

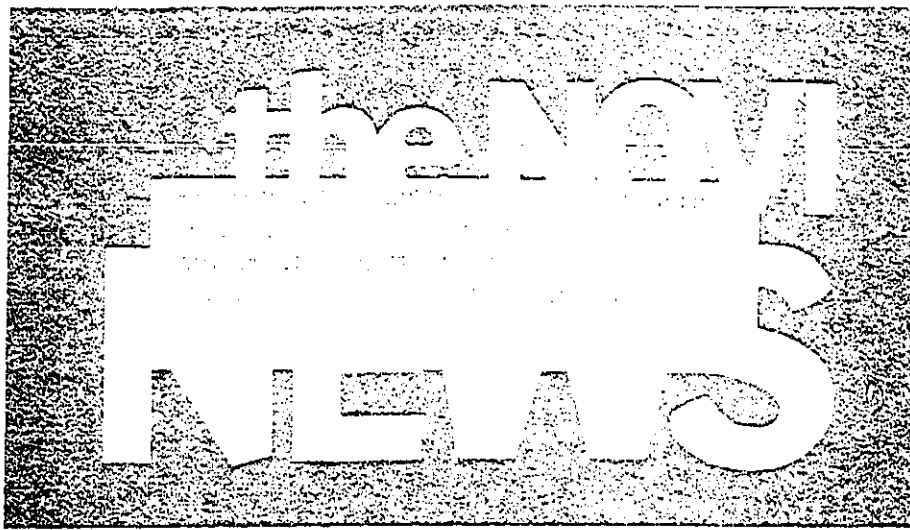
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The city's 30th anniversary party brought out Novi veterans like former police chief Lee BeGole and former township supervisor Frazer Staman, seen here chatting with Public Information Director Lou Martin.

Council OKs plan change for builder

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A Pennsylvania-based building firm, Toll Brothers, Inc., will become a major player in the Novi residential development scene by constructing the 876-home Harvest Lake, the city's largest subdivision.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to a revision of the year-old residential unit development contract with Harvest Lake, to incorporate changes requested by Toll Brothers.

An attempt by Council Member Laura Lorenzo to reconsider the entire contract was not backed by the city council majority.

Council Member Craig DeRoche said a decision against Novi by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard in the Vistas lawsuit might set a precedent.

"If recent judicial precedents

were considered, I can't imagine what our revising the RUD in total when they proposed these revisions would expose the citizens of Novi to in liability," DeRoche added.

Harvest Lake will be built on a 901-acre former gravel mining operation at Wixom, Ten Mile and Napier roads. The lake is the second largest in Novi.

The changes to the RUD increase the number of single-family homes from 52 percent of the project to 57 percent, as well as remove one curb cut onto Napier Road. Internal circulation in the development will be modified by eliminating some cul-de-sacs.

As part of the RUD, the lake was included in the density calculations for the project, enabling more homes to be built on the land than permitted by the under-

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All pass the test Novi police conduct sting; no one sells to minors

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department recently conducted undercover stings of 62 establishments in Novi that sell alcohol to see if any would sell to a minor, every one of them refused.

Sgt. Robert Gatt and Lt. Dave Butler conducted the "decoy-stings" at every liquor-selling establishment in Novi with the help of underage volunteers to see if someone would sell alcohol to them.

The stings were unable to be conducted at the Links of Novi

and the Westbrooke Golf Course because they were closed for the season.

According to Lt. Tim McNamara, the stings are common among police departments and the Novi Police Department usually conducts two a year at different times with no warning to area businesses.

Businesses are sent reminders throughout the year that the stings could happen at any time. McNamara said in many places those reminder letters are posted behind a front counter, in wait

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You say it's your birthday

Novi folks gather to celebrate town's 30th

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Gary Boyer looked around for someone he knew at Novi's 30th birthday party last weekend, with no luck. Boyer was president of Novi High School's first graduating class, back in 1969 when 84 local kids grabbed the first set of diplomas distributed in the new city. One of them would be killed in Vietnam.

Not much input was sought from local teens on all the politics surrounding Novi's incorporation as a city.

"Our lives revolved around sports and school activities. We did a lot of firsts. The first school play," recalled Boyer, who now lives in South Lyon.

If not many alumni from the Class of 1969 showed up, plenty of other people did. Based on how the food disappeared, it's estimated over 550 attended Novi's 30th birthday party on Feb. 27 at the Novi Civic Center. The feast, including ribs and Brunswick stew, was donated by new Main Street eatery Red, Hot & Blue.

"They contacted us because they heard about our birthday party. They brought food for 500. We went through all that," said Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin.

Also totally gobbled up were two large birthday cakes. The party was a municipal family reunion of sorts, with attendees ranging from the kids tearing through the Imagination Station to Frazer Staman, a former Novi Township supervisor who's now 94.

"It's a pleasure to be here. It's a pleasure to be any

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An estimate 550 attended Novi's birthday blow-out.

Husky on target to open come July

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Cutting edge automotive technology will soon come to Novi as Husky Injection Molding Systems plans on completing construction of its Novi plant this July.

Trefor Jones, general manager of Husky, said construction of the automotive plastics technology plant is on track and it should be completed and have production running by the July deadline.

"There has been a significant

amount of construction incurred within the last two months," Jones said.

The building is expected to be completely enclosed by the end of this week, he said.

Construction of the plant started in November. Jones said he was worried that winter weather would impede progress, especially after the winter storm in early January, but his fears have subsided now that the weather has

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Family pet dies of gunshot wound

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Police are searching for the person responsible for the murder of a 7-year-old Siberian Husky named Dawson.

The Husky was shot sometime between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday near his home at 21910 Clover Lane.

According to Dawson's owner, Tom Williams, the dog ran outside when a door at the home was inadvertently left open.

Williams said his family searched for Dawson until darkness and fog made it impossible. However, just before the family was getting ready to go to bed for the night, Dawson "staggered up to the back door" and collapsed in the backyard of the home.

Williams said Dawson's belly-fur was covered with blood and he

"I don't know if it was someone who was mad because the dog ran in their yard or kids that thought it would be fun to shoot a dog. In my opinion it is pretty vicious to shoot a dog."

Det. Pat Fanning

could not find the wound. With the help of his daughter's boyfriend, Williams rushed Dawson to an emergency veterinary

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The outdoor life

Jim Miller shows his skill at Outdoorama at the Novi Expo Center, making a knife pouch from a piece of birch bark. One of the center's most popular shows, Outdoorama runs through Sunday, March 7. More photos appear on page 6.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 4

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lundquist at 390-0500.

TOPS

Take Out Donuts 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.

Friday, March 5

Board of Review
Today is the last day to make an appointment for the Board of Review.

Saturday, March 6

Preschool open house
The Novi Co-op Preschool will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the first time the school will accept applications for programs for 3 and 4 year olds for the 1999-2000 school year. The preschool is located in the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 344-0200.

Monday, March 8

Board of Review Appeals
The Novi Board of Review will hear appeals of tax assessments from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. An appointment is required.

Library Board

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

Tuesday, March 9

Board of Review Appeals
The Novi Board of Review will hear appeals of tax assessments from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. An appointment is required.

Business Network International

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

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Beautification Commission

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

Chess Club

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

Board of Review Appeals
The Novi Board of Review will hear appeals of tax assessments from 1

to 9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. An appointment is required.

Business Network International

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

Seniors potluck

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

Lions Club

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

SPARK

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

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

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

Thursday, March 11

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

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New rules might expand mall uses

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Karate studios, coffee shops, a 50-seat restaurant, these are the kind of uses the owners of Peachtree Plaza would like to see in their small shopping center at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road.

With two rezoning requests from Business-1 to Business-2 earlier denied for the center, a first hearing on an amendment to the B-1 zoning text was approved by the Novi City Council on Monday.

But not without the insistence that a public hearing be held before a final vote on the rezoning. When the rezoning was under consideration, as per state law, adjacent residents were notified. For the text amendment, only a published legal notice was required.

"I thought at least morally or politically it would have been nice to have been notified. I do think the process should have required public hearing and comment," said Terry Croad, president of the Orchard Hills Homeowners Association.

Along with Peachtree, B-1 centers with a possible impact on neighborhoods are at Ten Mile and Beck roads, and the northeast and southeast quadrants of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Council Member Laura Lorenzo said the city needs to work on its public relations.

"I'm not sure this is an appropriate time or use for that area. Food garbage is food garbage, dumpsters as far as possible may not be very far," she said.

Croad told the council he found it "suspect" that the text amendment would surface after the rezoning was denied.

"Is the city trying to accommodate this developer to get something in there? I'm being created solely to help one developer?" he said.

"I don't think it makes sense. I think that site was laid out poorly and that's why the developer has problems."

Jonathan Brateman, leasing agent for Peachtree, said the developer was not involved in the rezoning, as drafted by city planners.

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A Scott Shuptrine furniture truck delivery truck was hit and dragged down the track by a train at Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

Men seriously hurt in train crash

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Two men were sent to Huron Valley Hospital for injuries they received after their vehicle was struck by a train around 10:30 a.m. Feb. 24 near the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road.

The two, a 31-year-old Ferndale man and a 30-year-old Detroit man, have both since been released from the hospital.

According to Sgt. Clarence Goodlein, of the Wixom Police Department, the accident occurred when the furniture truck the men were riding in crossed the railroad

tracks in front of the train. Both the warning lights at the crossing and the train's whistle were working and in use, Goodlein said.

It is unclear why the driver decided to cross the tracks at that time.

What followed, according to witness Brenda Peretto, was "a long scraping sound of metal against metal" as the truck was dragged down the tracks by the train.

Jena Lusis, another witness to the accident, said, "I heard the noise first. Then I saw this truck being pulled by the train."

The Species Survival Center will present a program on the rainforest on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Metro Park Nature Center. This program will

Lusis said she ran to the scene of the accident to help and pulled the passenger from the truck. The driver remained inside.

"It was terrible. I can't explain it," Lusis said.

Robert White, another witness, said he could not believe what was had happened as he helped the passenger, who he found lying on the ground.

"I just laid my hands on him and told him he was gonna be fine," White said.

Luckily for the driver and his passenger, the train struck the truck just behind the cab in the

box area, Goodlein said. "Circumstances could have been different if the impact had occurred on the cab. They were very lucky," Goodlein said.

He added that there have been other train-car collisions in the past at that crossing, but it has not been a problem spot.

"We have talked to the railroad about gates at that crossing," Goodlein said.

The railroad may now be looking at putting gates up, because of a recent traffic reconfiguration at the intersection, he said.

Study survival of the fittest at Kensington

The Species Survival Center will present a program on the rainforest on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Metro Park Nature Center. This program will

feature live animals, including Poison Dart Frogs, Fruit Bat, Giant Cockroach, Two-Toed Sloth, McCaw, Python and other exotic residents of the rainforest.

Did you know that every 15 minutes, an animal or plant species becomes extinct? Attend this program and learn why and what you can do to help stop this destruction. The public is welcome.

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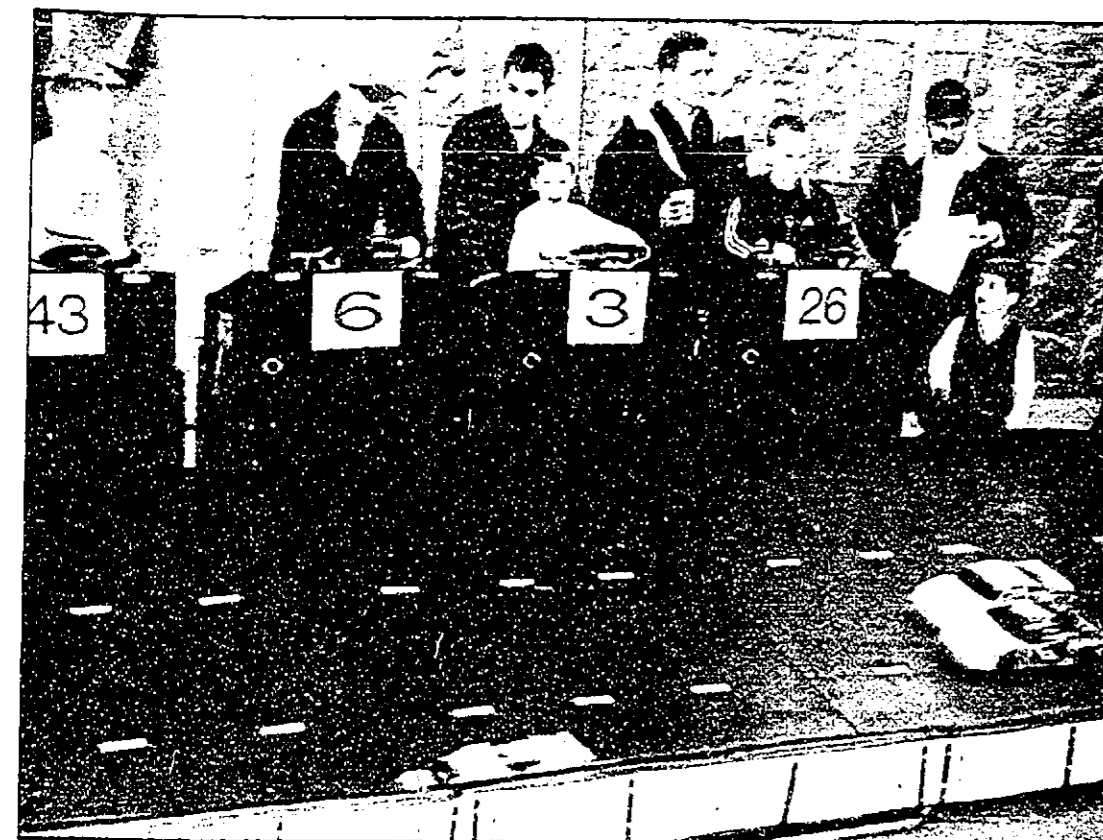
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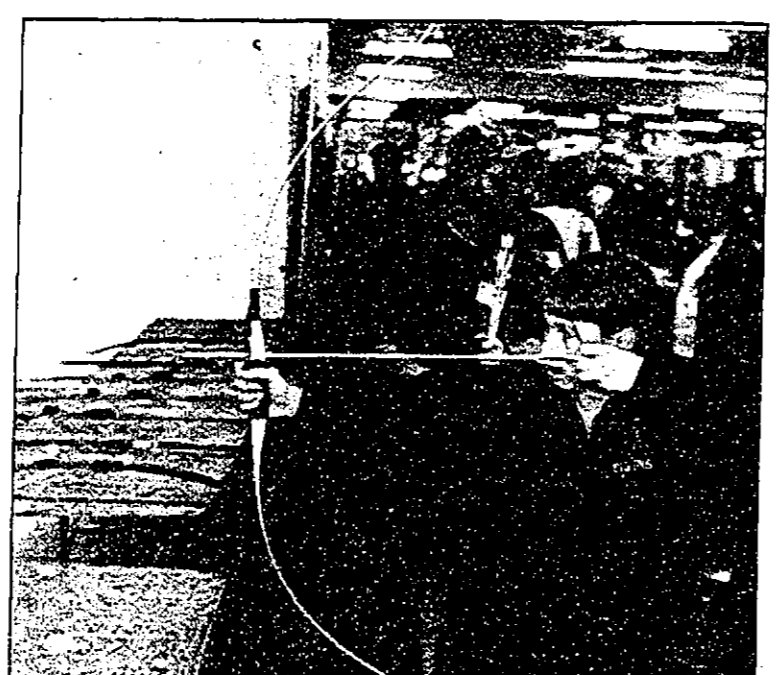
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Great outdoors

Visitors at Outdoorama at the Novi Civic Center had no shortage of things to do last week. Above left, drivers pilot a NASCAR model electric car. Above right, Michigan United Conservation Club volunteer Tom Reed shows Logan Archibald, 10, how to tie a wooly bugger fly. At left, for S4, indoor anglers had a six-minute chance to hook a brown or rainbow trout. At right, Novi resident Ryan Bell tries his hand at archery at the stand sponsored by the Lenawee County Conservation League. The show continues through Sunday March 7 at the Expo Center.

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 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
 11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries
 11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company: Robert Willis Jr.
 12:00 p.m. - Intercessions Word Ministry
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 1:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. - Dickerman Showcase: Photographer/Singer
 2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies:

Estate Planning
 2:30 p.m. - Dusty Rhodes: Irish Jigs and Tunes
 3:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
 3:30 p.m. - Varsity Hockey: Northville versus Milford
 4:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
 5:30 p.m. - Up Close Today
 6:00 p.m. - The Promised Lane: Skiing
 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With Tracy
 7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
 7:30 p.m. - Aviation Journal
 8:00 p.m. - Stepping Stone Students
 8:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
 9:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Hyp-

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9
 10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
 10:30 a.m. - Michigan Living: Teen Drivers
 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Steven S. Toth, Lemon Law
 11:30 a.m. - (cont'l)
 12:00 p.m. - Summit University: Angels Help You to Affect Personal and Planetary Change
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 1:00 p.m. - A Taste of Ireland
 1:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. - Center for New Thinking: The Jews, A Culture That Made a Difference
 3:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
 3:30 p.m. - (cont'l)

4:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
 4:30 p.m. - Novi Street Beat: Bike Safety
 5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life
 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Lisa Willard, Novi Chamber of Commerce
 6:00 p.m. - Mountain Ski Trade Out
 6:30 p.m. - Community Connection
 7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators: High and Low Impact
 7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: estate Planning
 8:00 p.m. - Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Permanent Makeup
 8:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben

Marks: Shirley Johnson
 9:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day Music
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
 10:00 a.m. - Home for Life: Pre-construction Process
 10:30 a.m. - MDOT Today
 11:00 a.m. - Huntington's Disease Update: Dietary Needs
 11:30 a.m. - Travelin' On: American West
 12:00 p.m. - Legally Speaking: The Milo Racluvich
 12:30 p.m. - On the Job With Sen. Abraham: Poison Awareness
 1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture
 1:30 p.m. - AMVETS
 2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
 2:30 p.m. - Harvest Ministries
 3:00 p.m. - Worldnet Productions Presents: Bobby and Bunny

3:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Hypnotic
 4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
 4:30 p.m. - Community Connection: Seney/Farmingtown Musical/AARP
 5:00 p.m. - Aviation Journal
 5:30 p.m. - Personal Safety in the '90s: Domestic Violence
 6:00 p.m. - Iditarod
 6:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 7:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
 7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Robert Willis Jr.
 8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live
 8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
 9:00 p.m. - Good News for Healthy Living: First Aid at Home
 9:30 p.m. - A Bit O'Ireland in Farmington Hills.

Chamber ready for auction

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
 Last year's Novi Chamber of Auction generated an \$8,000 donation for the locally-based Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The PVA turned around and wrote two checks in financial medical research into the rehabilitation of spinal cord injuries. "When you look at it, this was a win-win, all the way around. People get to have a wonderful time and local businesses get to strut their stuff. Everybody goes away happy," said chamber Executive Director Lisa Willard.

This year's auction, "A Magical Night To Remember," on Saturday, March 27 at the Novi Hilton, is not only the chamber's largest fundraiser of the year, but will once again assist the PVA.

Bobby Bass, head coach of the Detroit Lions, is honorary chair of the event. So not surprisingly, on the auction block will be a Lion's jersey autographed by Herman Moore.

A day at the state capitol with State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, will be up for the highest bidder. The chamber is also looking for a local business to bid on the chance to sponsor a visit by Miss Michigan Laura Welling to a chamber luncheon.

"Always popular and going for big bucks is a chance to name a street after yourself or someone else at the Novi Civic Center." "There's going to be something for everyone," Willard said. Among other items on the auction block will be a puppy, memberships in The Sports Club and Lifetime Fitness, a chance to brew your own concoction at the Detroit Brew Factory, the use of a machine to make Frozen Margaritas and ice cream drinks at a party, a day to be pampered at several local beauty salons and a painting by Novi artist Penny Thorson.

Jewelry is a perennial favorite with bidders at the auction, as are restaurant and hotel packages. Luxury Limousine will drive the high bidder to an evening at the Pike Street restaurant in Pontiac. Tickets for the evening, which includes a five-course dinner with wine, are \$60 per person.

Best of all, auction-goers not only scoop up goodies but support the chamber and medical research. Scientists are hoping to regenerate damaged cells in victims of spinal cord injuries. With their auction winnings last year, the PVA supported this work with a check for \$3,000 to the Wayne State University Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology for a spinal cord injury research program run by Professor Harry Goshgarian and another of \$5,000 to Yale University Department of Neurology for research in areas such as the regeneration of spinal cord neurons following an injury.

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Lazy Lizard brings Tex-Mex to Novi

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

South of Grand River, down Main Street, a new Tex-Mex restaurant will have an outdoor patio, may be serving up tamales, quesadillas and chilaquitas in July.

"Mr. Chen came to Novi and approached us and we thought it was a good opportunity to bring it to the suburbs," Goulet said.

The 200-seat eatery, which will include an outdoor patio, may be serving up tamales, quesadillas and chilaquitas in July.

The restaurant's decor will come from shopping excursions to Houston, San Antonio and Mexico.

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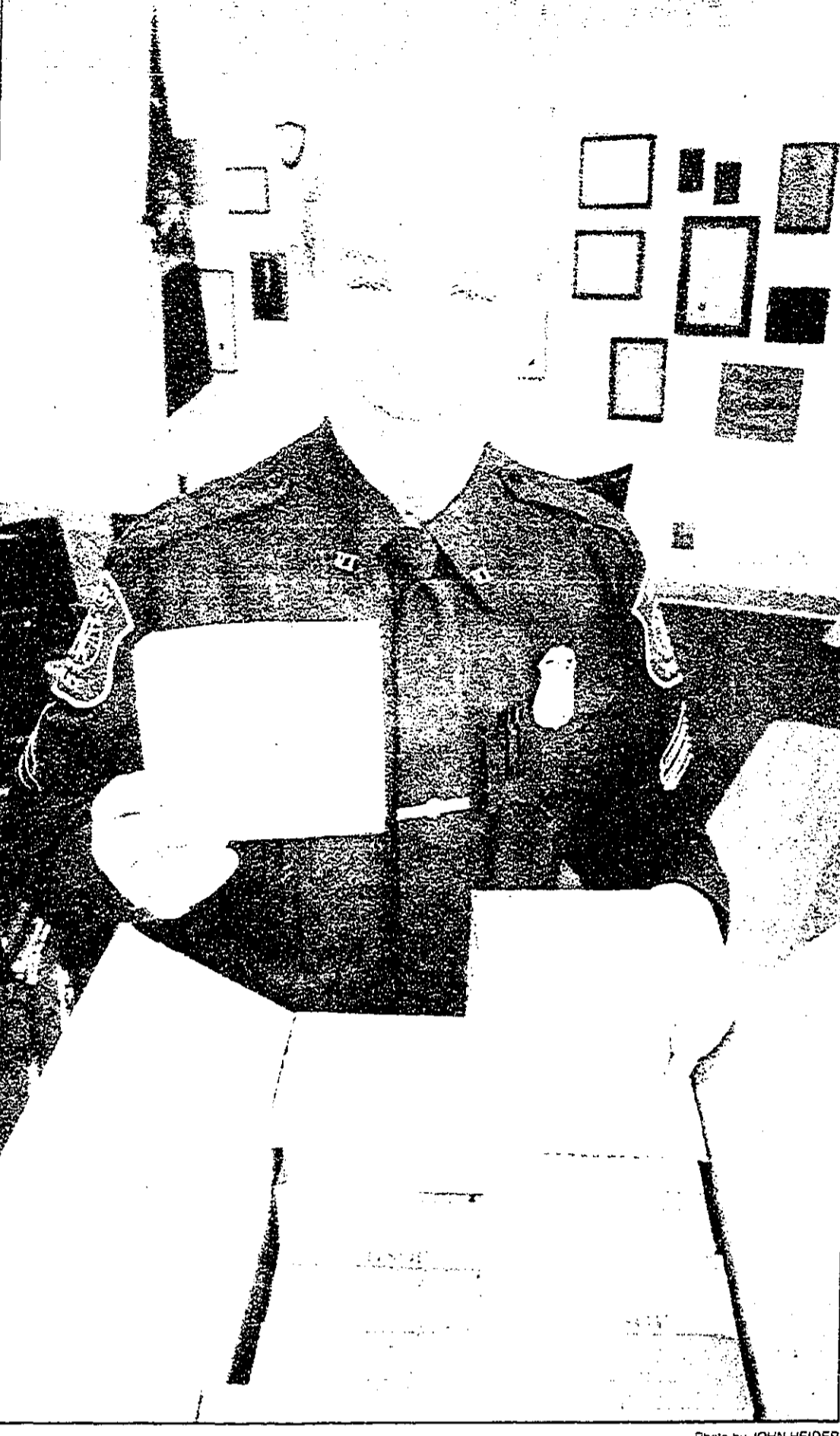
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Novi police Sgt. Bob Gatt will distribute these home drug test kits to Novi Youth Assistance.

Parents can test their kids for drugs

By JEREMY McBAIN Staff Writer

Parents fearing their children are on drugs, can have them privately tested with a drug testing kit available at Novi Youth Assistance in the Novi Civic Center.

Each kit can be purchased for \$6. There is also a small lab fee for the sample testing. Results from the test are available within 10 days.

Set. Bob Gatt, of the Novi police department, said the kits give parents the option of testing their children for drug use, "without the whole world knowing."

The kits are available at the Novi Youth Assistance, Gatt said, because parents may be hesitant to go to the Novi police to pick one up.

"We want them to remain anonymous. By going to the Novi Youth Assistance, parents can remain away from the police," he said.

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Fire log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Feb. 14. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

Monday, Feb. 8 Medical, 23602 Stonehenge, 2:56 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:38 a.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 42177 Roscommon, 11:10 a.m., Squad 3.

Tuesday, Feb. 9 Medical, 45773 Willingham, 6:37 a.m., Squad 4. Service, 41108 Vincenti, 6:57 a.m., Squad 1.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Medical, 44678 North Hills, 10:03 p.m., Squad 3. Fuel spill, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 7:06 p.m., Engine 2.

Thursday, Feb. 11 Medical, 40601 Brenda, 1:30 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 5:35 p.m., Squad 1.

Friday, Feb. 12 Fuel spill, Grand River and Market, 8:43 a.m., Engine 1. Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 11:26 a.m., Squad 3.

Saturday, Feb. 13 Fire alarm, 27550 Novi Road, 2:42 a.m., Engines 1, 2, 4. Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:43 a.m., Squad 2.

Sunday, Feb. 14 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Monday, Feb. 15 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Thursday, Feb. 18 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Friday, Feb. 19 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

Saturday, Feb. 20 Injury accident, 21066 Cambridge, 12:33 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 42177 Gladwin, 9:43 a.m., Squad 3.

A call for art, poetry for OCC exhibit

The Women's Center at Oakland Community College announces a nationwide call for entries for its 12th annual art exhibit, "Our Visions, Women in Art."

The artists and poets will be recognized at an awards reception and open house, Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Smith Theater, Farmington Hills.

For an entry form or more information on Our Visions, Women in Art, please call OCC's Women's Center at (248) 471-7602, or write to the Women's Center at Oakland Community College, 2705 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

New law permits expelling violent kids from school

Calling it a banner day for Michigan families and children, House speaker Chuck Perrone announced the passage of two legislative packages slashing the state income tax and keeping children safe in public school classrooms.

"This is a great day for Michigan," said Perrone, R-Kalamazoo Township. "We finalized a fair, across-the-board tax relief measure and sent it to the governor. We promised state taxpayers, and we delivered."

The tax-cut package incrementally reduces the state income tax to 3.5 percent over a five-year period, while guaranteeing school funding. Bill sponsors are Reps. Larry Julian, R-Lemont; Randy Richardson, R-Moraine; and Gerald Van Wagoner, R-Norfolk Slivers.

The House also approved a school safety package which requires violent students who attack teachers or other pupils.

"Children deserve to go to safe schools without the threat of violence," Perrone said. "It is our duty to guarantee that classrooms are havens for learning, not playgrounds for violence. Learning can't take place in an unsafe environment."

House Bills 4240-41, sponsored by Reps. Clark Isbice, R-Jackson and Van Wagoner make up the Safe Schools and Communities Act.

In addition, the bills permit each school district to create alternative education programs for expelled students and others. They place responsibility on expelled students and their parents to enroll in suitable alternative education programs.

HBs 4240-41 also allow local districts to create an expulsion process, thereby retaining local control.

Novi seventh and eighth grade students are working on the annual essay contest, "America's Freedom - Moving into the Millennium."

Previous winners of the DSA represent a "Who's Who" in the history of Novi. J. Fred Buck was the recipient of the very first DSA award in 1972.

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Members of Cub Scout Pack 240 Bears Den 4, from Orchard Hills Elementary, listen as Novi News reporter Chris Davis explains the history of the newspaper during a tour of the offices last week. Scouts touring the Northville offices as well

as HomeTown Newspapers' Howell business offices and printing plant included Devon Clements, Jonathan Clarkson, Michael Szymanski, Aaron Letseizer, Timothy Vandevver, Joseph Morabito and Jordan Czapsky.

Carleton Forest condos on track

By JEREMY MCGRAIN Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission gave praise and a positive recommendation to the preliminary site plan for a condominium development between Twelve Mile and Twelve-and-a-half Mile roads.

After voting to give the project — called Carleton Forest Condominiums — a positive recommendation, Commissioner Andrew Murch said, "I just want to compliment the applicant for the project they have brought forward."

According to Biltmore Properties, designer of the development, the project consists of 180 two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium units with attached two-car garages.

"We tried to design the units to appear as a large estate type of homes rather than apartment units," Mary Jukuri, senior designer for the project, said.

Because of a large amount of regulated wetlands on the property, Jukuri said the project is designed to have lots of open spaces and very minor wetland impacts. But, to achieve this, the applicant needed to request waivers from building angle, screening, term and entrance lane ordinances.

Planning Commissioners did not disapprove of these waivers, but

one commissioner said he did not like the projects use of a "stub" road.

According to the site plan, a road is being planned to run through the site from Twelve Mile Road to Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road.

Upon reaching Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road, the road — Carleton Way — is blocked by a locked gate, that can only be unlocked for emergency purposes.

Seeing this in the site plan, Commissioner Philip Konecna questioned why that road did not continue to Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road and was only an emergency access entrance.

City planning and traffic consultant, Rod Arroyo, said this is because Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road is in very poor condition and the city has no future plans to improve it.

"It could cause some serious damage to cars," he said.

Because the condominium development needed another access route for emergencies, it was decided to figure another entrance at Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road in the site plan, but gate it at the road's entrance.

The commission voted to send a positive recommendation to the zoning board of appeals for the projects needed waivers.

Schools offer fun classes

The following programs are being offered to Novi residents by Novi Community Education:

POTTERY FOR KIDS (Grades 1-4)
Use clay and other media to create a variety of pottery pieces. There are two sessions to this class. Invoicer, Session 1 is in progress.
• Session 2: Class No. 2103.202 March 2-30, four weeks, no class March 16. Novi Middle School, Room 411, Fee \$34.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WREATH (Grades 1-4)
Create a holiday inspired wreath using green and white tins and streamers. A \$7 non-refundable material fee is included in the class fee. Registration deadline is Feb. 15.
Novi Woods Art Room, Monday, March 1, 4:30-6 p.m., fee \$16.

KARATE (Ages 6-10)
Learn defensive tactics, learn proper self-protection methods. The class will emphasize physical and mental growth along with socially responsible behavior. Specific to the day you will attend. Patches are available for purchase as students progress to higher levels. Students who progress to advanced levels may need to purchase protective gear. Session 1 already in progress.
• Session 2: March 16-May 6. No class April 6 and 8. Fee \$39 one day; \$71 two days.

WACKY WORKOUT FOR PARENTS AND KIDS (Ages 4-12/7)
Share a healthy lifestyle with your kids during fun exercises together, goofy games, creative stretches, silly sports, cardiovascular dance, aerobics and calisthenics. A six week class.
Novi Middle School Cafeteria, Thursday, Feb. 25-April 22, from 7-8 p.m. No class March 18, April 1 and 8. Fee \$24 parent and one child; \$3 each additional child.

CREATIVE DRAMATICS (Grades 1-6)
In this drama class, young students will perform a collection of skits, sketches, stories and a puppet show selected from past and current literary writings. The material lends itself to the creative development of young performers with a focus on oral presentation and creative use of language. A \$1 material fee is payable to the instructor.
ITC Forum (March 25 class will be in Middle School Cafeteria).
Class will meet on Thursday for six weeks, March 4-April 15. No class April 8. Fee \$41.
• Grades 1-4: 4-5 p.m.
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In this course you will learn about child growth and development, basic first aid, bathing and diapering an infant, nutrition, fire safety, personal safety for the sitter and appropriate activities.
Pay a \$5 material fee to the instructor at the first class.
Thursday, four weeks, Feb. 25-March 25 (No class March 18), 4:30-6:30 p.m., Novi Middle School Media Center. Fee \$45.

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Obituaries

JOANN M. CURTIS

JoAnn M. Curtis, 69, of Farmington, formerly of Detroit, died Feb. 24 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born Sept. 28, 1929, in Detroit.

Mrs. Curtis, a homemaker, was a resident of Farmington for the past 22 years. She was a 1947 graduate of Immaculate High School and attended the University of Detroit for two years. She enjoyed her family members. Her interests included golf and being a 20-year bowler at Country Lanes.

She is survived by sons, Arthur III (April) of Westland and John A. of Farmington; daughter, Colleen Martin of Southfield; brother, John Walsh of Bloomfield Hills; sister, Kathleen May of Novi; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Curtis was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Arthur H. in 1985.

Services were conducted on Friday, Feb. 26 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Ronald Williams, St. Mary's of Redford, Detroit officiating.

Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated.

RAYMOND E. LEININGER

Raymond Edward Leininger, 90, died Feb. 22 in Country Manor, Livonia. He was born Jan. 25, 1908.

Mr. Leininger attended the Henry Ford Trade School. Over the years, he met Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone. He was a 43-year employee of Excello, Detroit before retiring in 1972.

He is survived by daughter, Carol (Therom) Oger; son, Edward (Mary Jane); grandchildren, Kelly, Terri, Jeffrey, Robin, Christopher, and Elizabeth; and great grandchildren, Samantha, Cameron and Brandon.

Mr. Leininger was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian.

Services were held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the Karmanos Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

EVELYN (FORTIER) SALE

Evelyn (Fortier) Sale, 77, died Feb. 26 at her residence in Novi.

She is survived by her husband, Robert F.; daughters, Susan (Henry) Popieluszko, Robin (Doug) Book and Nancy (John) White; brother, Robert M. (Anne) Fortier; and six grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, March 2 at the Holy Family Church in Novi.

Arrangements were made by Resurrection Funeral Home in Clinton Township.

Memorials to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 would be appreciated.

DONALD A. SILL

Donald A. Sill, 54, of Novi died Feb. 22 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was born Dec. 28, 1944.

A teacher in the Birmingham School District, Mr. Sill taught sixth grade at Berkshire Middle School for 21 years. His interests included surfing, the Internet, woodworking, playing a double bass for the Livonia Symphony, and downhill skiing. He founded the Winter Walden Ski Club five years ago in West Bloomfield. Mr. Sill also founded the Novi Lacrosse team and was student advisor for the technology club at Berkshire. He was an active church member.

Mr. Sill is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Joanne; sons, Andy and Mike; brother, Harry (Mary); and sister, Barbara (Gerry) Venema.

Services were held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park Novi, 22335 Greenfield Road, Suite No. 228, Southfield, 48075 or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Job Commission splits in April

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Gov. Engler's administration continues its shuffle of state departments with the governor's announcement that he'll split his pet creation — the Jobs Commission — in half April 1.

First, he'll take out the Office of Workforce Development, rename it the "Department of Career Development" and give it cabinet status, with its own director.

Commission will become the "Michigan Economic Development Corp." It will have a board drawn largely from business who will hire the CEO — presumably Doug Rothwell, who heads the Jobs Commission.

"I'll have to apply for the job with the new bosses," Rothwell said in an interview.

The new Career Development Department will have nearly 1,100 employees and a budget of \$456 million. It will house rehabilitation services, workforce development, job training, the employment service agency, and career preparation.

The new Economic Development Corp. will house Travel Michigan (the old Travel Bureau, now headed by Susan Hertz Avey), the Michigan Strategic Fund, the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, and other business attraction services.

It will also work more closely in partnership with local units of government. No state workers will lose jobs. With a chief executive appointed by a board rather than a director appointed by the governor, MEDC won't be disrupted by election changes in the office of the governor. "This is important because business client typically take 5-7 years to site new or expanded facilities," Rothwell said. "It will also work more closely in partnership with local units of government. No state workers will lose jobs."

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Novi resident is professor emerita

Barbara E. Murray, a University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty member since 1978, has been named associate professor emerita of business administration.

A Novi resident, Murray retired from active status as an associate professor of business economics and finance at the end of December. Her appointment to associate professor emerita was approved by the U-M Regents at their January meeting.

Murray earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in 1955, a master's in business administration degree from the University of Detroit in 1961, and master of arts and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University in 1964 and 1967.

After teaching at the University of Detroit and the University of Windsor, she joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1978 as associate professor of business administration in the School of Management. She was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1982.

In the School of Management, Murray assisted in developing the economics and financial institutions curriculum and served terms as chair of the Department of Economics and Finance and as director of graduate programs. She has remained actively involved in business and industry and has served on the boards of regional professional associations.



Community Ed offers adult classes

The following adult programs are being offered by Novi Community Education:

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• Session 1: Class No. 4403.201 Tuesday, Feb. 23-March 16
• Session 2: Class No. 4403.202 Thursday, Feb. 25-March 25 (No class March 18)

Volunteer recruits from Oakland County are needed to serve as trained counselors for the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program. These counselors guide older adults through complex insurance forms and requirements to make sure they received their entitled benefits.

Training will take place April 5, 7, 9 and 12, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Four-day training is required. No prior experience is needed. Registration deadline is March 19. Area Agency on Aging 1-B office is located at 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034. (248) 262-9202.

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April showered Detective retires after 28 years with Novi police

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

After 28 years with the Novi Police Department, Det. John April handed in his badge for the retired life, Feb. 19.

April, a Vietnam war veteran and former member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, went into law enforcement after returning from the war because he felt it was the right thing to do.

"I think law enforcement appealed to me," he said.

Through his career with the Novi Police Department, April has served under many titles. He has been a patrolman, corporal and detective, as well as in charge of the surveillance unit and vice unit.

But it is not the titles April said he will remember, but the people he worked with over all those years.

"I think when you are at some place for 28 years, you are going to remember the people you have met," he said.

As life goes, it seems that he has worked on throughout his service with the department, April said he is particularly fond of the work he and Det. Frank Barabas committed to from the case in 1990.

April said it was a very interesting case and the pieces to its puzzle didn't seem to fall into place.

All he and Barabas had to work with at first, he said, was a dead body found on Twelve and a half-mile road in a ditch.

Part of what made the case interesting, he said, is the culprits were basically captured through the use of DNA evidence at the scene.

"It was the first time in Oakland County that DNA evidence was used," April said.

As a result of his investigation, two men are sitting in prison for murdering another man over a botched drug deal, April said.

April added that the family of the murdered man was extremely appreciative and continues to call him to thank him for his work.

Even though he worked hard on the case, April remains humble and stressed the work he did on to help solve the murder was just one person's part of an entire team of officers.

"With police work, you have to do it as a team or you will never survive," he said.

While he may be humble about his work, it does not go unnoticed in the police department as many of his co-workers miss April as an asset they will always miss.

Lt. Dave Butler described April as an extremely good employee, who always did a good job and was a mentor for all of the young detectives.

"You knew it was done and done right if April did it," he said.

Lt. Tim McNamara added, "I wish he wouldn't go."

However, April has gone, but not without plans for the future.

April said he has a job lined up driving for Oakwood Hospital and is working on a travel industry job for the summer. He added he will also probably be leaving Novi and moving to the Dearborn area.

"It was a good job with good experience and I enjoyed most of it. It is obvious the citizens of Novi were very good to me," April said. "It has been a good run. It's been fun."



Brett Juzwik shows his valentine that won the heart of American Heart Association.

Orchard Hills kid creates heart smart art

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

An Orchard Hills Elementary School student was named winner of the 1999 Heart Card Valentine's contest sponsored by the American Heart Association recently.

The American Heart Association is going to be giving out fourth-grader Brett Juzwik's heart card throughout the year at various events and as "thank you" cards. It is also being featured during several heart health demonstrations in malls throughout Oakland County.

Its Paragon, metro-Detroit communication director for the American Heart Association, said the Juzwik's card was one of 1,300 cards submitted for the contest by over 150 schools from Oakland County.

She said the contest ran in connection with Heart Awareness Week in February. All of the cards were judged by members of the Mended Hearts Club, an organization of heart attack survivors.

Juzwik said he thought winning the contest was "kind of cool."

"I won five tickets to the Detroit Rockers game and got a whole stash of cards. My teacher also got a night at a hotel," he said.

His class will also get complimentary admission to the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing.

Juzwik added he likes drawing and has considered being an artist when he is an adult.

While he may have won the American Heart Association's contest with his drawing of how to get a healthy heart, Juzwik said his favorite subjects to draw are cars and houses.

His mother, Holly Juzwik, said she was happy her son won the contest and described him as very creative.

"He loves to build things and create things," she said.

As for his heart card design, Holly said it works very well because it is a simple idea, but has a big message.

"Good exercise leads to a healthy heart," she said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's mayors address party

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Eight mayors have led Novi during its 30 years as a city. Last weekend, five of them met to share the highlights of their administrations at the city's 30th birthday party at the Novi Civic Center.

They told a tale of a virtually bankrupt rural city emerging as one of Michigan's fastest growing, most dynamic suburban communities.

Robert Daly (1973 to 1975): When Daly took office, Novi's building department was under investigation by the federal government. Moreover, the city was "grossly underfunded," he told the crowd at the birthday party.

Daly recalled when he received a telephone call from the city manager.

"He said, 'I've got an unpleasant thing to tell you. The general fund is exhausted,' the former mayor added."

"At the time, we needed \$60,000. We were able to postpone the bills and things and scrape by."

And nothing came of the fed's investigation of the building department, Daly said.

Gil Henderson (1975-1977): Henderson was recruited from the Novi school board to run for mayor.

His administration saw a number of committees set up to assess Novi's assorted needs and there were many. Most pressing of all was getting utilities out to Twelve Oaks Mall, then under construction.

"It became apparent that the hole in the ground where Twelve Oaks was had no utilities anywhere around within two to three miles, no water, no sewer," Henderson said.

The city hustled to get infrastructure in place and the mall opened within 18 months of the groundbreaking, as planned.

Pat Karevich (1985 to 1987): Karevich was on the City Council for ten years, as well as serving as mayor. The Novi Civic Center was dedicated under her leadership. A key issue for Novi at that time was encouraging developers to come to town.

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Matt Quinn (1987-1993): Clearly Novi's efforts to become more builder-friendly paid off. During his six years in office, between 350 to 400 homes were built annually. Providence Park, Main Street, Novi Town Center, and its accompanying restaurant row, also



Victoria Fifer, 7, enjoys an ice cream cone at Saturday's city anniversary celebration. At right, pictures had to be taken of the city's birthday cake.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

became local landmarks.

Quinn was the first mayor to preside at city council meetings at the new Novi Civic Center.

"Novi was put on the map. There's no question that things happened in Novi," Quinn said.

Another important first was live council meetings on cable TV.

"I think that's an inseparable part of honest, open government," Quinn added.

Kathleen McLallen (1993 to present): McLallen describes her mayorship as a time to expand the ground work laid by her predecessors.

"To the most fortunate of the mayors because I've had all these wonderful people to build on," McLallen said.

She moved to Michigan in 1986 and calls herself representative of the new wave of citizens coming to Novi. While incoming residents are the beneficiaries of the vibrant new city, McLallen urged the newcomers to jump on the bandwagon and help shape Novi's future.

"You can make the community your very own," she said.

Residents gather to celebrate Novi's 30th

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and people found out she was from Novi, they'd speak slowly to her and ask for ears of corn.

"I thought, if only I could live in a wonderful place like Taylor where they have sidewalks and paved roads. I wouldn't have to smell manure every day," she said.

About ten residents at the party volunteered to share their memories about Novi for viewing on local access TV. Martin said future opportunities will be scheduled for more interviews.

"We want it to be an interactive anniversary, we want to see and hear what residents have to say," he added.

As part of the city's on-going birthday celebrations in 1999, plans are afoot to put up a fountain and brick-paved park at the old Amoco station site at the northeast corner of Grand River and Novi Road.

"What we've got now is the land and the idea," City Council Member Ed Kramer said.

Back in 1949, World War II veteran Leo Harwood bought that corner gas station, running it with a small restaurant.

"I've been here 55 years. When I came here it was all dirt mainly. I raised my two daughters in a log cabin where Twelve Oaks is," Harwood said.

Now, Novi's made a name for itself in Michigan.

"The fame of Novi is statewide. Our community is known as a good place to live, raise a family and do business," State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, said.

But for high school kids like Boyer was 30 years ago, except for sports and grabbing a slider at Dave's Hamburgers (later Bates), there wasn't much to do here.

"Livonia Mall was the big attraction for us as we became drivers. We did a lot of hanging out there," said Boyer, who's now an engineer for Johnson Controls.

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As We See It

Drug test kits innovative, but could cause harm

The Novi Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and Novi Youth Associates have taken up a unique program — making drug testing kits available at an inexpensive price to local parents.

The kits can be purchased for \$6. There is also a small lab fee for testing the sample. Results are available within 10 days.

Sgt. Bob Gatt, of the Novi police department, said the kits give parents the option of testing their children for drug use without the whole world knowing. If the parents had to go to the police department to do such tests, there would likely be legal action. So the kits will help parents monitor their kids' activities without risk of police involvement. As Gatt says, kids with drug problems need help, not prosecution.



Government

NYA has 100 tests available now and the association is promising to keep them supplied.

It's innovative. It's unusual. And we applaud both the association and NYA for the approach.

However, we also want to sound a note of caution about the program. It could also be dangerous. In some cases, it could do more harm than good.

Imagine for one quick moment how you would feel if your parents had handed over a drug test and asked you to take it. Parents must be very cautious of the use of such an approach. The lack of trust shown on adults' part could do real damage to the

We have to face criticism



Jeremy McBain

One of the most common things a journalist must face on the job is criticism. No matter what it is you do as a journalist, someone is going to be unhappy. It is just a simple fact of life. A fact that we accept many times by not responding to criticisms, especially in the letters to the editor.

This has always been my policy in the past. If you write a letter to the editor criticizing my work, so be it. That is your opinion. I'll respond to it. But, for the first time I'll respond. I left questions asked by the writer that needed to be answered.

"The letter was from a Novi school parent. I also talked to her on the phone after reading the letter.

The writer criticized the Novi News for its school coverage. Since one of my four beats is Novi schools, this letter was critical of me.

"To be fair to the writer, I must say I found her very pleasant when I spoke with her and I was impressed with her commitment to Novi schools.

I must also say that she expressed to me, the letter was not just her concerns. But other parents involved with the school district as well as school officials.

Since I have not had the chance to speak personally with each one of them, I will just use her letter as an outline for my response.

First critique — The Novi News has been criticized for running stories about Northville and Walled Lake.

Answer — While we have the Novi News we also cover surrounding school districts because their boundaries cross into the city of Novi. There are citizens of Novi that live in Northville school district and citizens that live in

In Focus

By John Heider



Two city of Wisnom firefighters are framed by the twisted wreckage of a furniture truck after it was struck at the Pontiac Trail crossing last week.

What a mess



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...

• Is anyone — honestly, now — really surprised about the recall effort being started against the township board of trustees? In my estimation, this is at least as something to do with a new philosophy in American government: elect someone to office, then become disgruntled and try to throw them out midway through a term. I'm not certain how all this is going to unfold, but I am certain that it's going to be ugly with a capital "U."

• An astute reader fed me a healthy-sized slice of humble pie by noting that stories I've written about the Year 2000 used the word "millennium." Nothing wrong with that, except that there is no such word. References to a period of 1,000 years are "millenniums," with two Ns. The letter-writer labeled me as "Mr. Accuracy." Well, dear reader, here's Mr. Accuracy saying, "Tass me a napkin — I'm done with this helping. Care to dish me up another piece?"

• ...and the award for Most Responsive Township employee goes to Jan Balogh, the deputy clerk. Whether I'm looking for trustee attendance records or a recipe for cheese-cake, Jan always gets back to me in the shortest amount of time — something I deeply appreciate. If you're trying to get on Jan's good side, just bring in a bag of gourmet coffee. I swear I never see the woman without a mug in her hand.

• More on reader feedback: a letter to this paper last month asked why the race of a woman suspected in a retail larceny was listed when the races of other persons involved were not. The letter-writer suggested that the

Hoping bank will be state-oriented



Phil Power

For those of us with long memories and sentimental hearts, the last quarter century has been a rough time for Michigan institutions.

Remember Vernon's ginger ale? In my memory, Vernon's was the essential ingredient for a proper ginger ale float. I still recall being driven by my parents to the big green and yellow plant on Woodward, while being instructed about just how big Vernon's was so much better than Canada Dry.

Sadly, Vernon's has been gone for a long time. More recently, Strohm's got sold to Heileman and Miller. My childhood memories of beer and Eddie Harwell announcing the ball games on the radio ran from Goebel (also disappeared) to Strohm's. I don't listen to baseball much any more, but I always thought Strohm for sentiment's sake and because Peter Strohm and his family were exemplars of what good, decent, locally responsible people ought to be.

And by now everybody who isn't taking intensive German lessons knows full well that what we used to know as Chrysler is now something called Daimler-Chrysler.

The old names, very often associated with old families, aren't much with us any longer.

Which is why it's nice to celebrate a business with a solid name that's intensely focused on Michigan, that looks like it'll be around for a while and that has helped countless local businesses. I'm referring to Comerica, the oldest and largest bank in Michigan, that will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Friday.

Originally chartered in 1849 as the Detroit Savings Fund Institute and then better known as the Detroit Bank & Trust, Comerica assumed its present name in 1982. In 1992, Comerica merged with Manufacturers National Corp.

The merger was difficult. The "reds" (old Comerica employees) were interlarded with the "blues" (ex-Manufacturers staffers) in such a way as to perpetuate for years the competition between the two.

The stock price fell, and for a time Comerica looked as though it would be taken over and moved out of Michigan in just the same way that the National Bank of Detroit got taken over and moved to Chicago by First Chicago-NBD Bank Corp.

But CEO Eugene Miller (a "red") and President Mike Monahan (a "blue") moved quickly. They eliminated poor risk loans, expanded branches throughout the region and redeployed their capital. The stock responded and has now appreciated so much as to make Comerica near-

News should recognize schools

To the Editor:

Here it is Thursday and I can't wait to read The Novi News. Look to see what is going on in the city, in the schools, but wait — here is an article about Jump Roping at Walled Lake Schools, another article about another happening over at a Walled Lake High School — look back to the front of the paper and yes, it does say Novi News. So where is there any news about the schools in Novi. I find it very hard to believe that with "Seven" schools in Novi that there wasn't something newsworthy happening at one of them during the week. I know for a fact that we have the winner of the "1999 American Heart Association's Valentine's Card" at our school and The Novi News was called about this.

If you would look back at The Detroit Free Press from Wednesday, Feb. 24, you will see an article about Novi in the paper. In the article they say one of the main things that is bringing people to our community is the schools — I have to believe that one of the main reasons people read The Novi News is to read about those schools.

Being very involved in the Novi schools, I just wish The Novi News would realize how important it is to the teachers, students and parents that covering the schools be made weekly. A lot of work, time and caring is put into things that go on at these schools and The Novi News should be one way of getting this information to the community. I wish The Novi News would recognize one of Novi's biggest assets — its schools.

Michelle Sankovic

Letters

of the people who worked and helped to raise the money to build those facilities? Where were the fascinating stories and extraordinary pictures from your archives about the school buildings and their development? With stories about some of the people that worked in and with the school system to lay the foundations for the first class educational program that we have today.

Where were the stories about such unique individuals such as George Athas, Bill Barr, Dave Brown, Earl Bailey, Dick Faulkner, Ed Leininger, Tom Marcus, and the many others who each made such significant contributions to Novi's development during this period of time?

What about the corporate attorney Bob Daly, who served as our secretary and helped to pull the fledgling City of Novi out of the red ink and into a sound fiscal beginning? What about Joan Daly and her long and honor-filled service on the Novi-School Board during some of its most critical years?

What about the colorful Mayor Romaine Roethel and her spouse Planning Board Chairman John Roethel — a Democrat and a Republican — other concerned neighbors as well during this period? And what about the gentlemen G.H. Henderson, who served in both the city and school governments with dignity, direction and respect?

This letter only highlights a small number of the many, many people who helped to build Novi into what it is today. Contributors like Mabel Ash, Joe Brett, Ray Byers, Judy Johnson, John Hazelby, the Rev. Les Harding, Bill O'Brien, the Rev. Kevin O'Brien, etc., etc.

You could have shown before and after photographs of Nine Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road — our very first paving project. Maybe old photographs of 196 and Novi Road before the Twelve Oaks Mall development. Or file photographs of 196 and Novi Road before the Town Center development.

There were the interesting stories and cherished pictures from your archives about the four city halls (and one town hall) and some

Section was feeble journalism

To the Editor:

Like a feeble pathetic piece of journalism.

Like many of your readers, I went to read your 30-page "Special Section" expecting to immerse myself in historical stories and old illustrations of how Novi developed during the past 30 years. Instead, I was astounded to see a 2/3-page color photograph of three rather portly old city council members and one barefoot city councilman parading across a street like the ducklings and geese in Northville.

There were the interesting stories and cherished pictures from your archives about the four city halls (and one town hall) and some

Happy Birthday, City of Novi

To the Editor:

Happy birthday, Novi. When I moved into this fair city in 1969, I paid about \$175 a year in taxes on a small, lakeside home. We had dirt roads, no municipal trash pickup and no streetlights. The area and the wildlife was wonderful. A cutsey old cottage area, filled with lovely seniors who had lived here for many, many years. "Hillbillies," yes, but some of the loveliest neighbors for whom anyone could ask.

They kept to themselves, no junked cars ... no piles of trash outside ... no constant police monitoring of the area. Happy birthday, Novi. It's now 30 years later and the roads are much worse — still not paved — and physically in worse shape than 30 years ago. Still no municipal trash pickup ... my area does have streetlights because several other concerned neighbors and I pay for them out of our own pockets. It is far too dangerous an area to live in total darkness. Happy birthday, Novi.

Slum-lord's now rule the area with the worst variety of white trash on the face of the earth. The garbage thrown out the front doors, single family houses being converted to multiples and city-closed roads being opened regularly by the intelligent level of burns that now reside in my greater area. Happy birthday, Novi. We still do not have city water even though there was no opposition to bringing it in at our expense. By the way, my water bills are now over \$175 a month. And there's been absolutely no improvement to my area.

We do, however, have a lovely new ice arena ... an attempt, to recreate a downtown that we never had ... and we are in the process of forcing the issue on a municipal golf course — all of which have been done without my say-so. This is taxation without representation. Happy birthday, Novi. While the

More money won't fix schools

To the Editor:

In his editorial "More for prisons than schools" on the Feb. 18 issue of The Novi News, Mr. (Phil) Power seems to ignore one important item. That is the issue of benefit to citizens and the effective use of public tax money.

Increased prison construction has resulted in significant reductions in crime, an obvious benefit to the public because the likelihood that a criminal will be punished and incarcerated for a serious crime. However, for years we have thrown more money at the bottomless pit of the public education system continue to pump out mediocre and incompetent people that are more interested in indoctrinating our children with time-wasting ideological propaganda.

It has already been shown that more money for education will not improve the system. We need to eliminate all of the ideological administrators and use that money for teaching the three R's and true history of our country and the world. We must accept the fact that incentive pay is more important than tenure. More money for education is wasteful of the taxpayers' money until it can be shown that the system is getting results, that high school graduates can read their diplomas and that our students get test scores that surpass those of other countries that are able to do a better job with much less money.

Donald C. Young Jr.

'I lost a friend yesterday ...'

To the Editor:

I lost a friend yesterday ... Dawson was a 7-year-old Siberian Husky who we gave to our oldest daughter on her 16th birthday. Besides being a beautiful purebred, he had the distinction of having one blue eye and one brown eye, which set him apart as being unique. He grew to become as loyal and as loving as a pet (a friend, really) could be. His personal life was a wonderful just ahead of his left rear leg. He also appeared to be in shock. With the help of a neighbor and my daughter's boyfriend, we loaded Dawson into our van and drove him to an emergency veterinary clinic in Dearborn Heights. X-rays showed that he had been shot with a gun and that the bullet was lodged under his rib cage. We authorized surgery and medical treatment and were advised to return home and call back at 6 a.m. for further updates. The veterinarian listed his prognosis as fair but guarded. She even gave us directions for follow-up care with our regular (mainly incidents of theft and vandalism), we can't except this senseless act of violence. Not to our family. Not in Novi. Not now. Not ever. My neighbors had talked about how this incident could have been more tragic if Laine, while searching for

probably be home soon as he's done in the past. To our horror, we were right.

Just as we were about to retire for the evening, Dawson came stumbling from the gunshot wound. He had also suffered severe internal bleeding, which caused a cardiac arrest during the surgery.

My grief and sorrow immediately went out to my four daughters. How would Laine (our youngest), who unsuccessfully looked for Dawson on Saturday, feel? He never would Beth (our high school senior) who always sought out Dawson's love and affection, feel? How would Shelley (our college junior), who seldom warmed up to any other pet, feel? And especially Amy (our college senior) who had received Dawson on her 16th birthday, and who had a special love and affection for him. How devastated would she be? You can imagine how our children felt when my wife Judy gave them the dreaded news.

I lost a friend today ... As for Judy and I, feelings include sorrow and extreme anger. Even though I'm not new to our family (mainly incidents of theft and vandalism), we can't except this senseless act of violence. Not to our family. Not in Novi. Not now. Not ever. My neighbors had talked about how this incident could have been more tragic if Laine, while searching for

Dawson, had walked into the shooter's line of fire. I think about all of the kids who travel and play in our subdivision, and who were placed in similar jeopardy. And it makes me angry.

I've filed a felony Malicious Destruction of Property report with the Novi Police Department. The case has been assigned to Detective Patrick Fanning. We are also offering a \$300 reward for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this crime. Personally, I just want to see this vicious coward and ask how he/she could do this to my family.

But for you, my neighbors, I want to see that this person(s) is stopped from committing any more acts of violence. I've lived in Novi for almost 27 years. It has always been a wonderful town, with great people who live and work for their families. I won't let it become something less without fighting back.

I am appealing to anyone who has any information to contact Detective Fanning at (248) 348-7100. Somebody knows something about this crime. I am asking for your help to make Novi a safer place for us all.

I lost a friend yesterday ...
Tom Williams

Internet predators bill targets 'crime of week'

The "crime of the week" is becoming a sad joke in the Michigan Legislature.

Latest entry is a pair of bills to add two years onto the prison sentence of a pedophile who uses Internet to prey on kids. "Get tough," say the news releases of publicity-hungry lawmakers. One suspects there are more "tough new laws" news releases than there are Bill/Monica jokes floating around the State Capitol lobby.

Let's talk sense. Crime is crime. Assaulting a child sexually is one of the more heinous crimes a human can commit. It deserves and usually gets a prison sentence along with lengthy exposure on the address list of sexual criminals.

But what makes using Internet worth an extra crime, worth an additional two years in prison? Why is that worth two years more than a male intruding into the bedroom of his ladyfriend's daughter?

What makes using Internet worth two years more than going into a park and dragging a kid into the bushes? What makes using Internet worth two years more than picking up and abusing a young hitchhiker?

What makes using Internet worse than using a standard telephone or writing a letter?

The Michigan Senate rushed to the job for publicity purposes. The phenomenon of attacking children sexually has been around for thousands of years. Internet is just a few years old. It's a hotter topic in suburban cocktail parties than the U.S. Postal Service, the telegraph or two tin cans and a string.

"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 defining the crime. Why not just nail all predators regardless of how they approach a kid?

Michigan does have a law tacking two years onto a criminal's sentence if he uses a gun in committing a crime. That makes sense. Guns are more effective tools of death than fists, brass knuckles and even knives.

But Internet? If Senate Bills 7 and 217 become law, they will just take up space in the statute books.

It was ironic that the Senate acted within a week after some of its members bawled out budget director Mary Lannoy for giving the Department of Corrections (prisons) an 8.6 percent increase while higher education was getting half that percentage. Senators wanted to know. Why? The answer is that every new crime is greeted with the bleating legislative response of "tough new laws" and "tougher penalties."

Here's a question for Sens. Rogers and his pal, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, sponsor of SB 217: What are you doing to make sure we catch those predators? Are more law enforcement people being hired to police the Internet? Are more prosecutors being added to assemble the burden of proof in an Internet case?

Or are you just juring more publicists to prepare more news releases about redundant punishments?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 p.m. Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, tone, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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No one caught selling to minors

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 Stations of behind bars sell all of the employees can take notice of them. In each of these latest stings, McNamara said an underage detainee was used, however, males and females are sometimes used. Instead of these cases, the volunteers who are beyond old or younger, were not dressed up to look older than 18, they do not carry false identification and if they are asked about their age they have been instructed not to lie. Before they are taken out on each sting, their picture is taken and they are given a portable breath test to prove they do not have alcohol on their breath. The picture is to prove they do not look older than 18, they really are, McNamara said. The stings are also always with a sign of a police officer during the stings. Everyone that cooperates with the stings is not getting the alcohol to the minor is sent a letter of congratulations from Chief Doug Shaver, McNamara said. Those that do not, can lose their liquor license by different periods of time depending on the circumstances. "It gets expensive," he said. McNamara added it is common for the stings to take place at all of the establishments that sell liquor. It is not just your corner liquor

THEY PASSED THE TEST

All 62 of the establishments checked by Novi police passed the test by asking for identification and refusing to sell alcohol to an undercover minor.

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DoubleTree Hotel
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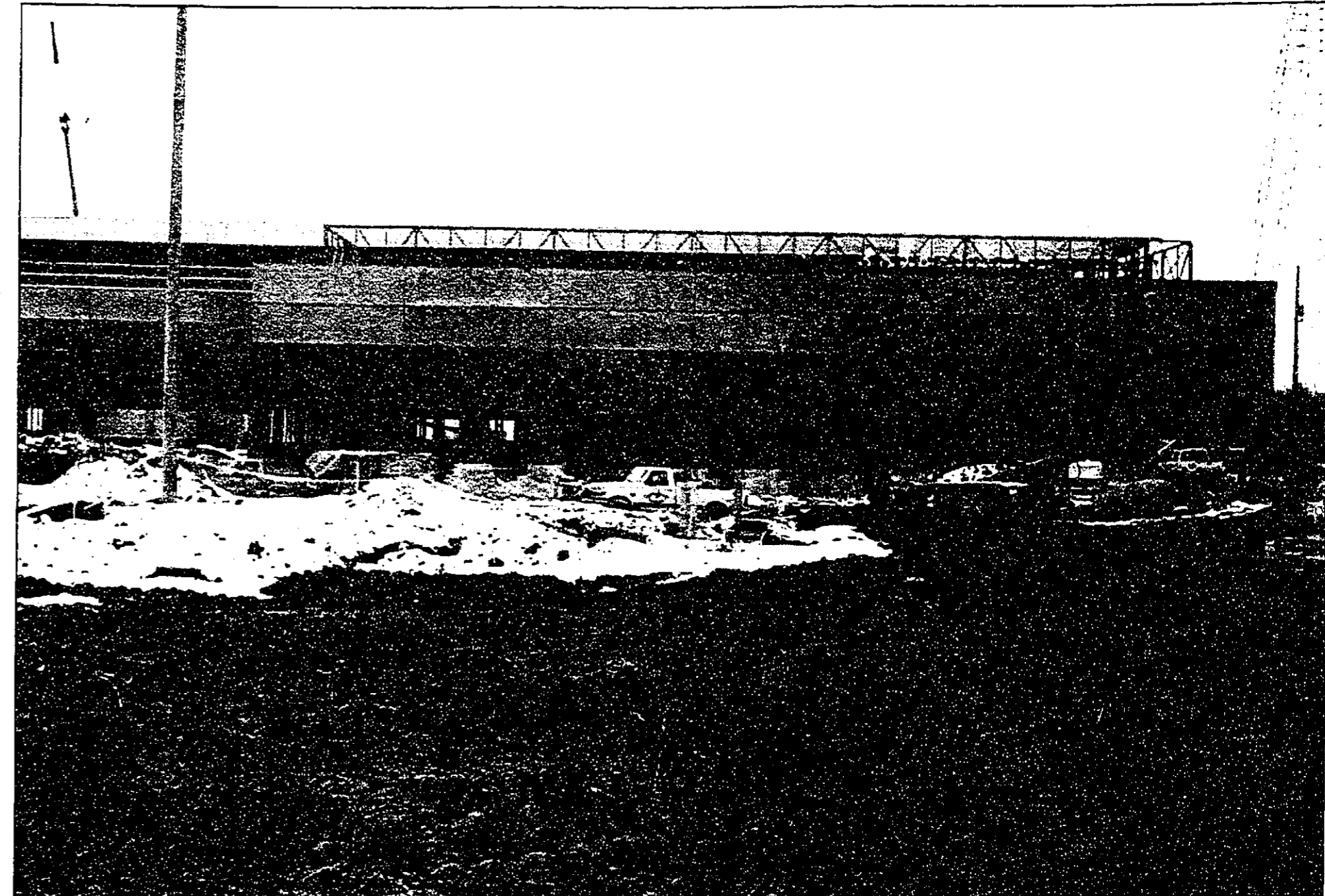
While it causes businesses to be more aware of who they sell alcohol to, an increased awareness about alcohol has an even bigger effect on drunk driving than it did in the past, McNamara said.

Council amends Harvest Lake plan for new builder

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 Fifteen percent of the buildable land on the project will be left as open space. Lorenzo suggested that the request for a revision might be a time to revisit density issues related to the development, but she did not win council support. Open space planning typically results in 50 percent of a development left as open space, Lorenzo said. "Just like you're not a charitable organization, I don't think we should be a charitable organization and give density away without getting our fair share," she said. "This is less than a desirable business decision for the City of Novi." City Attorney David Fried said the council couldn't consider this as an invitation to revise the RUD completely. After the RUD contract was signed in February 1998, Harvest Lake has been low-profile. "I've been repeatedly asked by you and others, where have you been?" Harvest Land Company President L. Steven Weiner said. Weiner said the firm was looking for a suitable home builder for the project. "They bring a level of expertise to the project that we're not capable of bringing ourselves," Weiner added. Toll Brothers, which develops in 18 states, announced its move into the Detroit area in December, with

Husky on schedule to open in July

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 turned decent. "Now we just have a lot of mud to contend with," he said. Because the soil on the land the project is being built is clay, Jones said whenever it rains or snows a lot of "soupy-mud" is created. Regardless, the contractor hired for the job, Campbell Manx construction of Southfield, does not seem to be bothered by the conditions. "People working on the site are claiming this is a technical center like they have never seen before," Jones said. Once Husky's plant is running it will begin to start work on its first project, producing an process to create an all plastic structured vehicle for Daimler-Chrysler, Jones said. To do this, Husky is implementing several unique pieces of equipment to meet the needs of its equally unique product. Jones said a 250-ton capacity crane, weighing 250 tons, is being installed in the building that will be used to lift molds from rail cars that are directed into the building by a rail spur from the main track. The Novi Husky plant will also house 20 employees of Husky, in addition to 20 people from Magna, another engineering firm based out of Ontario, Canada. "There are still some technical challenges to overcome to produce a production ready process for an all plastic vehicle," he added.



Husky's facility on Twelve Mile Road is going up in record time and on schedule to open for operations this July. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Family pet dies of gunshot wounds

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 came in Dearborn Heights. X-rays showed the dog had been shot with a gun and the bullet was lodged under his rib cage. The veterinarian taking care of Dawson scheduled him and prepared the dog for surgery. However, due to kidney and intestinal damage, the dog had internal bleeding which caused him to go into cardiac arrest and ultimately die on the operating table. According to Williams, Dawson was a cherished member of the family. He described him as a "beautiful dog" that was a purebred black and white rottweiler. Dawson Husky with one brown eye and the other blue. "We got him seven years ago for our daughter's sixteenth birthday.

"My big vicious dog lumbered over to the pool and sat down in the water and let the kids wash him." Tom Williams
 She is now a senior at Michigan State University, he said, to minors as a high amount of alcohol awareness in today's society. "It was this five years ago, I don't think this would have happened," McNamara said.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTHVILLE, MI NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for file servers and an enterprise backup system. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 W. Main Street no later than 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 1999. Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "RFS-RS2599". Specifications are available from the Educational Technology Office, Contact Dr. Barbara Fife at 248-344-8111. (3-4-99 NR/NN 883612)

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 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 8, 9, & 10, 1999. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative must appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 5, 1999. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT. Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 10, 1999. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information. All agents protesting values on property, other than their own MUST have written authorization from each property owner they are representing. Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department. BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 8, 1999 — 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 1999 — 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 1999 — 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485. TONI BARTHOLMEW, CITY CLERK (2-1825 & 3-4-99 NR/NN 880665)

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 DESCRIPTION: Renovation of Cooke Middle School
 OWNER: Northville Public Schools
 ARCHITECT: Fanning/Howe Associates, Inc.
 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: A. J. Elkin Construction Co.
 Sealed proposals will be received at the office of A. J. Elkin Construction Co. for the following Bid Categories on this project until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. BID CATEGORIES: 1A Masonry, 1B Carpentry, 1C Aluminum Doors and Glazing, 1D Drywall and Acoustical Ceiling, 1E Framing, 1F Plumbing, 1G HVAC, 1H Electrical. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at: Administrative Offices, Northville Public Schools, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48157. On the day following the public opening, bid results will be posted in the A. J. Elkin Plan Room. Bidders shall get call Northville Public Schools for bid results. A pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cooke Middle School, 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167. All bidders are requested to attend the pre-bid meeting. Bidding documents will be made available by the Construction Manager on Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. Documents will be available for examination at the following locations: Office of the Construction Manager (248) 737-5800, F. W. Dodge, Detroit (248) 799-3300, Construction Association of Michigan (248) 572-1000, Daily Construction Reports Plan Room (313) 962-3337. Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager. Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set for a refundable deposit of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). All bid documents will be the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date to receive refund. Check shall be made payable to Northville Public Schools. BID FORM INFORMATION: Proposal shall be submitted in duplicate on forms identical to the forms included with the bidding documents. Proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope with Project Name, Bid Package No., Bid Category or Categories, and Bidder's Name clearly printed on the outside. Bids via facsimile will not be accepted. Bids shall remain valid for Ninety (90) days. ADDRESS BIDS TO: A. J. Elkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, P.O. Box 9061, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061 (810) 737-5800. Attention: Robert J. Valesano, Project Manager. DELIVER BIDS TO: A. J. Elkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, P.O. Box 9061, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061 (3-4-11-99 NR/NN 883604)

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It's tax season again

Changes in code make filing complex

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Add aspirin to your shopping list. It's tax season again.

Perhaps no one knows this better than the Northville accounting firm of Brinkel, Kapolnek and Mulvihill. Stacks of manila envelopes line the floor of the Center Street office, and it's not even March yet.

"Just wait until it gets busy in here," said Chris Brinkel, a partner in the firm. "Then things will get really crazy."

Though it may be difficult for most people to understand, accountant Nancy Kapolnek said there were a certain number of people who enjoyed preparing their own taxes. But for those who weren't exactly thrilled by the coming of April 15, Kapolnek said help was out there, both in terms of CPAs and new computer software.

"A computer definitely helps out," Kapolnek said. "The programs they have out there these days can help cross-reference a lot of the numbers you need to keep track of when you're doing preparations."

However, Kapolnek cautioned that many computer programs were still limited (or at least typically designed for) standard Schedule A and B-type returns. Filers with big portfolios of investments were probably bound to find shortcomings in many of the programs out there, she said.

Where CPA-generated preparations were concerned, Brinkel said the advent of the Internet was not only making preparations easier, but it also is speeding along the time lapse between when a return is filed and when a refund is issued.

"For us, it's meant shortening the amount of communication time between our office and the IRS," Brinkel said, adding that filers who transmit their materials electronically reduce the wait-time by about 50 percent.

When paper returns are sent to the IRS, Brinkel said an IRS representative will, by hand, electroni-

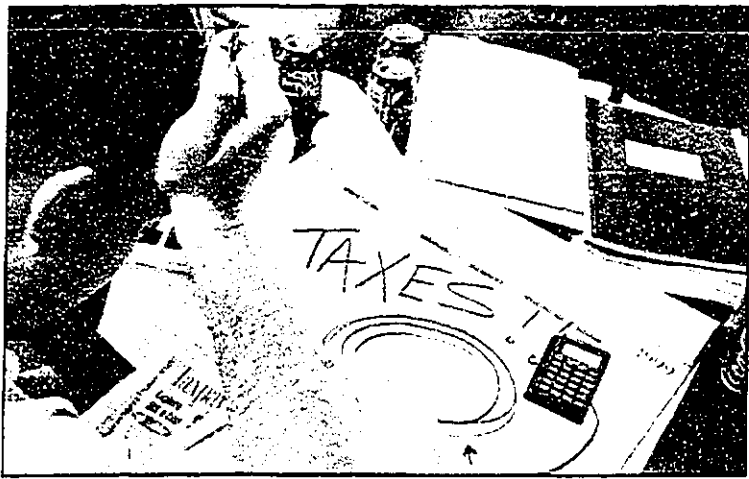


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April 15 is coming sooner than you think.

cally input all the information into the IRS computer system. Filing electronically reduces the likelihood of error, he said.

Continuing to do taxes only with a pad of scratch paper and a calculator is becoming riskier every year with new regulations and additional computations being thrown into the mix, he said.

When errors compound, audits are occasionally requested, Brinkel said. There are essentially three elements the IRS uses to order audits against taxpayers, he said:

- A random element - a certain percentage of taxpayers will be audited automatically through a randomly-generated number, Brinkel said.

- Falling far outside the boundaries of normalcy - Brinkel said that if, for instance, a filer claims an income of \$50,000 but makes \$30,000 in deduction requests, the IRS will take note.

- They're looking for things which are on the fringe of that bell-shaped curve," he said. "Flags will go up in their computer system for something like that."

- Group audits - employees of the same company may be audited as a pack. Workers who make a substantial amount of money in gratuities have been keyed-in on by the IRS in recent years, as many such employees frequently don't claim cash tips as income.

Kapolnek said there have been hundreds of changes in the tax codes this year, but there are a few major changes that taxpayers will

want to take advantage of. First, a tax credit is given for each child in a family under the age of 17. A single parent cannot earn more than \$75,000 annually, nor can a married couple's joint income exceed \$110,000 to take advantage of the credit.

Second, the government is now honoring Hope/Lifelong learning credits. For those receiving a Hope scholarship, tax filers can take advantage of a \$1,500 tax credit towards the first two years of tuition at a college or university. Lifelong learners can claim a credit for 20 percent of the tuition or fees, up to \$1,000 per child, for any college attended. For both Hope recipients and Lifelong learners, single parents must earn between \$40,000 and \$50,000, while married couples can have the range of \$80,000 to \$110,000.

Most of the changes, Kapolnek said, are extremely complicated and case-specific.

"There are some people who will call a CPA and ask for information over the phone," she said. "I can't even do that anymore. There are so many specifics you have to go through that the only way you can effectively accomplish that is to sit down and go through the paperwork with a client, face-to-face."

Brinkel said the prime time to begin preparations, either through a CPA or as a do-it-yourselfer, is the next one to three weeks.

Brinkel, Kapolnek, and Mulvihill can be reached at (248) 380-9150.

Some tax tips from the pros

Whether you prepare your own taxes or have them done professionally, here are some tips from Brinkel, Kapolnek & Mulvihill to make tax season easier.

Q: I already filed my return. Was this a smart move?

A: Maybe, but maybe not. It's probably wise to wait until mid-February to actually begin working on your returns. It takes some companies firms six to eight weeks after New Year's Day to mail out tax-related paperwork. Starting prematurely on the return means having to file an amended return if items aren't included on the original form.

Q: So should I wait until late March or early April to begin?

A: Definitely not. CPA firms will likely be swamped that late in the tax season, and your frustration level - should you choose to prepare your own return - is almost

certain to compound.

Q: What sorts of things should I look for in a CPA?

A: If you're shopping around for a tax preparer, be certain to find one who is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the accrediting agency for CPAs. Also ask about the number of years' experience in tax preparation and to find out of the preparer's office is open year-round.

Q: My return says I owe money, but my bank accounts are running dry. What should I do?

A: File a return anyway, without enclosing the payment. You'll pay a penalty for not having paid on time, but you'll save the cost of not filing a return on time. If you need help paying your taxes, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040. Ask about a payment schedule or having the pay-

ments charged to your credit card. Another alternative would be to take out a home equity loan, the interest from which can be deducted on taxes for your 1999 return.

Q: With all the hype the IRS has gotten lately, I'm scared about being audited. Should I be?

A: Probably not. Nationally, less than 1 percent of all taxpayers are ever audited by the IRS, and the majority of audits merely require additional explanation of deductions or computations made on the return. They aren't the full-blown variety that makes the national news. Still, honesty is a must when filing. Exaggerating or understating things is tempting fate.

Other tax-related questions can be answered by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

You can file late April 15 at MBE

The tax deadline is looming ahead and it looks like you're going to file your taxes at the very last minute. Fortunately for you, your neighborhood Mail Boxes Etc. located in Milford and Novi will have extended hours on tax deadline day in order to provide the copying and postal services you'll need to file in time.

"We will stay open until midnight on April 15 so customers will have the opportunity to submit their tax return before the deadline," said Les Beare and Curtis Salk, MBE franchisees. "Regardless of whether you'll be submitting right on deadline, or if you're planning to file well ahead of deadline, we offer many services which will help make the process as easy and painless as

possible." "We are now a United States Postal Service Authorized Retailer, providing our customers stamps at face value, priority mail, express mail, global priority mail, certified and return receipt mail and more. We will be making sure your return gets posted and into the system by midnight April 15," said Beare.

Mail Boxes Etc. will be offering free copies of your tax returns and records, up to ten free.

To make a traditionally grim task more fun for those last-minute filers, the MBE center is planning a tax-break party on April 15 from 6 p.m. until midnight. With refreshments and prizes, the tax-break party offers some fun to lighten the

pain of paying taxes to Uncle Sam. And, while supplies last, MBE is offering customers a "tax headache relief" capsule complete "tax-relief" materials to help make life a little easier, despite the IRS.

"Whether working on your personal taxes, or filing for a small business, the process can at times be stressful and time consuming. The tax-break party is our way of showing customers that we understand and sympathize," said Beare.

The Novi location is in the West Oaks II Shopping Center at Twelve Mile and Novi roads, (248) 347-2850. The Milford location in the Prospect Hill Shopping Center near Kroger and Rite Aid, (248) 684-1141.

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 Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

STORY TIME NOTES

Spring Story Times begin March 8. Call the library 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night returns with our favorite party animal, Arthur. Children and parents are invited to drop in for games, crafts, and other activities on Wednesday, March 17, any time from 6:30 to 8 p.m. No registration is necessary.

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. 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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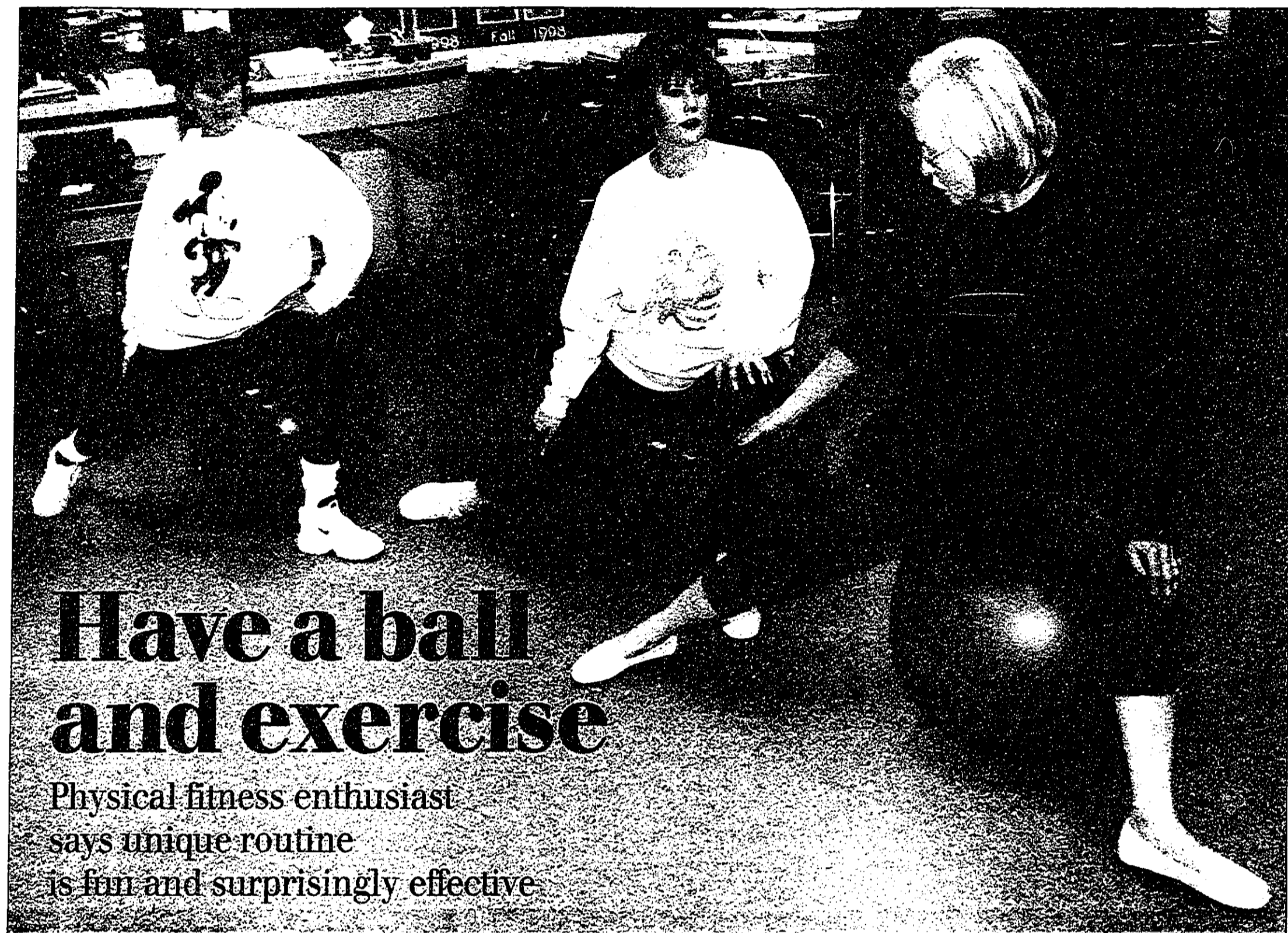
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Have a ball and exercise

Physical fitness enthusiast
says unique routine
is fun and surprisingly effective

Using a fitness ball, Patti Jensen demonstrates exercises to Eunice Hitchcock, left, and Denise Balducci, all Novi residents.

Patti Jensen wasn't going to let a little back pain get in the way of exercising.

"Physical fitness has long been my interest and pursuit," she said.

But when her back began to interfere with her ability to walk pain free, she remembered a therapy ball her son Scott had used over two years ago when he was diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a virus that attacks the spinal cord. His chance of walking again was 25 to 30 percent.

The therapy ball was still in the basement.

She got on the ball in October and has developed an exercise routine that she said is far better than any crunches she tried in the past.

The only knowledge of how to use the ball, which can be referred to as an exercise ball, fitness ball or gym ball, was having watched her son during his physical therapy program.

Jensen said she worked out a routine using the ball based on her own knowledge of exercising and knowing what works for the body.

"It surpassed the exercise routine I had used for 35 years," she said. "I got fabulous results."

So excited about the results she

achieved by using the fitness ball, Jensen, a full time realtor with Help-U-Sell in Northville, is now sharing her enthusiasm with others by teaching a class through Novi Community Education called "Have a Ball and Exercise."

The balls have been used for therapy for years but their popularity for use during an exercise routine has been growing over the past several years.

"With my back I know instantly what is right and wrong," she said.

Jensen has written a pamphlet with exercises and photographs for use with the ball.

Her routine works multiple body parts at the same time like the thighs, buttocks and stomach.

"I go at it quite aggressively," she said. "I go for the burn."

Her second "Have a Ball and Exercise" class will be held on Wednesdays, March 17 and 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in

the Novi Middle School library.

"I call it 'Have a Ball and Exercise' because it is a ball," she said.

Since the ball can be deflated, she was able to take it on vacation recently.

Jensen works out 20 to 30 minutes five days a week.

"The ball is fun," she said. "I feel like I am getting a maximum work out on it."

Jensen also enjoys rollerblading, biking and walking.

"Any exercise you do, you will benefit from. The key word here is 'do,'" she said.

Jensen said there's enough variety in the exercises that most people can use the ball, except those with very bad balance who may have to eliminate some of the exercises.

The cost of the class is \$17 for local residents and \$22 for non-residents. Seniors citizens the cost is \$13. The fitness ball may be purchased the first night of the class.

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— Patti Jensen
Instructor, "Have a Ball and Exercise"

Story by Carol Dipple • Photo by Tom Hibbeln

New attorney general to speak at library

Michigan's new attorney general, Jennifer M. Granholm, will speak at the Northville District Library on Friday, March 12, at 10 a.m.

The Friends of the Northville District Library are sponsoring the occasion but the public is invited. Because of limited seating in the Carlo Meeting Room, reservations must be made either in person or by phone by calling the library at (248) 349-3020.

The program is the latest in the Voices and Visions series sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library.

Granholm made history when she "shattered the glass ceiling" and was elected the state's first female attorney general last November. She is the state's first new attorney general in 37 years, following the retirement of Frank J. Kelley.

A resident of Northville, Granholm brings to her position a degree from the University of California at Berkeley with a perfect academic record and named to Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the Harvard Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Law Review.

After graduating from Harvard, she clerked on the Federal Court of Appeals for the Honorable Damon J. Keith. She was a federal

prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office, successfully convicting drug dealers, gang members, bank robbers and child pornographers, achieving a 98 percent conviction rate.

Granholm was rated as "outstanding prosecutor" by the U.S. Department of Justice for each year she served as a prosecutor.

In 1994, Granholm became the first woman and the youngest person to be appointed as the Wayne County Corporation Counsel. As the head lawyer for the largest county in the state, her office slashed by 87 percent the amount of money county taxpayers had to pay in defending against lawsuits brought against Wayne County.

In 1997, Granholm was recognized for her efforts in Crain's Detroit Business as one of the "Top 40 Under 40." That year, she also received the YWCA's Woman of Achievement Award. In 1998, she was selected as one of the ten "Lawyers of the Year" by the Michigan Lawyers Weekly. She also serves as a State Bar Commissioner.

Granholm is married to Dan Mulhern, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School. They have three children, Kate 9, Cecelia 7, and son Jack, age 1.

VOICES AND VISIONS

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Attorney General Jennifer Granholm will address group.

Wedding



Mary and Richard Dee

Mary Alice Garbarino and Richard Brough Dee were wed on May 8, 1998, with the Rev. John Budd officiating the double ring ceremony held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, John. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Country Epicure in Novi.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Garbarino of Livonia. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1977, and is currently employed as an office administrator in Birmingham.

Attending as matron of honor was Kim Downs, sister of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Kristin Michelle Dee, daughter of the groom; and Jessica Seiberras, niece of the bride. Ashley Garbarino served as junior bridesmaid and Samantha Downs as flower girl, both nieces of the bride.

The bride was beautiful in her satin ankle-length dress which was split on the side and decorated with lace appliques and pearls on the finger-to-kneel jacket. She carried a bouquet of white roses, lilies and greenery.

The groom is the son of June Dee of Westland. He is a 1973 graduate of Redford High School, Detroit and is currently working in the computer field.

Longtime friend Mark Davies served as best man. Attending as groomsmen were Rick Dee, the groom's son; Joey Garbarino, brother of the bride; and Derek Garbarino, nephew of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and now reside in Livonia with their family.

Engagements



Nicole Keller/Christopher Foreback

Craig and Linda Foreback of South Lyon, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Carl, to Nicole Rae Keller, daughter of Jerry and Judy Keller of Madison, Wis.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She is currently teaching third grade at Baldy Mesa Elementary School in Pleasanton, Calif.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1992, and from William Tyndale College in 1996. He is a 1998 graduate of Southern Utah University and is currently teaching fifth grade at Highland Elementary in Norco, Calif.

A June 26 wedding will take place in Wisconsin, with a July 1 reception held at the home of the groom's parents. The couple plan to go to Michigan's Upper Peninsula for their honeymoon.



Julie Meyer/Bryan Morgan

Jerry and Marlene Morgan of Lake Orion, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their son, Bryan D., to Julie L. Meyer, daughter of Bob and Karen Meyer of Colerain, Ohio.

Both bride- and groom-elect are 1998 graduates of Ohio State University, and are employed at General Mills in Toledo, Ohio.

A May wedding will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

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On Campus

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.

LAURA KOVATCH of Walled Lake was named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Ferris State University. Students named to the Dean's List are recognized for their achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Walled Lake resident named to the fall semester Dean's List at Schoolcraft College was **TRECA KRISTEN MARANTETTE**.

BRIAN WILSON, a sophomore, has been accepted into Michigan State University's Honors College, a four-year program for academically gifted students.

Wilson was admitted based on a strong academic record, letters of recommendation from teachers, and a written statement on why he wished to participate in the honors program.

Wilson is undecided about his major. He is the son of Allen and Margaret Wilson of Novi.

Named to the Dean's List at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the '98 fall term were: **SARAH MCKINNEY**, **STEPHANIE MCKINNEY** and **DANA WESTON**.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term receive this recognition.

All three students are graduates of Novi High School.

ANDREW BOLIN, a freshman at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, has been named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the '98 fall semester.

Bolin is the son of Mike and Carolyn Monti of Novi.

Named to the Dean's List at Western Michigan University were the following Novi students: **RACHEL BISSI**, university curriculum; **PATRICIA FRENE CHENY**, pre-psychology; **ANGELA J. DEPTORE**, criminal justice; **DEBORAH SUZANNE FRANZ**, theater and student planned curriculum; **COLLEEN M. GRUENWALD**, elementary group minors; **KAREN LORRAINE BIQUELEY**, elementary group minors; and **JENNIFER WROBE**, biological sciences.

The Dean's List is for students with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or better while taking at least 12 credit hours.

REBECCA MARIE (BECKY) KOHN has been named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Duke University. To make the Dean's List, a student must rank in the top third of their college.

Kohn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Kohn of Novi.

JEANNE L. SMITH, daughter of Wes and Joan Smith of Novi, was named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale College for students achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the '97 fall semester.

Smith is a freshman majoring in business administration. She is a 1998 Novi High School graduate.

CHRISTINE A. MICKIEWICZ of Novi is a master's degree candidate at Madonna University. She anticipates her degree in leadership studies.

CYO team has undefeated season

The CYO basketball teams at St. James parishioners Melissa Stephens and Laura Longo played on Holy Family's seventh and eighth grade girls basketball team this season, which placed first in their division and also proceeded to the playoffs.

The seventh and eighth grade boys proceeded to playoffs against Our Lady of Sorrows on Feb. 27 at the St. Robert Bellarmine gym.

The fifth and sixth grade boys played at St. Edith for a post season tournament and the fifth and sixth grade girls played at Lady-

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In Service

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Summer math camp is offered

"Come prepared to stretch your mind to the limit," reads the description of "The Nature of Infinity," one of several courses offered during the second Michigan Math Scholars summer program at the University of Michigan.

Also known as "math camp," the program for high school students is sponsored by the U-M Department of Mathematics and last year attracted 78 students, two-thirds of them from Michigan. Participants may attend one or both of the two-week sessions and commute or live on Central Campus in Ann Arbor.

Interested participants can write to Math Scholars, Department of Mathematics, U-M, 525 E. University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1109; call (734) 763-5034, or send an e-mail message to math.scholars@math.lsa.umich.edu.

The program is not terribly elitist. All the math scholars are smart, some are gifted, but most important, all are very motivated. Some of our best success stories are not about superstars. The minimum requirement is 10th grade geometry or its equivalent.

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Fees for commuters are \$600 for two weeks or \$1,200 for four weeks. Costs for residential students are \$1,100 for two weeks or \$2,200 for four weeks. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants.

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This two-session workshop, held on consecutive Saturdays, March 20 and 27, is especially designed for youngsters, ages 11-14. It offers young child care providers the basic expertise they need to serve as responsible (as well as much-sought-after) babysitters. Participants will be taught basic first aid skills and child management techniques as well as emergency-situation strategies. Enrollees who complete the workshop will receive a certificate.

The classes will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. both days at Botsford's Health Development (HDN), 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The fee for the entire workshop is \$25. Due to limited space, prepayment and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call HDN at (248) 477-6100.

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'The Wizard of Oz' opens this weekend

The Wizard of Oz opens this weekend at the Novi Civic Center Stage for a two-week run.

The Novi Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will have shows on March 5, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and March 6 at 3 p.m.

Playing the leads are Novi residents Lauren Sorrentino as Dorothy, Ted Shively as Scarecrow, Matt Wickert as Tin Man, Ron Dzwonkowski as Cowardly Lion, Mary Kay Davis as the Wicked Witch, Emily Dawn Patton as Glinda, Greg Sorrentino as the Wizard, Ron Costello as Uncle Henry and Melanie Hill of Livonia as Auntie Em. In all, there are 100 cast members ranging in age from 7 to 84 from Novi, Livonia, Northville, Canton, Farmington Hills, Wixom, Hartland, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield.

"The Wizard of Oz" is being staged by Linda Wickert with vocal direction by Elaine Wroe and choreography by Carrie Wickert. The set is designed by Timothy American of The Hilberry Theatre with costumes designed by Shelley Dzwonkowski and lighting by Kristen Willis also of the Hilberry. Roger Wilfong is the technical director.

Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. All seats are reserved.

For more information, call Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

The Novi Theatre continues its eighth season with "Beatrix Potter's Adventures of Peter Rabbit."



Novi residents in 'The Wizard of Oz' include Lauren Sorrentino as Dorothy, Ted Shively as Scarecrow, Matt Wickert as Tin Man, and Ron Dzwonkowski as Cowardly Lion.

"Dorothy at Hanging Rock," "Jack and the Beanstalk... a parody" and "Beauty and the Beast."

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AUDITIONS

PERFORMANCE PLUS: Auditions for The Novi Theaters Performance Plus production of "Fence at Hanging Rock" will be held on March 16 and 18 at 7 p.m.

• Performance Plus actors are ages 13 to college.

• All actors must pay a participation fee of \$25 (one-time).

• Performances of "Fence at Hanging Rock" will be on May 14, 15 and 16.

• The Novi Civic Center Stage is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

• Call (248) 347-0400.

"WAIT UNTIL DARK": The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions on Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

For Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark," show dates are May 7 through 16.

• There are roles for six men, one woman and a girl age 9 to 11.

• Readings will be done from the script.

• Call (248) 669-0436, (734) 525-1206 or call the PTC hotline at (248) 349-7110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVI THEATRES: Performances of "The Wizard of Oz" will be on March 5, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and March 6 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

• Tickets are available now.

• Call (248) 347-0286.

BORDERS BOOKS: Author Rich Kahn will give a short presentation and sign copies of his new book "Evolve Yourself" on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Ongoing events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center.

• Call (248) 347-0780.

BARNES & NOBLE: Author Louis A. Tartaglia, M.D. will discuss and sign copies of his latest book "Flawless" on Friday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Children's special storytimes are Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Open Mic Poetry Readings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series includes Herb Scott, New Issues Press, on March 9; Linda Nemeč

Foster, "Living in the Firenest," on April 13.

Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

• Call (248) 348-0669.

THEATER

MARQUIS: Performances of the classic tale of the "Yuletide Rhapsody" will be held on March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 April 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. All performances will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all general performances are \$7.

For group rates, birthdays, and special school performances and ticket prices, call (248) 349-8110.

• No children under the age of three will be admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "The Sound of Music" concludes this weekend at the Water Tower Theater in Northville with performances on March 5 and 6 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 each at the door or \$11 if purchased in advance at gardenview, 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.

GENIUS: In their newest production, "Swingtime," the Geniuss performers will take the audience back to the days of the 30s and 40s, for a live broadcast of "Swing and Sway with Stanley Cournoisier" on WGMJ, home of the hottest music and dance show on radio.

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

Geniuss's Hole-In-The-Wall is located at 108 East Main Street in Northville.

• Call (248) 349-0522.

MUSIC

LABOOM: The teen club Laboom is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Upcoming events include the pop/old school music of Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock on March 19 at 11 p.m. Showtime is 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Ticketmaster.

• Call the hotline at (248) 926-1000.

LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43393 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Coden performs on Saturday.

• Call (248) 624-2600.

WAGON WHEEL: 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.

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• Call (248) 349-8656.

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.

Weekly 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.

SPORTS EDITION: Sports Edition entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at 27155 Sheraton Drive on the northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96, hosts jazz groups Heidi Helder 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.

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

Upcoming performances include 2XL, March 5 and 6; Cloud 9, March 12 and 13; GRR, March 19 and 20; Nicki James, March 26; and Shawn Riley Band, March 27.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Tim Diaz Band will perform from 5 to 9 p.m.

DJ Paul will be at Bogey's every Thursday and Sunday in February.

• Call (248) 669-1441 for more information.

THE GRAND CAFE: The Grand Cafe is located at 33316 Grand River Avenue in Farmington.

• Call (248) 615-9181.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main.

• Call (248) 449-7086 for more information.

GATE VI GALLERY: Betty Mari-onetti will be exhibiting sculptures of alabaster, cast paper baskets and mixed media collages at the Gate VI Gallery through March 11.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

ATRIUM CENTER GALLERY: The Atrium Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

• Call (248) 380-0470 for additional information.

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 7, 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.

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"Analyze This"

Powerful New York Mob boss secretly seeks professional help

New York's most powerful gangster is about to get in touch with his feelings. You try telling him his 50 minutes are up.

In "Analyze This," a comedy about a New York Mob boss (Robert De Niro) who is having anxiety attacks, secretly seeks out a suburban psychologist (Billy Crystal) for help. The therapist, unnerfed but fascinated, can't resist taking on this most challenging case.

Although the mobster and his entourage turn the therapist's sedate life and impending marriage into a series of hilarious catastrophes, ultimately the two men offer unexpected help to each other.

Paul Vitti (De Niro) is one of New York's most powerful gangsters. He's grown up in the Mob life and has been well prepared for his future responsibilities by Maanetta, his mentor and surrogate father (since his own father was flogged down years before).

But when it becomes time for Paul Vitti to assume his role as the leader of his crime family, he suddenly starts having trouble breathing. He can't sleep; he's distant and preoccupied around his wife and kids; his mistress wants to know why his interest in romance has flagged;

and his loyal henchmen wonder at his suddenly anxious demeanor.

If the other crime families find out that Paul Vitti is having panic attacks, then how can he run his business? He's supposed to inspire panic, not experience it.

Ben Sobol (Crystal) is a divorced suburban New York psychiatrist with a young son (Kyle Sahyil) and a fiancée (Lisa Kudrow) he's about to marry. He's a nice guy and a loving dad who's plagued by his relationship with his own father, a highly successful, media-seeking pretentious Upper East Side therapist.

Ben doesn't want to be anything like either of his self-absorbed parents — even if shunning the spotlight means enduring a patient list full of dull, boringly neurotic complainers without a serious challenge among them.

As a result, Ben's life is pretty ordinary — until he rear-ends a car in traffic. Not just any car, but a car driven by Jelly (Joe Viterelli), Paul Vitti's bodyguard.

Naturally, Vitti's people don't care about insurance reports. But when Ben Sobol presses his business card into Jelly's hand, a relationship is born. Not

between driver and driver — instead, it's between doctor and patient.

Paul Vitti confides to his henchman that he's considering finding a therapist, and the ever-loyal Jelly offers his boss Ben Sobol's card. Vitti immediately seeks out the only shrink he's ever heard of — Ben Sobol — and demands that Ben cure his panic attacks. Immediately. Completely. Before the impending crime-family meeting, at which Vitti will have to face the other Mob leaders and demonstrate that he has what it takes to be a Don.

Ben wants no part of this. He's looking forward to a quiet wedding and a peaceful family life, that suburban nirvana that has always eluded him.

But something inside of him is fascinated — this is the most exciting case he's ever encountered. Could he handle it?

What kind of mental-health advice do you give a guy who solves his problems with a gun and a sack of cement? "Analyze This," Warner Bros.' new comedy in association with Village Roadshow Pictures, stars Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal and Lisa Kudrow under the direction of Harold Ramis.

The film is rated "R."



Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro), a New York Mob boss, and Dr. Ben Sobol (Billy Crystal), a suburban psychologist, star in Warner Bros.' comedy, "Analyze This," also starring Lisa Kudrow.



Sly (The Fitzgerald Triplets, center), the best and brightest of the baby geniuses, organizes the babies in the outside world by bringing down a doctor's evil empire in the TriStar Pictures presentation of "Baby Geniuses," starring Kathleen Turner.

Babies invade secret lab

All babies are born with the knowledge of the secrets of the universe and the ability to speak with animals. What adults hear as "baby talk" is actually sophisticated conversation.

In "Baby Geniuses," Dr. Elena Kinder (Kathleen Turner) is the scheming, wildly ambitious boss at BABYCO, the world's largest manufacturer of baby products. However, what the public does not know is that she also funds a secret research lab together with her partner in crime, Dr. Heep (Christopher Lloyd), that is devoted

solely to cracking the code to this special baby language which she is sure does exist.

When Sly, the best and brightest of these baby geniuses, escapes from the secret lab into the outside world, Drs. Kinder and Heep have to get him back before he blows the lid off of their secret forever. Sly organizes the babies in the outside world to invade the secret lab order to free the baby geniuses and bring down Dr. Kinder's evil empire once and for all.

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GET TO KNOW ME
 Never-married, Catholic SWF, 29, 5'8", who enjoys movies, traveling, biking and scuba diving, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 27-35, without children. Ad# 1414

ALL THAT & CUTE, TOO!
 Don't miss your chance to meet this SWCF, 23, 5'6", who likes movies, reading, fishing, shooting pool and being with friends. She is patiently waiting for a call from a SWCM, 24-30, for fun times. Ad# 7588

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 He absolutely loves the great outdoors and would love to share life with sincere, loyal SWF, 23-34. If you're looking for a friendly SWCM, 25, 5'10", with dark hair/eyes, give him a call. Ad# 6397

HOPEFULLY IT'S YOU
 Give a chance to this loving, employed SWF dad of one, 28, 6'2", He's looking to spend time with a kind, caring and trustworthy SWCF, 23-30. Ad# 7579

LET'S GET TOGETHER
 Gentle, caring DWCM, 50, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys travel, movies, music, dining out, singing in church choir and Bible study. He seeks an understanding and sweet SWCF, without children. Ad# 9255

HELLO LOVE
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 Understanding SWM, 45, 6', wishes to build a long-term relationship with a lovely, affectionate SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, out doors and quiet evenings at home. Ad# 3003

RUN TO HIM
 Very youthful and athletic, this Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", is looking to meet a slender Catholic SWF, 25-45, with a willingness to share in some new ideas. You should enjoy outdoor activities and be willing to start a monogamous relationship. Ad# 7056

HAS A NICE SMILE
 A long-term, monogamous relationship desired by this slim, handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes. He's anxious to meet a family-oriented, slender SWF, with an open mind. Ad# 4512

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the NOVI NEWS **Sports**

Working double time
 Dedication, long hours pays off for pom pon squad

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

Developing a dynasty in any sport requires desire, dedication and stability among its leaders. All three of which the Novi pom pon program has had for several years now. And for the last four years, it has really showed.

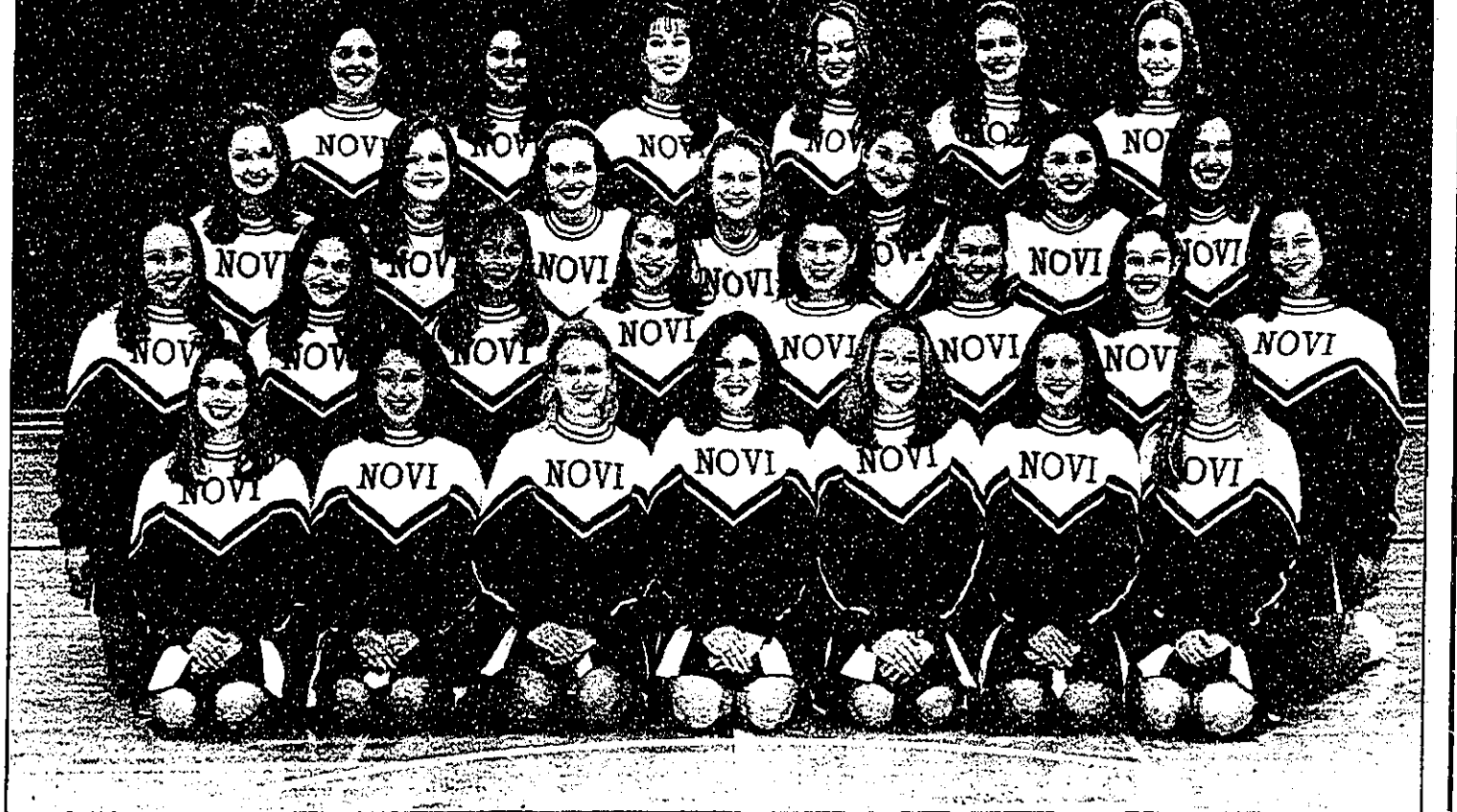
Sunday, the varsity squad brought home its second consecutive state championship, and third in four years, from the Mid American Pom Pon championships at Saginaw Valley State University.

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The 1998-99 Varsity pom pon squad (pictured above) won the 1999 Mid American Pom Pon championship Sunday in Saginaw.

Captains Trisha Naughton and Cindy Hampton along with Courtney Harfoot pose with their lucky mascot Sunday.

as state champions since Livonia Churchill did it back in 1984-85. It's also the first time ever that varsity and junior varsity pom pon squads won back-to-back titles. The junior varsity team also won it again (see JV story).

"I knew it was going to be between us and Heritage, and felt we had a superior program planned," Hobbs said. "That's unusual because I always underestimate my team and think the other teams are going to win."

Boy's district basketball
 Look for the 1999 Plymouth Canton Boys' district basketball tournament preview in this Sunday's Northville/Novi Greensheet section. The eight-page guide offers a preview for all of the five teams participating in the tournament, including the Novi Wildcats...



The junior varsity pom pon team captured its second-straight title Sunday at Saginaw.

Jilg, Churella bring home regional titles

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

When a team advances any wrestler to the state tournament, it's a great accomplishment. But when it's a pair of wrestlers who narrowly miss reaching the pinnacle of high school wrestling, it leaves a sour taste in the mouth.

Novi had two such wrestlers who were unable to join two others who did make it out of the South Lyon regional Saturday afternoon.

Heavyweight Brett Faulkner and 171-pounder Adam Borashko were one win away from advancing to the state tournament, which will be held March 12-13 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Each made it to the consolation semifinals before meeting their season-ending fates.

But for Junior Dan Jilg and sophomore Ryan Churella, the day could have gone a little better. Both wrestlers won regional championships, Jilg's second consecutive, and have earned one of the four top seeds at the state finals.

Jilg had little trouble getting out of his bracket unscathed. He beat Mike Sherman of Belleville 8-5 in the first round, and followed that up with a semifinal win over Zack Brown of Temperance Bedford 8-0 and a 7-1 championship victory over Bedford's Rob Swanbeck.

"He's now starting to accomplish some special things," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "He just dominated the tournament. He didn't give up anything but penalty points and escapes.

"His goal is to win states. He's got a good draw and he's got as good a record as anybody there."

The story of the day for the Wildcats was the transformation of Churella. Just one week earlier, the district runner-up was manhandled by Salem's John Mervyn 10-4.

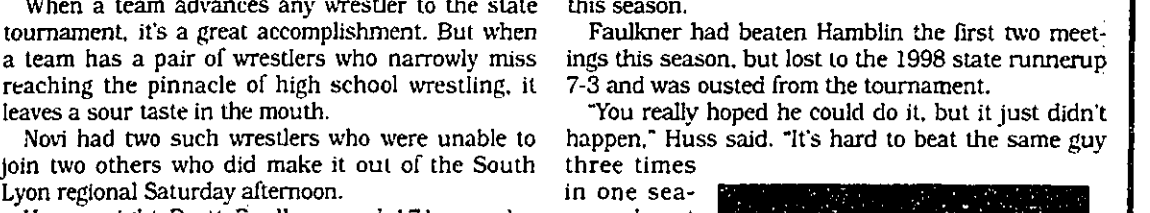
But one week later Churella turned everything around on Mervyn, winning the regional championship with a 5-2 win over the Salem 112 pounder.

"The thing that amazes me about Ryan is not so much that he's improved so much from last year, but that he's starting to make improvements from week to week," Huss said. "He went in and got a takedown early, and threw the legs in. There were a lot of people there that said he wrestled his best match."

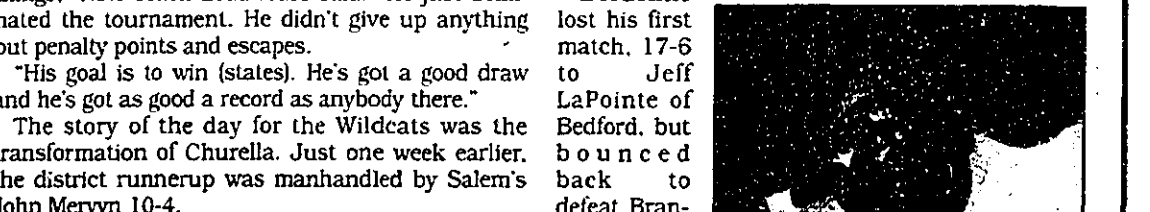
"This was a tremendous confidence booster for Ryan. Now he believes he has a chance to win the whole thing. He's a kid now who's gone from people barely knowing his name, to a kid who everyone must take seriously."

The win over Mervyn was Churella's 50th of the year. He avenged two of his four losses at the regional, one to Mervyn and one to Monroev's Ryan Nowitzke in the semifinals. He won by major decision 18-7 over Romeo's Roger Chapman in the first round.

Faulkner pinned Belleville's Caleb Hatfield in 3:35 to get the day off to a good start, but lost to Adrian's



Ryan Churella



Dan Jilg

Two in a row for JV squad

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

In what has become a common training ground for future varsity state championships, the Novi junior varsity pom pon squad captured its second-straight state title.

The Wildcats scored 339.5 out of a possible 360 points, edging Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Saginaw Heritage. The team were judge in 14 categories which included appearance, entrance/exit, skill level, use of poms, formations/transitions, ripples/contagions and choreography. The team scored perfect marks in both the showmanship and kickline categories.

"It's beyond description," coach Jenny Path said of

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Novi winds up 6-6 in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Playing its best volleyball of the season so far, Novi coach Julie Fisetto is excited that district time is fast approaching for her team.

The Wildcats will compete on their home court Saturday, awaiting the outcome of the Plymouth Canton and Farmington Hills first-round match that begins at 10 a.m. Their semifinal match will be played at 11:15 a.m. In the other half of the draw, Northville will play Norwell at 11:15 a.m.

"I'm really looking forward to this weekend," Fisetto said. "I don't expect my team to win, but I do expect them to play good volleyball." Novi is ranked fifth in the latest national rankings poll. Novi concluded its regular season with a pair of conference wins and a district showing at the U of M tournament this past weekend. Monday night the Cats defeated Hartland 15-8, 15-10 to earn up its league record at 6-6, good for fourth place. South Lyon and Brighton shared the conference crown at 11-1 and Howell was third.

Against the Eagles, Fisetto said her team continued to struggle with its service, which caused a slow start. "We're still having problems with that, but my girls have played really well this last week of the season," she said. "My girls' serve are bad to watch until the end of the season to do it."

Diana Fallone led the team with 11 kills in the match. Jenny Corless and Emily Ernst each had six kills. Corless also had three assists. Dumm, mottled with three digs, and Kristin McGinnis added five blocks.



Gymnasts take third at WLAA meet

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Looking to peak when it really means something, the Northville/Novi gymnastics team put together its best performance of the season last Thursday and placed third at the always-tough Western Lakes Activities Association league meet.

The Mustangs scored 142.60 points, bettering their previous season best by five points. Brighton won the league meet with 146.45 points and Hartland was second with 146.225.

"We had a good meet, we just did well in everything," coach Laura Moyers said. "I've felt this entire season we've been overlooked when it comes to judging and scoring."

Northville/Novi's top event was the beam, which saw five girls place in Division I and II combined. Rohlfs was second in D-II with a 9.15. Monica Fink was sixth in D-I with an 8.95 and Andrea Ledbetter was eighth (8.8). Lindsey Carlson was ninth with an 8.75. Allison Gillette was seventh in D-II with an 8.6.

The high scoring in the event was a rarity, because the Mustangs had just one girl fall during her routine. Moyers had been concerned because in recent meets the team has had multiple girls fall multiple times.

In the vault competition, Carlson was first on the team and fifth in D-I with a 9.05. Fink was eighth with an 8.95 and Rohlfs was third in D-II (8.8).

Carlson again led the way on the bars, finishing second in D-I with an 8.85 and Rohlfs was fourth in D-II with an 8.75.

Carlson secured a season-high 9.55 on the floor to wrap things up, but still only placed fourth. Rohlfs was sixth in D-II with a 9.0.

In the all-around, Carlson finished a 36.7, which was good for fifth place in D-I. Fink was eighth with a 35.85. Rohlfs was first overall in D-II with an all-around score of 35.7.

"Lindsey had an excellent meet," the coach said. "This was her best meet by far this season. With a 36.7, she would have won most meets for us. The team now travels to regional competition this Saturday."

"I only expect good things from here on out," Moyers said. "I consider us to have a weak regional, and I think this past match gave them more confidence. Now they believe in themselves."

Novi setter Andrea Dumm attempts to play the ball off the net to a teammate earlier this year.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Letting a 14-point lead slip against Hartland a few weeks back jolted the Wildcats' chances for a conference championship.

Letting another 14-point lead slip away last Friday night against Lakeland took away Novi's chance for a second place finish, and gave the Eagles a slim 59-58 win on Novi's home court.

"It's unbelievable," Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter said. "We were playing well, probably as well as we've played all season long. But they changed their press in the fourth quarter and we began to turn the ball over. And we just couldn't make our free throws."

Lakeland was in the double bonus, shooting two free throws for every Novi foul. The Wildcats missed seven free throws in the fourth quarter, five straight at one point. When all was said and done, Lakeland had outscored the Cats 27-12 in the final stanza.

"We called timeouts, we just did everything wrong," Schluter said. "You make your free throws and you win the game. Every game we play in it seems like if we would have made our free throws, we'd have won."

Big lead eludes cagers...again

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

"We played harder than we've played all year, but when things get tough, the guys have to pull together. You can't let teams do that to you. You have to put them away."

Sean Brislin led Novi with 15 points. Larry Drury had 13 and Chad Nadorini and Kyle Snearly added nine and eight.

Lakeland was led by senior guard Dan Bahr, who scored 12 of his game-high 25 points in the fourth quarter. Center Jason Mass added 19 for Lakeland.

HOWELL 51, NOVI 41

Shooting was the difference in this one. Howell struggled from the field in their first meeting between these two teams, but was much improved this time around.

Novi trailed by four points, 22-18 at the half, but the Highlanders went on a 17-10 third-quarter run to put the Wildcats away.

Novi did cut the lead to four points with two minutes to play, but Howell hit its free throws down the stretch.

"There wasn't much to this game," Schluter said. "We just lost." Drury led Novi with 15 points and Snearly added 10.

Cats third in pool at UM

Not playing its best volleyball, but having its moments, Novi finished third in their pool of five teams at the UM Dearborn Invitational.

The Wildcats split with Southfield Christian 9-15, 15-13 in their first match, a split that would later cost them a spot in the finals. The team came back to beat Dearborn Heights Robichaud 15-23, 15-6 before losing to the pool winner from Gross Pointe North 14-16, 12-15. The team rebounded on their day with a 15-11, 15-11 win over Bay City John Clemp.

Southfield Christian advanced ahead of Novi based on its match points against the Cats.

"We should have won a couple of games that were really close," the coach said. "That was the difference."

Fisetto said she was able to play someone and brought up three junior varsity players who will be on the district roster Saturday.

NOVI TOPS LAKELAND ON SENIOR NIGHT

On the senior's last regular-season match ever at Novi High School, the Wildcats defeated Lakeland 15-13, 15-11.

"This was the best I've ever seen my team play," Fisetto said. "They really worked hard, dove for balls and didn't get down at any point in the match."

The five Novi seniors (Dumm, Corless, Fallone, Ernst and Kristin Kearney) started the match.

McGinnis led the team with seven kills and four blocks. Fallone and Corless had four kills each and Ernst had a team-high two blocks.

Five finish fifth at nationals...

Five Novi soccer players competed at the prestigious National Finals Shootout Soccer Tournament in Pensacola, FL this past month, taking fifth out of 28 teams in their age division. Matthew Crawford, A.W. Stanek, Jason Sierra, Danny Pichler and Skylar Dumm finished with a 6-1-1 record.

The team represented the Midwest region after winning tournaments in Birmingham and then Indianapolis. At Nationals, the team squared off against teams from Florida, Colorado, North Carolina, Alabama and New Mexico.

The team was coached by Pat Fredricks.

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Varsity Pom Pon Seniors



Four years of hard work and dedication paid off for a group of departing pom-pom seniors Sunday afternoon. The Novi pom-pom team capped off the 1999 season by winning the Mid American Pom-Pon Championship at Saginaw Valley State University.

The team scored 344 out of a possible 360 points, edging out runner-up Saginaw Heritage by two points.

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Most ulcers can be eliminated

Permanent relief is available for the millions of people suffering from the pain and distress of ulcers. And it's not in the form of any of the dozens of over-the-counter medications gobbled down by those with stomach pain.

Rather, a simple blood or breath test may well show that ulcer sufferers carry a spiral-shaped bacterium that causes the stomach disorder and can be forever eradicated with antibiotics.

"The biggest challenge is not diagnosing the disease, but persuading physicians and patients to test for it."

"If you have been told by your physician that you have had an ulcer, or currently have an ulcer, it's imperative that you go and talk to your doctor about getting tested," said A. Mark Kendrick M.D., associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan.

Up to 90 percent of ulcer patients are infected with an organism known as Helicobacter pylori, or H. pylori. The bacterium lives in the lining of the stomach. Not only can a diagnosis of H. pylori infection result in curing ulcers, it may reduce the risk of stomach cancer in ulcer patients.

"An ulcer is a hole or a sore in the lining of the stomach. Common ulcer symptoms are burning and gnawing stomach pains. In Michigan, anywhere from 15 percent to 40 percent of people experiencing stomach pain are infected with H. pylori. The disease typically is more prevalent among older people, African-Americans, Hispanics and lower socioeconomic groups."

Nationwide, 25 million Americans suffer from ulcers. Ulcers exact not only a painful physical

tol, but an economic one as well. The price tag for treatment, lost work and reduced productivity is nearly \$6 billion, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. That's why Kendrick believes it's critical to test people with ulcers for H. pylori rather than see them continue to spend money on temporary solutions to ease their pain.

"There are millions of Americans who carry the diagnosis of peptic ulcer disease for which many of them are taking medicines to control acid production once a day, twice a day, three times a day or even four times a day," Kendrick said. "This is a major inconvenience and it comes at a great cost."

A blood test or a breath test detects the presence of H. pylori. Antibiotics are used to treat an infection, along with medication to reduce stomach acid. It takes about two weeks to kill the bacterium in the stomach.

"This discovery of H. pylori makes it easy to diagnose, easy to treat and it gets rid of chronic medication. A real neat part of it is that in these patients it actually saves money in the long run," Kendrick said. "So it works for the hospital system, it works for the patients and it works for the physicians."

It worked for Dale Heim of Ann Arbor. Until being diagnosed with an H. pylori infection, he believed his ulcer was due to stress.

"When I first heard that it was a bacteria that probably caused this ulcer I was really surprised, because I thought all ulcers were caused by stress or else irritated by what you

ate," Heim said. "It was a surprising shock to me when the doctor said I did not have to change my eating habits; I like Mexican food and I like spicy food, so this was a real relief to me."

Studies have found that people with H. pylori infection are at greater risk of developing stomach cancer, the second-most common cancer in the world. The World Health Organization has classified H. pylori as a possible link to gastric cancer. While more research is needed in the area of H. pylori infection and cancer, Kendrick said there may come a day when testing for the bacterium is as worthwhile as testing for prostate, breast and colorectal cancers.

Not all ulcers are caused by H. pylori. Other causes are smoking, stress and the excessive use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin and ibuprofen.

Ulcer and H. pylori facts:

- Twenty-five million Americans have ulcers.
- Don't blame spicy foods or the boss. Nine out of 10 ulcers are caused by an infection of a bacterium known as Helicobacter pylori or H. pylori.
- A blood test can confirm the presence of H. pylori.
- Antibiotics kill H. pylori infections and cure ulcers.
- Researchers are developing a vaccine for H. pylori.

Mark Kendrick M.D. is an associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan.

Health Notes

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 859-1311 or 859-4031; South Oakland, Southfield; (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake; (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add. or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sully the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation.

Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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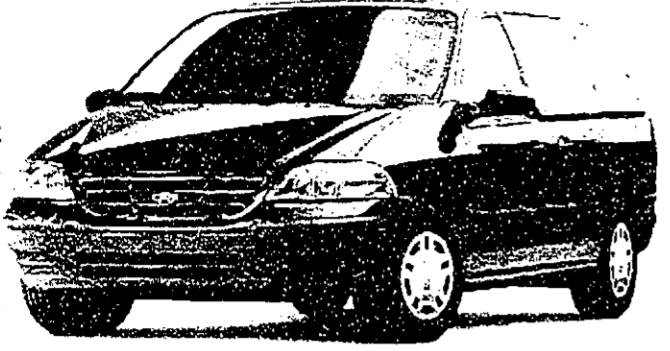
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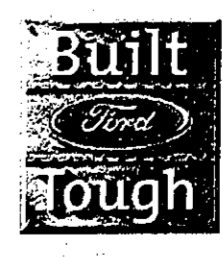
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