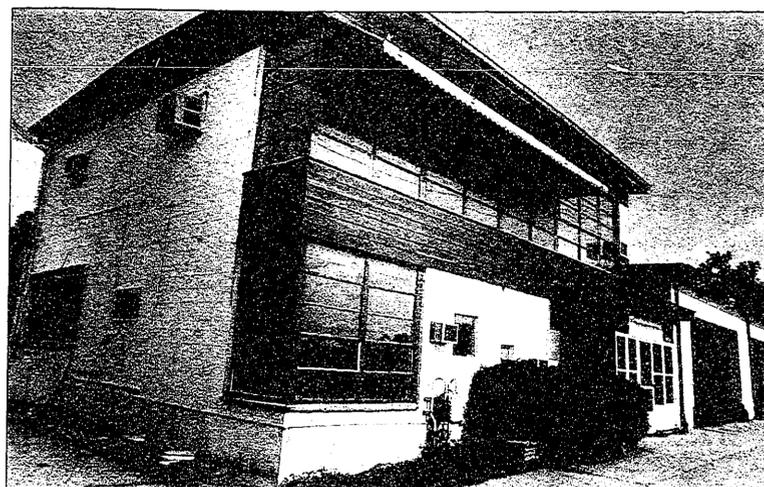
- 1969.

The new government was headed by Novi's first mayor Joseph Crupi. The first City Council comprised of Donald Young, William Ducey, William O'Brien, David Harrison, Denis Berry and Edwin Presnell.

NOVI MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The roster of Novi's mayors and council members, since the city's inception in 1969, includes:

MAYORS	1969	1973	1975	1977	1979	1981
Joseph Crupi: 1969-73	Donald Young	George Athas	Philip Goodman	Ronald Watson	Martha Hoyer	Patricia Karevich
Robert Daly: 1973-75	William Ducey	Denis Berry	Martha Hoyer	Guy Smith, Jr.	Patricia Karevich	Guy Smith, Jr.
Gilbert Henderson: 1975-77	David Harrison	Louis Campbell	Patricia Karevich	Patricia Karevich	Robert Schmidt	Ronald Watson
Romane Roethel: 1977-81	Denis Berry	Philip Goodman	Romane Roethel	Robert Schmidt	John Chambers	John Chambers
Robert Schmidt: 1981-85	William O'Brien	Martha Hoyer	Robert Schmidt	Guy Smith, Jr.	John Chambers	John Chambers
Patricia Karevich: 1985-87	Edwin Presnell	Patricia Karevich	Robert Schmidt	Ronald Watson	John Chambers	John Chambers
Matthew Quinn: 1987-93	Donald Young, Jr.	James Shaw	James Shaw	John Chambers	John Chambers	John Chambers
Kathleen McLallen: 1993-pres.						



Novi's first city hall was torn down recently to make way for Main Street.

Growing pains

Change has been tough, but prospects for city are good

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While the population of Novi climbs, causing new subdivisions to almost pop up overnight and creating traffic woes, it's almost getting hard to believe that the city was once a small farming community.

Lee BeGole, Novi's first police chief, said he can remember a time when "everyone knew everyone" and farming was an important business in the little village of Novi.

Thirty years ago, Twelve Oaks Mall wasn't even a concept yet and there were only a few restaurants and gas stations in a town with one traffic light. Instead of a Denny's restaurant near Twelve Oaks Mall, there was a log cabin housing the Harrawood family.

As far as traffic, the roads were pretty quiet, except for Grand River Avenue in the summer. Grand River Avenue was the main route for Detroit tourists wanting to go to and return from Kensington Park and the Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park.

"Traffic on Grand River was bumper-to-bumper," said Leo Harrawood, owner of several businesses and properties along Grand River Avenue.

But times change and Novi was destined to grow.

"Someday it is gonna grow and a lot faster than today," Frazer Staman, a Novi Township supervisor in the late 1950s and early '60s, said to fellow residents at the time.

BeGole said the major push for change in Novi came with the construction of I-96 and Twelve Oaks Mall.

With the opening of a freeway through Novi, the bumper-to-bumper traffic on Grand River Avenue came to a halt.

"You could literally lie down on Grand River for four or five hours without being touched," Harrawood said.

Other factors shaping Novi were the land grabs by neighboring communities. Both the City of Wixom and Northville annexed large portions of land from Novi, causing their supervisor Staman to worry there may not be a Novi if the land grabs were not stopped.

Harrawood and others responded, by pushing for the incorporation of Novi if it became a city, parted with the feelings of other township officials and supported the drive.

"After Northville took land, I said, 'The hell with this, we are gonna stop them,'" Harrawood added.

Becoming a city was the only thing Novi could do to protect its boundaries, he said.

"Now as a city it takes 60 percent of the vote of all the people of the city to release land. That will never happen now," Harrawood said.

As for the current condition of Novi, the city these men helped create, all three felt good about the outcome of their work. And they are positive about its future.

"Novi is still growing," BeGole said. "We haven't seen anything yet. Look around now and look around 10 years from now, it will all be different."

Harrawood said he thinks Novi is doing great and has nowhere to go but up. He said he has some concerns over the treatment of developers by some members of the current city council. If they do not start treating these people better, development will jump over Novi and developers will take their business to communities further west.

But Staman thought otherwise, saying Novi is going to grow no matter what happens.

"I couldn't help but think (Novi) is on its way. It doesn't look as if your gonna stop it at all," he said.

REMEMBERING BACK TO 1969

WHAT NOVI WAS WATCHING

On the tube:
Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In
Room 222
Hee-Haw
Bonanza
Get Smart
Mission: Impossible
Love, American Style
The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour (canceled)
At the flicks:
Easy Rider: Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper
Midnight Cowboy: Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight
Hello, Dolly!: Barbara Streisand
Alice's Restaurant: Arlo Guthrie
True Grit: John Wayne
Paint Your Wagon: Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood
Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid: Paul Newman, Robert Redford
Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice: Natalie Wood, Elliot Gould

WHAT NOVI WAS READING

"Slaughterhouse-Five," by Kurt Vonnegut
"The Godfather," by Mario Puzo
"The Peter Principle" by Laurence Peter and Raymond Hull
"The Love Machine" by Jacqueline Susann
"Thirteen Days: A Memoir of The Cuban Missile Crisis," by Robert Kennedy (posthumously published)
"Portnoy's Complaint" by Phillip Roth

NOVI GROOVED TO THESE NEW SINGLES

"Honky Tonk Woman," Rolling Stones
"Get Back," The Beatles
"Come Together," The Beatles
"Some Day We'll Be Together," Diana Ross and The Supremes
"My Cherie Amour," Stevie Wonder
"Volunteers," Jefferson Airplane
"Pinball Wizard," The Who
"Hot Fun in the Summertime," Sly and The Family Stone
"Proud Mary," Creedence Clearwater Revival
"Sugar, Sugar," The Archies

WHAT HIP NOVI RESIDENTS WORE

Women:	Men:
Mini skirts	Center-parted long hair
Modi skirts	Bell bottoms
Maxi skirts	Anything with a fringe
Mini skirt with maxi coat	The uni-sex look
Pant suits	Sideburns
Heavy black eye-liner	Beards
No bras	Mustaches
Flour by sweaters	Afros
Center-parted long hair	Significant jewelry
Bell bottoms	Bright colors
Anything with a fringe	Turtleneck sweaters
The uni-sex look	

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Doing business in Novi

City has a host of long-standing businesses

By JAN JEFFERS
Staff Writer

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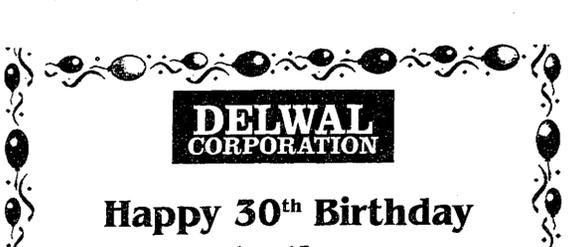
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Dennis Mouser, owner of Novi Feed, has taken over a business in the city with a 99 year history.



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Novi school district began as log cabin, one room school

The Novi Community School District has come a long way from its roots as a log cabin school house built in 1827.

The first school opened in the fall of 1827 in a log cabin on the farm of Pitt Taft, which was located in what is now the southwest section of Novi.

The school was not a public one, unlike today's method of operation, but was supported by subscription. According to records, the first teacher was a Farmington man named Hiram Wilmerth.

That first school was located in what was then West Farmington and was part of Bloomfield Township - one of the townships in Oakland County. The area, which was sparsely inhabited by mostly settlers from New York, did not formally become Novi Township until 1832.

Shortly after construction of the log cabin school, Novi's first one-room wood-framed school was built near "Novi Corners" at the intersection of Grand River and the Novi Road. But because the building and its records were lost in a fire, the date of its construction cannot be determined.

That school, which was called School District No. 8, was replaced in 1864 by another school just north of the four corners. An addition was built the following year due to an increased number of students.

In 1907 School District No. 8 again caught fire, but was saved from destruction by township volunteer fire fighters. The school, with repairs, lasted until 1928 when it was replaced by a new, modern building.

In 1917, with nine school districts inside its borders, Novi Township officials voted to form a township school district with Highland Township. However, because of litigation, that township district was successful for only five years.

By that time there were about 21 members of the Primary School Districts in Novi Township and all wanted to remain independent.

It was from that premise that over the years the present district grew to become irregular, having neither the same boundary lines as the city does currently, nor having the same lines of the original Township of Novi.

Beginning in 1944 - because of a Novi Township population climb - students who desired a high school education (or those parents who desired one for them), were forced

to travel or "take up" room and board in the nearby districts of Walled Lake, Northville or Farmington. Novi had reduced the education level offered to the eight grade and would not have a high school for decades to come.

During those early years, parents were required to pay tuition for their child's education. However, after consolidation of four primary school districts with Novi Township in 1956, Novi schools were required to pay all tuition and transportation costs to other high schools.

By the time Novi became a full kindergarten through 12th grade school district, it had paid Northville more than \$2 million in high school tuition.

Because the school districts of Walled Lake and Northville were more aggressive in establishing high schools, some of Novi's primary districts along those borders were annexed or consolidated with those of Walled Lake and Northville.

Novi's district lost so many of its primary districts to Walled Lake and Northville that by 1963 it was doubtful Novi would continue to exist as an independent school district.

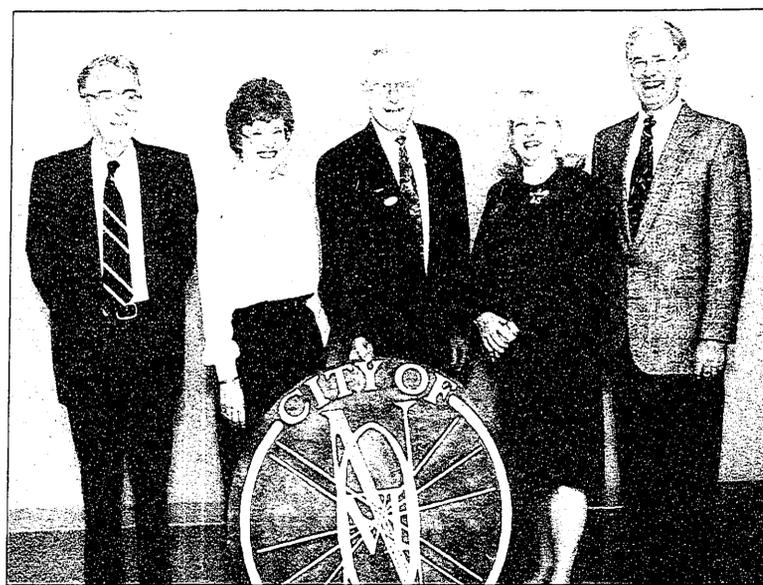
Novi's district at that time covered 16 square miles, had 800 students and still no high school. A proposal was even made to reorganize the district by dividing it along Grand River Avenue and consolidate those schools to the north with the Walled Lake district and those to the south with Northville.

The change did not occur because in 1964 the residents of Novi's district voted to become a K-12 district and to issue bonds for the construction of what was to become the present day Novi Meadows School.

In June 1969 - one year after Novi achieved city status - Novi schools saw its first graduation of senior high school students.

Today the Novi Community School District is recognized in educational circles as being among the best in Michigan and the country.

Editors note: The following article was originally published in 1989. Information for the article was obtained from a school district report written in 1976 titled "A Brief History of Novi Community School District." The author of the report is unknown. The report was listed as the formal property of former Superintendent Thomas Dale.



Novi mayors past and present: Robert Daly, Robert Schmid, Patricia Karevich, Matthew Quinn and Kathleen McLallen.



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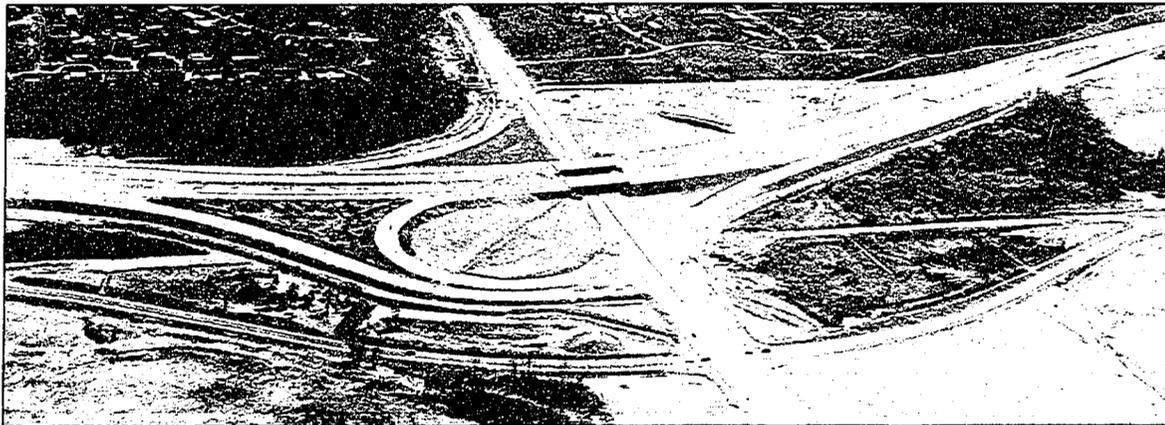
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At right, construction of Twelve Oaks Mall gets underway in the late 1970s, changing forever the complexion of Novi. The city turned from an agricultural community with few residents and fewer businesses into a regional draw.



At left, the expressway finally reaches Novi in 1973 at Haggerty and Eight Mile Road. Grand River Avenue had been the main route through town, but that would forever change with the opening of I-96.

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