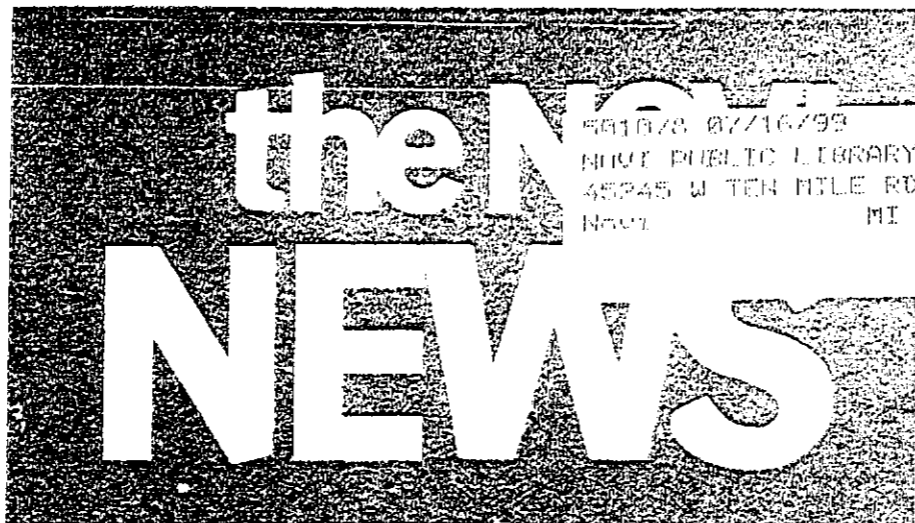


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Novi police uncover phone scam

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi police are close to busting a phone-scam ring that has connections in Nevada and Quebec after a 79-year-old Novi woman was recently swindled out of almost \$12,000.

This international con-group has attracted the attention of not only the Novi Police Department, but also the Las Vegas district attorney, Ontario Provincial Police and the FBI.

"I don't know how big this is going to get yet," said Det. Paul Stulgross, of the Novi Police Department.

According to Stulgross, the Novi woman was contacted earlier this March by a man claiming to be an attorney.

The man bought the woman's name off a list of sweepstakes players. The woman regularly takes part in sweepstakes and has taken part in many of them. Stulgross added, the man also knew how much money the woman had

in her bank account.

Using this personal information, the man, who was claiming to be a lawyer, said he was filing a class action lawsuit against the sweepstakes companies and the woman would get \$100,000 from it.

Sweepstakes companies are currently under fire for allegedly deceiving elderly people into thinking they won a large sum of money. By doing this, people will buy items from the sweepstakes company, thinking it will increase their chances of winning.

The man said in order for him to file this lawsuit against sweepstakes companies, he needed front money and talked the woman into wiring \$2,000 to an address in Quebec.

The man called the woman again on a later date and talked her into wiring an additional \$5,400 to another address in Las Vegas. A few days after that, he

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
 Linda Dymkowski scans book shelves at the Novi Public Library. The library is hoping to get more space for its collection.

Library plans for future growth

Voters won't see ballot request until next year

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

To John Chambers, the library is "Novi's jewel."

Now, Chambers, president of the Novi Library Board, says the jewel needs a new setting, more than three times its current size.

But with voters likely to see a road bond

proposal in November, a library millage question is not expected to surface until 2000.

"I don't think we'll be ready for voters in 1999," he explained.

Monday, the library met in a dinner meeting with the Novi City Council to talk about the future of one of the most popular places in the city.

Today's 23,000-square-foot building dates to 1976. Some 31,000 square feet of space is needed to accommodate current demands, Chambers said.

An architectural study shows that based on an increase in population, Novi would require a 79,918-square-foot library by the year 2020.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Network administrator Lauri Loechi views the city web page.

Novi Online

City Web site debuts in May

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

The City of Novi's had a website since August 1995, a free service provided to the municipality by an outside company.

"It's a small ugly site, it's almost the grayest site in the world," said Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin.

"Now we're saying we can go way beyond that."

On May 1, all that will change when the city launches its new, improved website - cl.novi.mi.us - built by contractors Municipal Web Services of Birmingham.

"We don't just want to put up a

website because it's trendy and popular ... We don't want to put up just a static brochure. It's not so much here is what the city wants to tell you, as it is its useful for citizens," Martin explained.

"We want to eliminate inconvenience."

At the start, expect to see all the data now featured in the Novi city calendar and other material, including city telephone numbers and contacts, the city budget and the parks and recreation programs brochure, an economic development brochure and maps, plus lots of general information.

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Novi's Big Boy returned safely

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

The "Big Boy" statue outside of the Novi Road Elias Brothers Restaurant was returned Monday night after having been kidnapped March 26 by a group of unknown youths.

Colleen Crawford, a server at

the restaurant, said the statue was unharmed and actually cleaner than when it was taken.

"I don't know if they gave him a bath or something, but he is cleaner," she said.

In addition to cleaning the statue, the youths left an note apologizing for the theft and begging for

the restaurant's forgiveness. The writers claimed the act was just an incident of youthful stupidity.

Crawford said the letter was signed, "The people who stole the Big Boy."

The statue was taken from outside the restaurant sometime between midnight and 9 a.m.

March 26.

The statue is made of fiberglass, stands about six feet high and weighs 100 pounds. Big Boy has blue eyes and black hair, wearing a red and white checkered jumper with a white shirt underneath. It is located just outside of the front

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Churches prep to celebrate Easter

Special services and events celebrating the Easter season are planned by area churches.

The following is a list of the days and times of their services:

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, 23455 Novi Road, will have a regular service at 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-5655.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, which meets at Hickory Woods Elementary School on Novi Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, will have the regular service at 10

a.m. The Sermon topic will be "Wondering, But Not Believing?" Luke 24:1-12.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST-UNITY will have an Easter Sunday Service at 10 a.m. at

Meadowbrook Elementary School, on Meadowbrook Road in Novi just south of Thirteen Mile road. Youth education will be at the same time.

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

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Photo by SUE SPILLANE
 Driver Pat Webb tries out the mini-Grand Prix car sold at the Chamber auction with the help of 50s Festival board member Brent Canup.

Auction could have been Sports Night

By MICHAEL MALOTT
 Staff Writer

"A Magical Night to Remember," the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction Saturday at the Novi Hilton, might have been renamed "Sports Night."

With Detroit Lions head coach Bobby Ross in attendance as the honorary chairman and regular updates of the MSU-Duke basketball game annual throughout the bidding, the Chamber sold off piles of sports memorabilia. Autographed items from the Detroit Tigers, Pistons, Red Wings and Lions were on the block along with weekend travel packages, theater tickets, electronic equipment, jewelry and more.

Among the big items sold off during the evening was a mini-Grand Prix race car and with entry in sanc-

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Community Calendar

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

Monday, April 5

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call Tom Linnit at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, April 6

Seniors meeting

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

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

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0069.

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

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TOPS

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

Monday, April 12

Library Board

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

Tuesday, April 13

Civil Air Patrol

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Beautification Commission

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

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Optimist Club

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Wednesday, April 14

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.

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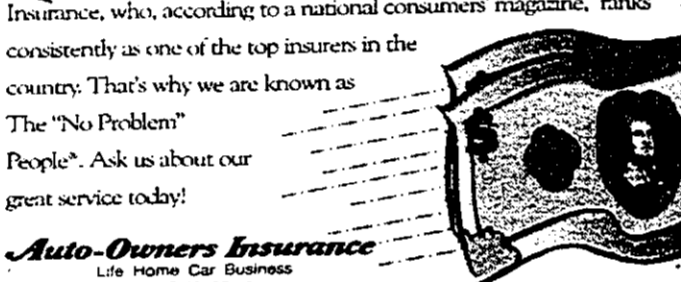
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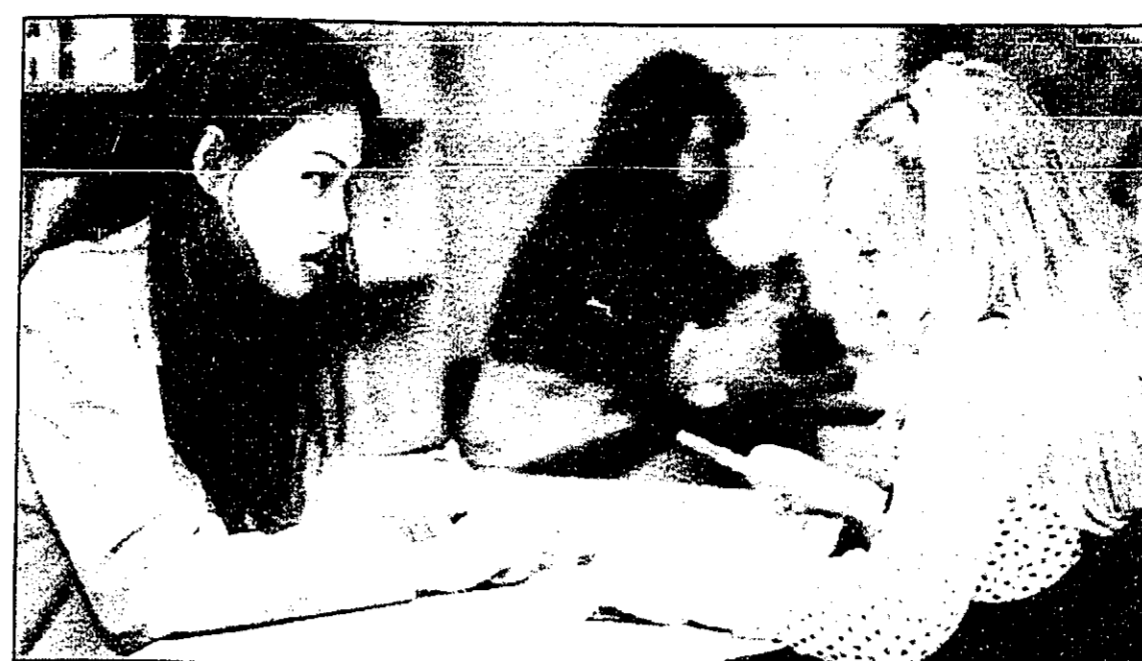
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Costco tutors kids in reading

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Some students at Orchard Hills Elementary School are getting additional help with their reading, thanks to tutoring by employees of Costco Wholesale.

According to Janis Burkhardt, an Orchard Hills reading teacher, the school and Costco, located on Haggerty Road just south of Eight Mile Road, have entered into a partnership where employees from the company volunteer to tutor students needing help with reading.

There are currently 12 students from second and third grades taking advantage of the program.

along with 12 volunteers for Costco who come in from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays.

The program started two weeks ago and will last until the end of the school year, Burkhardt said. "We just wanted to get involved with the community," said Sarah Krieger, marketing manager for Costco. "This is something Costco does all over the country."

While helping the company give to the community, the students also benefit with improved reading. Krieger said each tutor attends a four to five hour training class on how to tutor. Using the skills they have learned, the employees are able to typically increase their students reading level by one full grade level, she said.

Burkhardt added this is known because an evaluation is given to the students at the beginning and end of the program. The evaluation indicates how well the students have done.

Lauderbach explained that health care providers are seeing reduced reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as from employer-paid health insurance programs that opt for managed care, such as HMOs.

St. Joseph Mercy's Novi Pediatric

Two-year delay anticipated for St. Joseph Mercy campus

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Cutting cutbacks in federal funding for Medicare and other programs, the Ann Arbor-based St. Joseph Mercy Health System is delaying by two years construction of a \$44 million outpatient health care campus at the southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

"We're changing our timing, in large part due to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This is having implications across the nation in health reimbursement," said Bud Lauderbach, St. Joseph Mercy vice president of patient care, ambulatory services and development.

"Novi is an enormously large project. It was the largest we were considering. We're eager to get there, it will just take a little longer."

Lauderbach explained that health care providers are seeing reduced reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as from employer-paid health insurance programs that opt for managed care, such as HMOs.

St. Joseph Mercy's Novi Pediatric

Urgent Care, at 42450 Twelve Mile Road, closed Wednesday.

"It was part of our overall Novi strategy. It was an opportunity to come into the community. Keeping the Novi unit open four years instead of two years on a smaller scale didn't make sense," Lauderbach said.

Originally aiming for a completion date in 2000, St. Joseph designs call for a 130,000 square foot ambulatory facility that included cancer care, women's health, a 24-emergency care center, cancer and cardiology care and medical offices.

If St. Joseph Mercy is slowing down its building plans in Novi, in Genoa Township the health care system unveiled last week first-phase designs for a 240,000 square foot ambulatory health services center and a 90-unit senior assisted living complex on an 80-acre golf course. An October groundbreaking is anticipated there.

Leaders from St. Joseph Mercy lunched with Mayor Kathleen McEllen last week and broke the

news to her.

"They very much want it known that they are committed to Novi. They want to stay and be part of the health care system here," McEllen said.

A careful approach was in order, explained Lauderbach and Gary Faja, St. Joseph Mercy president and CEO.

"As many people have read and heard, health care systems throughout Southeast Michigan and nationally are facing significant cutbacks in federal reimbursements and other revenue reductions," Faja said.

"We are not immune to the effects of the cutbacks and believe that the most prudent action we can take is to approach our capital expenditures and new programs cautiously."

St. Joseph Mercy maintains a strong presence in the Brighton area, with the Genoa Township location one of six medical complexes. Closer to home, St. Joseph Mercy has facilities in Plymouth, Canton and Livonia.

Hints for your home business



The Novi Chamber of Commerce will host the first meeting of a networking series on running a home-based business.

The meeting is Tuesday, April 6, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the chamber offices located in the Novi Expo Center.

Topics of discussion will include marketing, tax issues, pensions and telephone systems. There is no charge to members and non-members pay \$5. To RSVP, call the chamber at (248) 349-3743.

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Someone stole a 20 million year-old fossil skull of an *Oreolaryx* while car chugging a builder's show March 7 at the Novi Expo Center. The fossil was owned by an Ann Arbor man who had it featured on a display he had at the show. The fossil was valued at \$750.

Police News

APRIL EYES
A 18-year-old Riverview man was arrested around 4:30 p.m. March 26 after an employee watched him covertly merchandise while in the fitting room of Lord and Taylor's in the Twelve Oaks Mall.
According to the employee, the man was seen in the sunglasses department of the store selecting three pairs of sunglasses.
The man then entered the Nautica Department and selected a pair of shorts and went into the fitting room.
While in the fitting room, the employee watched him - through slots in the fitting room door - as he concealed the sunglasses in a bag he had brought into the room with him.
The man then exited the fitting room and the store without paying for the merchandise. He was

apprehended and arrested.
STOLEN SALE
A 1999 Chevrolet S-10 Pick up was stolen sometime between 6 p.m. March 14 and 3 p.m. March 26 from the Marty Feldman Chevrolet sales lot.
A check was done on all of the Marty Feldman lots, but the vehicle was not found.
According to the company's computer, the vehicle was not sold. The keys to the truck were also discovered missing.
DRIFTING DRUNK
A 24-year-old Rochester man was arrested for drunk driving after a two-car accident March 29 near Denny's Restaurant on Novi Road.
According to the 42-year-old Northville woman, whose vehicle was struck by the man's, she was traveling north on Novi Road when the man's vehicle drifted into her lane and struck her car.
According to the man, he was simply on his cellular phone when his vehicle accidentally drifted.

However, officers smelled a strong odor of intoxicants on the man's breath and noticed his speech was slurred. He had bloodshot eyes.
The man was given a sobriety test and arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.
He was later given a chemical breath test at the Novi police department which indicated he had a blood alcohol content of .18 percent.

VERY DRUNKEN DRIVER
A 38-year-old Novi man was arrested around 9:30 p.m. March 28 near the Twelve Mile and Beck roads intersection for drunk driving.
An officer on patrol received a call of a possible drunk driver traveling west on Twelve Mile Road. A gas station attendant said the man driving the vehicle was stumbling around in the station's parking lot.
The officer saw the vehicle cross the centerline of the road.
The vehicle was stopped and on contact with the driver the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver's breath.
The driver said he drank three beers earlier, but just before he was given a sobriety test, he changed the number of the drinks to six.
He was arrested for drunk driving. At the police department, the man was given a chemical breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol content of .28 percent.

Novi Briefs

Easter's on its way

Peter Rabbit will be presiding over the Novi Easter Egg Hunt on April 3. Parents can either pay a pro to take a picture of their youngsters with his bunnyship or shoot their own. Favorite characters from British author Beatrix Potter's books are featured in this animated display in the upper level Center Court area of the mall. Photo operation hours are today through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DARE-ing

As part of the Community That Cares Coalition's attack on youth substance abuse, the Novi Police Department expanded the DARE program last fall.
One semester of DARE was completed not only with elementary students, but middle school and senior high students. Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer recently reported, about 1,180 students in Novi will get the message this year.
Here's the statistics: Novi High School, 181 students last semester, over 180 this semester; Novi Middle School, 114 students last semester, over 70 this semester; sixth grades in all elementary schools, over 600 students.
In addition, for the first time the Northville School District has permitted DARE to be presented to their students. Shaeffer noted in a recent memo to the Novi City Council. Offered on a voluntary basis to students of Thornton Creek Elementary, 35 kids signed up.
It was exceptionally well-received by both the parents and the students," Shaeffer reported.

Youth crime

A report recently released by the Novi Police Department shows that 199 juveniles were arrested in 1998, 15 percent fewer than in the previous year.
With 65 juvenile arrests for larceny, that topped the list of local youth crimes. But Novi fans of the cuisine will be more interested to learn that construction is expected to start within a month for a Mongolian Barbecue in Downs' hometown.
The Novi site is on Market Street, just west of Vic's World Class Market, in the city's new downtown. A July opening is anticipated, a company spokesperson said last week.
No local youth were arrested last year for offenses such as fraud, traffic violations, arson and auto theft.

Mongol horde heads north

Novi resident Billy Downs is opening his twelfth B.D.'s Mongolian Barbecue.
The newest is slated to bring the cuisine of Genghis Khan to Traverse City this summer. But Novi fans of the cuisine will be more interested to learn that construction is expected to start within a month for a Mongolian Barbecue in Downs' hometown.
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Behind the camera

The Tri City Producers Alliance will present a seminar on "Making an Impact on Television" featuring keynote speaker, freelance sports producer Patrick McLaughlin, formerly of WXYZ Channel 7. The Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. event at the Novi Civic Center is a membership drive for the Tri City Producers Alliance, a start-up non-profit group promoting Community Access production in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 349-2666.

Three want to keep seat on Novi's school board

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

It's election time again for the Novi Community School Districts' board of education and three members have announced they are running for reelection.
Board members Bruce Bagdady, Ann Newton and Carol Elfring announced their bids for reelection at the March 18 school board meetings.
The school elections will be held June 14. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
"I don't remember a better time. We have great test scores, buildings going up, there are a lot of things going and I feel fortunate to be a part of it," Bagdady said as he cited the reasons for his desire to run.
Bagdady has been on the board for about eight months. He was appointed by the board to replace Member Raymond Byers, who left before the end of his term. Bagdady is hoping to finish out Byers term with this next election. There is one year left on Byers term.
While Bagdady hopes to get his first election to the board of trustees to a one year term campaign is nothing new to Elfring and Newton, who are both hoping for another four-year term.
Newton, who has been on the board for one term, said she hopes to be able to continue to meet the needs of the growing district with another term as a board member.
This was echoed by Elfring, who has also been a member of the school board for the past four years. She cited this experience as one of the reasons for voting for her.
By being reelected to the school board, Elfring said she will be able to continue work that is already in progress by the school board.
The past year has been exciting with enormous growth in the schools," she said. Elfring said she has always been impressed with the directives put forward by the staff of the Novi Community School District and their ability to find outside financial support for their projects.
"My interest and desire to be a part of the district is stronger than ever," she said.

Obituaries

KATHLEEN M. LENAGHAN

Kathleen Marion Lenaghan died March 28 at her residence in Novi. She was born May 2, 1942.
She is survived by her husband, Arthur R., fire chief of Novi; sons, the Rev. Jordan Lenaghan O.P. and Andrew (Karen); daughters, Susan Gray and Patricia (Paul) Grej; brothers, John, David, Lawrence, and Willis Stroud; and seven grandchildren.
Services were conducted on Wednesday, March 31, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.
Memorials to the Monastery of the Holy Cross, 1302 Quincy N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017 would be appreciated by the family.

CECELIA A. MIRON

Cecelia Ann Miron died March 18 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born Sept. 26, 1916.
Mrs. Miron is survived by her husband, Philip; daughters, Phyllis Quinn and Shirley (Arthur) Yacotck; sisters, Josephine Hyllo and Louise Wing; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.
Services were conducted on Monday, March 22 at St. James Church in Novi. Interment was in Munsing Mich.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

JACQUELYN J. FREER

Jacquelyn Joan Freer, 69, of Novi died March 26 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born Aug. 26, 1929, in Novi.
Mrs. Freer was in the Novi School District for over 20 years.
She is survived by sons, Mark (Trini Carpenter) and Scott; daughters, Jo Ellen (Gary) Cumpata and Diana Zachary; and four grandchildren.
Mrs. Freer was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond in 1994.
Services and inurnment were conducted on Monday, March 29 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Redford.
Memorials to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

JEAN TOMASZEWSKI

Jean Tomaszewski of Wixom died March 20 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born July 14, 1918.
Mrs. Tomaszewski is survived by daughter, Karen Westphal of Texas; sisters, Dorothy Mohan and Peggy Charest; sister-in-law, Carolyn Kelly; and two grandchildren, Mike and Mandy.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester.
Services were held March 23 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.
Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

PAULINE C. FEE

Pauline C. Fee died March 25 in Martin Luther Memorial Home, South Lyon. She was 91. Mrs. Fee was born June 10, 1907, in Laurium, Mich., to Martin and Pauline (Lara) Kratt.
Mrs. Fee was a homemaker and a resident of the area for over 70 years. She was an active member of the Redford Lutheran Church.
Mrs. Fee is survived by sons, Wallace (Sally) of Novi, Donald of Northville, and Robert of Highland; grandchildren, Cynthia (Odel) Fee-Gur-Arie, Michael (Jennifer) Fee, Todd Fee, Jessica Fee, and Matthew Kramer; and two great grandchildren.

RRRASOC recycling coordinator sorts out issues as state leader

Heidi Jo Wayco, recycling coordinator for the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, has been elected chairperson of the Michigan Recycling Coalition.
The MRC is a coalition of business, government, private and non-profit organizations, and individuals working toward the common goals of waste reduction, pollution prevention, recycling and composting. The MRC meets monthly in Lansing.
Wayco has served on the MRC Board of Directors for the past six years. She also has served as the MRC's secretary, treasurer, vice chair and conference committee chair. This is Wayco's second term as board chair.
Wayco received her BA from Madonna University in Livonia. She began her recycling career at the city of Southfield after having been a volunteer at the city of Livonia recycling drop-off center.
RRRASOC is a regional, solid waste management authority serving eight member communities in southwest Oakland County, including Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township. Wayco's capacity with RRRASOC is education and outreach.
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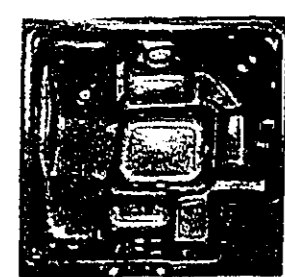
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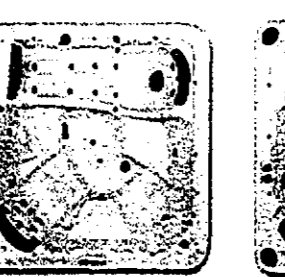
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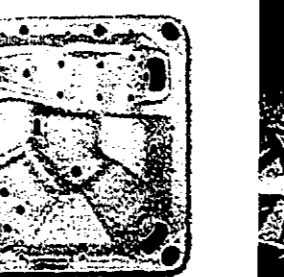
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Planner pleads not guilty to drunk driving charge

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

A city official recently charged with drunk driving has hired a Novi Planning Commissioner as his lawyer and submitted a plea of not guilty.

Director of Planning and Community Development Jim Wahl was arrested March 12 for drunk driving and having open intoxicants in his vehicle.

He was arraigned March 24 at the 52-1 District Court before Judge Michael Batchik. He has hired planning commissioner and local attorney Kim Thomas Capello as his legal representative.

Capello said Wahl entered a plea of not guilty and has demanded a jury trial.

"We don't believe (Wahl) is guilty of drunk driving and 99 percent sure he wasn't guilty of impaired driving," he said.

Capello argued that the chemical breath test, which indicated Wahl had a blood alcohol content of .08 percent, is only accurate to .02. According to Capello, this means Wahl could have actually had a blood alcohol content of .06 percent.

Capello said he has used this argument for previous clients fighting a drunk driving offense and won, however he stressed it is too soon to say if he will use it in Wahl's case.

A pretrial date has been set for 3:30 p.m. April 14. At the pretrial the prosecutor, Dave Gillam, will meet with

Capello and Wahl to talk about the case.

Gillam said it is standard for a person to enter a "not guilty" plea at arraignment if they have hired an attorney. He added, Wahl can change his plea to "guilty" or "no contest" at any time.

"In a majority of the cases, we are able to solve them before trial with a plea agreement," Gillam said.

As for Wahl's case, Gillam said he has not read the police report yet and will not know what is going to happen with the case until the pretrial meeting with Wahl and Capello.

"I take these on a case-by-case basis," he said.

As for Capello's connection with Wahl through the planning commission, he said he does not believe it is

a conflict of interest for him to take the case.

"It is not related to the planning commission. I do not work for Jim Wahl and he does not work for me. We have no financial relationship," Capello said. "I think (Wahl) hired me because I am a local attorney."

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson agreed that Capello's representation of Wahl is not a conflict of interest.

"But, that is an off-the-cuff answer. It is not informed," Watson added.

Walled Lake eases transfers from non-accredited schools

CAROL DIPPLE
Staff Writer

Working together with the Wixom Christian School, the Walled Lake School District, now has a transfer form to use for non-accredited students wishing to enroll in the district's high schools.

For 18 years, the Wixom Christian School had not had a problem when it came to their students transferring to any district in the state, including Walled Lake.

Then, in September 1998, it had two students who wanted to transfer to Walled Lake schools.

Their credits were at first denied because Wixom Christian School is a non-accredited school.

Walled Lake has always accepted transfer credits from schools that were accredited, according to

William Hamilton, assistant superintendent for curriculum for Walled Lake Schools. It ran into problems with some schools that were, by appearances, accredited had they involve themselves in the accreditation process, but were not, particularly private religious schools.

So the board amended the policy to not accept students transferring from non-accredited schools a few years ago, but did not implement the revised policy for Wixom Christian until this school year.

"That was the first we knew it existed in Walled Lake," said Rev. Claude Wiggins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wixom which runs Wixom Christian School. "It had been on the books for between three to five years."

"In years past, Walled Lake has accepted credits from Wixom

"They were very quick to work with us. It was just a slow process getting it done."

Rev. Claude Wiggins,
First Baptist Church of Wixom

Christian and so when the board policy was adopted about three years ago to only accept from accredited institutions, it was a problem with Wixom Christian that really moved us to take another look at things," Hamilton said.

Walled Lake, which had been accepting Wixom Christian Schools students all along, was now in conflict with its own policy of not accepting students from non-accredited schools, so they had to rewrite the policy, according

Hamilton.

"They were very quick to work together with us," Wiggins said. "It was just a slow process getting it done," from our perspective."

Wixom Christian School, which was founded in 1990, has 140 students in grades 4K through 12.

Even though Wixom Christian School is a non-accredited school, it offers all of the same required courses such as English, history, government, and history of Michi-

gan, according to Wiggins.

"We accomplish things in a creative manner because we are smaller," Wiggins said. "We can take out the entire high school on a field trip with a couple of buses. We don't have big science lab, but good instruction."

If a non-accredited school meets 80 percent of the standards (number of hours, grade point average, etc.) established by Walled Lake Schools for their operation, credits would then be transferable.

"We don't want to become encumbered with government regulations that would affect us regarding curriculum selection or hiring decisions," Wiggins said of the school's decision not to become

accredited. "We meet all safety and health regulations."

The result of the team effort, was the Non-Accredited Schools Student Transfer Form. The form is completed and signed by the transferring student's school official and submitted to Walled Lake for consideration.

Although Walled Lake will consider transcripts from students coming from non-accredited schools on an individual basis, this policy does not apply to home schoolers.

"Our resolution, which we worked out here, may work out for students from other non-accredited private schools elsewhere," Wiggins said.

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Spring into art at Expo fair

The fifth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair will be held at the Novi Expo Center April 16, 17 and 18. The show will feature more than 325 artisans displaying and selling their work from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Adult admission is \$6; children under 12 are admitted free of charge and parking is free. You can get discount admission coupons at your local Farmer Jack store, by presenting your Farmer Jack Club membership card at the gate, or by calling 1-800-210-8990 before April 12.

Among the artists will be Northville couple Laurie Fowler and Bill Thelen. Fowler has been a weaver for many years. Thelen expresses his creativity through his architectural skills. In the late 1970s, they combined their talents and created sculptural wall hangings by incorporating fiber, suede and metal on three-dimensional welded steel structures.

The duo spends six months of the year doing craft shows — showing their work and visiting the homes of those people who express an interest in having a piece commissioned. The remaining six months are spent creating those commissioned orders.

Artist Kathy Phillips of West Bloomfield will also be exhibiting her work at the fair. Her most popular series is "The Rain People" — stylized depictions of people with umbrellas standing in the rain. Her next most popular series are her city scenes and museum people. The latter shows a little old lady sitting on a bench in the middle of a museum, surveying her work. The "little old lady" is Phillips herself. She has been teaching for the last 15-plus years for the county's community education program.

According to Deann Verdier, president of Sugarloaf Art Fairs, "You don't have to search the country for beautiful arts and crafts. They're right here," she said.

Novi Meadows renovations move ahead as bids awarded

By JEREMY McBAN Staff Writer

Bids for the renovation of Novi Meadows elementary school have been received and they are all under budget, according to assistant superintendent for business and operations Jim Koster.

Bidding for 32 categories of renovation work were received Feb. 17 and they were analyzed by the school's construction manager and architect, Koster said. He added the response to the bidding was good and several companies took part.

Fourteen of these bid categories were completed and the companies awarded the contracts were named at the March 18 school board meeting. Each one was under the estimated construction budget for their category, Koster said.

The remaining categories were presented to the school board Tuesday.

The total estimated bid award for the fourteen categories of the renovation project will be \$5,425,544. The school board concurred with the results of the bid and approved the fourteen awards at the March 18 meeting.

However, the bidding process is not over for the project because there were two areas that need to be rebid.

Koster said these two categories were glass and glazing and metal roofing.

There were originally four bidders for the glass and glazing category. But, two of the bidders interpreted the specifications for the project one way, while the other two interpreted them another way.

Koster said due to this mix-up, this portion of the project had to be rebid.

The other category that needs to be rebid is metal roofing, had only two bids placed for it.

Of these two bids, the lowest bidder backed out. Because this left only one bidder for this category, Koster said it needed to go back on the market.

Bids for the glass and glazing category were taken Friday and the results will be released soon. The metal roofing portion will not be rebid until next year.

Renovations to Novi Meadows elementary school are expected to begin this summer.

The following companies were awarded bid contracts:

- Carpets and Resilient Flooring — Floorcraft Floor Covering or Troy. The award is for \$264,377.
- Painting, Finishing and Wall-covering — J.A.B. Construction Company of Grand Blanc. The award is for \$144,400.
- Visual Display Boards — Green Steel Inc. of Fraser. The award is for \$32,068.
- Metal Lockers — Lyon Metal Products of Montgomery, Ill. The award is for \$81,675.
- Educational Casework — Farnell Equipment Company of Troy. The award is for \$226,500.
- Plumbing — Aaron Mechanical of Brighton. The award is for \$238,000.
- Fire Protection — Absolute Fire Protection of Clinton Township. The award is for \$388,000.
- HVAC — Aaron Mechanical of Brighton. The award is for \$1,520,000.
- Electrical — The Aspen Company of Novi. The award is for \$1,021,954.
- Masonry — C&R Masonry of Michigan, located in Southfield. The award is for \$525,000.

Of roads, highways and headaches

City sifts through Novi road needs

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi could use over \$181 million in road improvements, city officials say.

On Monday, the Novi City Council whittled that down to a \$42.5 million plus priority list.

In November, Novi voters will likely see a road bond proposal before them, but the city will continue over the next few months to thrash out which projects will be included.

"What are the things that we absolutely have to go to our citizens to ask for money for?" Mayor Kathleen McAllen asked her fellow council members.

After listening to plans to pave Delmont and Dinsler drives from residents of Nottingham and Peble Ridge subdivisions, the council pushed back their collective number one goal — the \$5.5 million widening of Twelve Mile Road to four lanes from Meadowbrook to Novi Road.

Local road needs now take the lead.

"In my mind, fixing problems for local citizens goes to the top of the list," Council Member Ed Kramer said.

While the council has its wish list of roadwork, so does the city staff and consultants and the two don't match.

"I think this should come from the council, not necessarily the administration," Council Member Craig DeRoche said.

"Council should set priorities, but every time it leaves council hands, it gets very muddy out there."

Future reports to the city council will include how many Novi roads may be up for federal and state funding.

Over the past few months, each council member made his or her own priority list and the results were calculated to create the council's Top Ten. This includes the widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes from Novi Road to Haggerty Road, something that's not been popular with area residents and some council members.

"I'd like to make a final decision on that road in the next few months. It should be three to four lanes wide," Council Member Bob Schmid said.

Some of the proposed construction would be the city's match to grants from the state, including the Beck Road/I-96 intersection. Potential road bond money for Twelve Mile Road money would be added to cash offered by Ramco-Gershenson for road improvements related to the proposed West Village shopping mall.

To DeRoche, Twelve Mile is the "biggest snafu" among local roads.

"Everybody on council, if we had a magic wand, would say fix that road and we'd put an adjective in front of it," DeRoche said.

Expanding Grand River to five lanes was a top city council priority, but City Manager Ed Kriewald advised waiting five years or more when grant money might be available.

That didn't sit well with Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford.

"Grand River is near and dear to my heart," he said.

To coincide with the Beck intersection upgrade, Novi officials recommended the widening of Beck Road from Grand River Avenue to Ten Mile Road. Beck Road functions as regional conduit to the freeway and the traffic is expected to increase. That proposal met with strong opposition.

Widening Beck Road to five-lanes shouldn't be paid for just by Novi, McAllen said.

"My concern is requesting the citizens of Novi to make it five lanes and let everybody from the townships use it without paying for it, that's not American," she added.

However, Council Member Kathy Mutch questioned how Beck Road will handle increased traffic, once the new intersection is built.

"What kind of complaints are we going to get? We don't plan ahead?" Mutch wondered.

LOCAL ROAD CHOICES TO MAKE

Following is the Novi City Council's Top Ten Road Improvement Projects:

- 1 - Twelve Mile Road, four lanes from Meadowbrook to Novi Road, \$5.5 million
- 2 - Beck Road/I-96 interchange, \$6 million
- 3 - Grand River Avenue from Haggerty to Novi Road, five lanes, \$10 million
- 4 - Novi Road from Grand River to Ten Mile Road, five lanes, \$940,000
- 5 - Grand River Avenue from Novi Road to CSX, five lanes, \$100,000
- 6 - Ten Mile Road at Meadowbrook Road, upgrade intersection, \$60,000
- 7 - Crescent Boulevard, ring road in northeast town center, \$7.7 million, tied for seventh place with
- 8 - Twelve Mile Road, east of Novi Road, west of Dixon, four lanes, \$1.2 million
- 9 - Ten Mile Road at Novi Road, upgrade intersection, \$150,000
- 10 - Grand River Avenue, railroad tracks to Beck Road, five lanes, \$9.78 million, tied for ninth with
- 11 - Grand River Avenue at Novi Road, upgrade intersection, \$125,000
- 12 - Ten Mile Road, Novi to Haggerty Road, five lanes \$2 million

Followed by the city administration's Top Top Ten Road Improvement Projects:

- 1 - Beck Road/Interstate 96 interchange, \$6 million.
- 2 - Novi Road from Grand River to Ten Mile Road, five lanes, \$940,000
- 3 - Twelve Mile Road, east of Novi Road, west of Dixon, four lanes, \$1.2 million
- 4 - Beck Road from Grand River to Ten Mile Road, five lanes, \$5.785 million
- 5 - Crescent Boulevard East, \$7.7 million
- 6 - Main Street West, ring road at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, \$1.3 million
- 7 - Ten Mile and Taft Road, signal improvements, \$80,000
- 8 - Citywide pavement rehabilitation projects, \$3.5 million
- 9 - Delmont Drive paving, \$425,000
- 10 - Dinsler Drive paving, \$752,000

West, south, all roads will lead to jams this summer

By MICHAEL MALOTT Staff writer

No matter how you leave Novi this summer, your travel is likely to be... slower. Westerly and southerly travel by expressway will have to pass through significant construction zones.

Reconstruction is set to begin on I-275 from I-696 to Five Mile Road beginning April 19. The project, in which both the north and south sides of the expressway will be rebuilt with concrete pavement, is expected to take up to a year.

According to Robin Pannecouk, of the Office of Communications in the Michigan Department of Transportation, said the plan is to keep three lanes in each direction open to traffic throughout the construction.

Come June, I-96 from Novi to Kent Lake Road will also be under construction. Resurfacing of both sides of the expressway begins in June and is expected to be completed in the fall.

Pannecouk said two lanes of traffic in each direction will be open throughout most of the construction, but there will be a need to close I-96 completely, for 20 minutes at a time, when the MDOT also rebuilds the South Hill Road bridge over the expressway.

Closed to traffic now due to an accident last year, the MDOT would have to close the expressway while steel beams are set in place. As was done when the Haggerty Connector was built, Pannecouk explained the expressway would be closed for 20 minutes at a time, while a beam is placed, beginning around midnight. Then traffic would be allowed to pass while the next beam is prepared, and the expressway would be closed again for 20 minutes. The process would continue throughout the night until all beams are set up, Pannecouk said the date for the bridge work has not been selected.

Once work begins in June, crews will continue 24 hours per day, seven days a week throughout the summer. Traffic will be shifted from northbound to the southbound side and back again as the resurfacing work proceeds. But the plan is to keep two lanes open in both directions throughout the project, Pannecouk said.

First, however, drivers will have to contend with I-275.

I-275 construction will begin this month with work on crossovers. Pannecouk said. Several weeks into the effort, southbound lanes will be shifted to the northbound side while the work of tearing up southbound concrete begins. Once repaved, about mid-July, traffic will be switched to the southbound side while northbound paving begins, she said.

Several traffic shifts will have to be done before the project is completed a year from now. But the plan is to keep two lanes in each direction open to traffic throughout the project, she said.

Work on I-275 south of Five Mile is already underway. The reconstruction effort is part of an overall rebuilding of the expressway, for a total cost of \$150 million. Contracted to the John Carlos road building company, of Mt. Clemens, the job will replace the entire road with concrete.

The expressway, built in the 70s, was first constructed with experimental paving, then resurfaced only three years ago with asphalt. That resurfacing was not expected to last any longer than it has, according to Gary Nayeart, Director of the Office of Communications at MDOT. The combination of the use of experimental materials and the high traffic volumes the road receives is why I-275 is currently in such bad shape, he said. Some 200,000 cars use I-275 each day, making it the second most traveled section of expressway in the state.

Local grocer tapped for board

The Associated Food Dealers of Michigan welcomes Vic Ventimiglia Jr. to its board of directors.

Ventimiglia will represent the interests of retailers in the food industry.

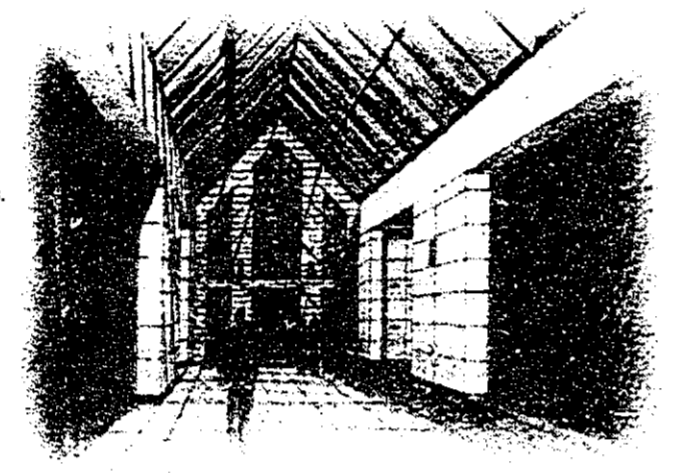
Ventimiglia, a resident of Beverly Hills, is the owner/president of Vic's World Class Market in Novi. His grandfather immigrated to Michigan from Sicily in 1929 and in 1943, opened Ventimiglia Italian Foods.

Ventimiglia learned from the family business and ventured out on his own in 1987, when he opened his first store.

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As We See It

Getting biggest bang for the road bond buck

Novi City Council got down to brass tacks Monday on the topic of road bonding. In preparation for a November ballot question, council began the task this week of hammering down just what should be contained in it.

There is virtually no debate about whether a road bond is needed. At least, we've not heard anyone make the argument that Novi can do without one.

Still is not an easy job for council because it has to decide how much to ask for, what taxpayers collectively can afford, and what road improvement projects should be on the priority. From the debate Monday, it's clear that even among a cooperative crew like the current city council, these decisions will not come easily.

Council started out with an overall list of \$181 million in proposed improvements. And there is little doubt that all would be useful to have.

But they pared the figure down to a more realistic \$42.5 million, a figure that could easily cost the average Novi taxpayer an extra \$100 per year, depending on how the city structures the bond issue. In previous road bonds, the city has not asked for that much. Typically, the city request is closer to the administration's \$27.6 million, 10 project list.

Then there was the job of thrashing out what roads go on the list. At or near the top of everyone's list was widening of Twelve Mile Road to four lanes from Meadowbrook to Novi, at a cost of about \$6.5 million. Twelve Mile west of Novi might get additional help from Ramco-Gershenson, developers of the proposed West Village shopping mall there. And the city must make contributions toward the state's proposed project to upgrade the Beck/1-96 intersection.

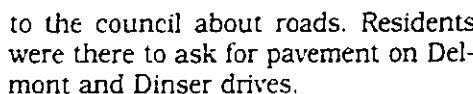
Widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes from Novi Road to Haggerty Road is a job that is high on the minds of council, but not residents.

Widening Grand River to five lanes was a top priority for city council, but the city administration is asking that it be held off until grant money can be obtained.

Beck Road needs to be widened, but city officials say Novi alone shouldn't be paying for it because they see it as a local road.

Local residents came out too to talk

Government



Michael Malott
to the council about roads. Residents were there to ask for pavement on Delmont and Dinsler drives.

Both council and the administration had started with a list of their top ten highest priority projects, and they began whittling the list down from there.

There are difficult decisions to be made here. Residents along Ten Mile have long opposed widening. They prefer the Grand River widening, but if the administration is right, the city would have to come up with the bucks itself to do it now. Council member Bob Schmid suggested this should be settled in the next few months. And if the city decides it must have that road widening project on Ten Mile, it is going to have to find a way to make the project more palatable to residents... if that's possible.

On Beck, both at the northern end near Pontiac trail, and south of 1-96, why should city taxpayers carry the cost of a road that will primarily be used by folks from out of town on their way to other cities? Yet, if not built by Novi, Novi will get stuck with the traffic.

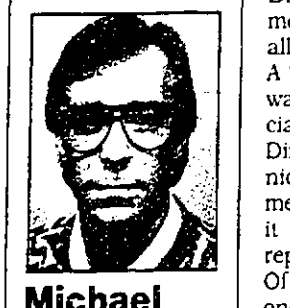
Eventually, the projects the city should decide on should be those that will deliver the biggest bang for the taxpayers' collective buck.

It's a shame that the state of road funding in Michigan is such that city taxpayers have to put forward such funds to keep traffic moving in their town. The money should come from federal, state and county road funding for the most part. But they have not stepped up to the task on all but the largest Novi road projects.

So when council hammers down its list, it must consider first what projects will move the largest number of cars for the money spent, what items on the list will most cost effectively solve the biggest current traffic headaches.

If Novi taxpayers have to foot the bill, the top priority should be to make sure they get their money's worth.

Wider interests take priority



Michael Malott

Driven down I-275 lately? What a mess. It's like a mine field... after all the mines have gone off. A "pothole-ridden travesty" is the way one state transportation official describes it. Gary Naeyaert, Director of the Office of Communications in the Michigan Department of Transportation, refers to it as "the poster child for road repair."

Of course you've driven it. Everyone uses it. It's the second most traveled portion of expressway in the state. I-275 between I-696 and Five Mile Road handles an incredible 200,000 vehicles per day. In the southeast Michigan region, you have to drive it occasionally. It's the only direct route from Oakland County and western Wayne to parts south without going through downtown Detroit.

Wasn't it just resurfaced? Yes, says Naeyaert. Three years ago, I-275 was given a one-inch thick coating of asphalt, but that was only a temporary measure because the freeway was already scheduled for a total rebuild. And now it's falling... right on schedule.

It should come as good news then that reconstruction of that portion of I-275 is set to begin April 19. A contract has already been signed with the Mt. Clemens-based John Carlos road building company for \$49 million to completely rebuild that road, north and south lanes, over the course of the next year. Work on I-275 south of Five Mile is already underway.

If done correctly — that is, if it's built with good old fashioned concrete — according to Naeyaert, the road will be so durable it should last for 30 years. So that is exactly what MDT plans to do.

The problem is that residents of the area, homeowners who live in Farmington Hills along the freeway near Eight Mile Road, don't want it done. At least, they don't want it done the way MDT plans to do it.

More than 100 residents headed off to Lansing March 16 to voice their concerns during an MDT public hearing at Capital City Airport. It's not the first time they've raised objections. Their differences with the MDT date back years. They've produced binders full of documentation about their concerns. Some say that if they don't get an agreement and action from the state, they may file suit.

The issue is noise. The residents believe asphalt would produce a great deal less traffic noise than concrete. Now that the federal government requires "fining" — small grooves in the surface designed to increase tire traction and drain stormwater — on expressway pavement, they believe concrete will produce even more noise.

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While the MDT says it is willing to work on details — like whether the pattern of the timing or the seams in the pavement might be adjusted to lessen the noise — MDT is going ahead. And it is going ahead with the plan it has on schedule. Naeyaert insists.

It's easy to sympathize with those residents, easier still to cast a big government agency in the role of the bad guy, but there are clear times — and this would be a prime example — when the wider concerns, the interests of all who use the road, have to take precedence over the concerns of a much smaller number of homeowners who live nearby.

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Some early polls have shown Stabenow with a slight (45-39 percent) lead over Abraham. They won't mean much once the campaigning gets serious. But they do give substance to the widely held theory that Stabenow has a real chance and that Abraham is unusually vulnerable for an incumbent senator.

Don't be fooled. Abraham has lots going for him. As an incumbent with statewide reach, he'll work the Washington soundbite culture to get on the 11 p.m. news. And he's hard at work on Republican fund-raising circuit, with a stated \$9 million goal.

Most of all, Abraham has in his corner the Republican machine built and fine-tuned by Gov. John Engler. Just how solid in his corner is another question, given Abraham's decision to endorse his old boss, former Vice President Dan Quayle, for president rather than Engler's choice, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. GOP insiders are chuck-cucking over this slip in Abraham's usually cautious political maneuvering.

And Abraham has hardly set the Senate on fire. Other than an easy-to-attack vote for impeachment and a sensible but easy-to-forget bill easing immigration restrictions, Abraham hasn't constructed much of a legislative record. And a lot of people who have repeatedly tried and failed to get schedule commitments through Abraham's office are very critical of his staff performance and Abraham's evident preference for appearing at very controlled and scripted events.

As for Stabenow, the only question was whether she'd run for Senate next year or governor in three years. Michigan likely will lose a congressional seat after the 2000 census results are in. Stabenow's district, measurably poised between liberal and urban Lansing and conservative and exurban Livingston County, is ripe for elimination when the redistricting deals are finally cut.

So for Stabenow, necessity — in this case, running for the Senate — is the mother of invention. With former Gov. Jim Blanchard out of the race, Stabenow is about the only Democratic leader left with an established political track record and relatively high name ID statewide.

Stabenow served in the state Senate, where she precipitated events that wound up with Proposal A to reform school finance. That cost her organized labor's endorsement when she ran for governor in 1994 and lost in the Democratic primary. She went to Congress in 1996 after a bitter race against incumbent Dick Chrysler. Last year she strolled to easy victory in the face

It should be a first class election



Phil Power

of a Republican landslide.

Forget what the Abraham spin doctors are saying that Stabenow is only a second stringer, now that Blanchard is out of the race. I've watched her on the campaign trail, and I can confirm that she's one terrific campaigner.

A long-time Livingston County political observer calls her "one of the most formidable campaigners I've ever seen. When she works a room, it's a work of art."

Politically, she's a moderate who has won a reputation in Congress for solid reasonableness and good staff work. In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

Who knows whether Democrat Stabenow will be able to knock off an incumbent Republican U.S. senator, especially in a state where the institutional Democratic Party has essentially vanished. I'd guess the issue will turn on whether Stabenow can stay close to Abraham in the money-raising contest and whether organized labor still bears a grudge for Proposal A.

And there's always wild-card Geoffrey Fieger, who has threatened to run as an Independent if he loses a Democratic primary and could well siphon votes away from Stabenow.

However it turns out, it should be a first class race. Stay tuned.

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Stronger voice would make firm listen

To the editor:

Time Warner has less than 60 days to respond to the RFP which is the "pie in the sky" request to which they will give their final answer. If you don't get what they want in terms of equipment and service. The choices have never been more difficult.

Media One has now merged with Comcast, (pending approval) a company whose record on public access is less than glowing... and Ameritech only deals with individual cities, providing no access facilities at all. I don't believe that we are in contact with any other company at this time. If it's another company, it's a secret.

One option that has not been seriously addressed is that the cities buy the franchise and maintain it themselves. There are examples of successful city owned cable systems around the country, but at this late date it would be a desperation plan.

As the founder of a fledgling group dedicated to promoting media awareness, it is disappointing to envision years of community access growth fading away. Government regulation has left us very little to negotiate, except equipment for public, educational and government access.

I believe that if we had a stronger access community, if earlier public hearings were more persuasive, better attended, if we had a stronger voice, Time Warner might have had to play their hand differently.

On Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, the Tri City Producers Alliance will host its first seminar titled "How to Make an Impact on Television."

featuring sports producer Patrick McLaughlin. This will be a membership drive for the group in our effort to grow a group that will make community access strong!

Letters

Mark Adler
Tri City Producers Alliance

Need Anderssens to educate public

To the Editor:

Subject: Dr. Anton Anderssen versus the Malcontentes

Our congratulations to Dr. Anderssen and his educational and factual stance against the horde of miserable malcontentes who creep around searching for something to be offended about. (Letter printed March 11.)

It is time that more people stand up and oppose the malcontented folk who would change or ignore history and the real facts.

In decades past, most of us would shrug off and ignore unimportant little things; however, in the current climate these few little malcontentes seem to get all the press attention focused on their unimportant, small issue and the "offending" parties are intimidated into surrender with threats of costly frivolous lawsuits.

I seem to remember a recent event where the malcontentes were offended because a university used the statue of the Minuteman as their emblem. After

the student body and the alumni rose up in opposition to any change, the administration told the few malcontentes to stuff a sock in it and get lost. Confrontation successful and subject closed.

We need more of Dr. Anderssen's confrontation with the real facts to educate the many well-adjusted Americans. That could be the beginning of the end of the intimidation of the majorities in our Republic by the malcontented few. We may even bring back the signs of God and religion in public places and in the lives of Americans. We need to respect the beliefs of the many and real history as it happened even though it may offend the few malcontentes.

Donald C. Young Jr.

Student infuriated by TAP assembly

To the Editor:

My name is Jack Fischer and I'm a student at Novi High School. I wrote a column in the "Wildcat Roar," our school paper.

This letter is in response to the article "High school kicks off court's TAP program." To Jeremy McBain, thank you for writing an informative article that has valuable information in it. Had it not been for your article, I would still be in the dark about the tap program. However, the assembly was not exactly as McBain portrayed

The assembly that was held for juniors and seniors on March 11 was supposed to be about the TAP program, that is what the students were told. Instead, the assembly was basically various officials of the community telling us how alcohol and other drugs are bad for us. It was the same assembly we've all attended numerous times.

I'd like to address a few points in the article.

I would first like to address the statement made by Judge Brian Mackenzie. Judge Mackenzie said "By presenting this program to them (the students) in public, the students were treated with adult-like respect." This is a false statement. In my opinion, the speakers spoke in a patronizing and condescending tone. At one point, the students were addressed as "youngsters." It was clear to me that they were not treating us with adult-like respect.

Secondly, I'd like to address the paragraph about students discussing the assembly in their classrooms. My class discussed the assembly after its conclusion. Instead of discussing its content however, we discussed the poor manner in which it was presented. Many students were infuriated by the assembly, taking away one of our valuable seminar periods. In order to preach to us about the evils of alcohol, something we heard time and time again.

I elected to write my column "Rant 'n' Rave" about the assembly. The column was printed in the March 26 edition of the Wildcat Roar.

Jack Fischer, Senior
Novi High School

Laws don't become 'antiquated'

My dander rose, as did yours perhaps, when Marilyn Kelly called an 1846 Michigan law against cohabitation by an unwed couple "antiquated and rarely enforced."

Kelly is the state Supreme Court justice who wrote the Dec. 22 majority opinion against Jackson landlords.

John and Terry Hoffus. They refused to rent apartments to two unwed couples, citing the 150-year-old statute that "Any man or woman, not being married to each other, who shall lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together... shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffus declared that the state of sin in which the two couples were living offended their religion. They argued their freedom of religion should take precedence over the 1968 Civil Rights Act forbidding discrimination in real estate dealings "on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status ..."

Kelly and four other justices ruled for the renters: "The state's need to provide equal access to such a fundamental need as housing outweighs defendants' religious beliefs that they should not rent to an unmarried couple."

An old law, surely, but "antiquated"? The Magna Carta, which limits the power of a sovereign, is 784 years old; the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, more than 200 years old. The law is either just or unjust, not "antiquated."

Justice Patricia Boyle dissented sharply. "The Legislature has not repealed the prohibition against cohabitation," she said, adding, "the fact that a criminal statute has not been successfully prosecuted does not somehow render the prohibited conduct legal or the criminal statute void."

Freshman state Rep. Clark Elshar, 4258 that would allow landlords to deny dealing with unwed couples.

And this generated a missive from the American Association for Single People, with a Bloomfield Hills telephone number, yet, AASP says:

• Michigan has 300,000 unrelated adults who live together.

• Some 16,000 seniors and many disabled cohabit because "they would be penalized by pension plans and government benefit programs if they were to marry."

• More than 66 percent of unmarried couples are persons of the opposite-sex.

• Nearly 40 percent of these male-female unmarried couples are raising children.

• More than half of the people who have married in recent years cohabited together beforehand "according to the University of Wisconsin Center for Demography and Ecology, which concluded that "cohabitation is now an integral part of the marital decision-making process for most people."

Engler loses trust of public schools

Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Legislature performed one of the most botched operations in modern history with the takeover of Detroit public schools.

The House of Representatives had an excuse — 64 greenhorns and the rest with no more than four years experience. The Senate had half an excuse — it was taken by surprise.

But Engler owes the people an elaborate explanation of promises not made, promises not kept.

Start with the 1998 campaign when candidate Engler floated a cockamamie idea about parents' taking over Detroit schools. Detroit has some of the most dysfunctional families in human history, and parents were in no position to take over anything.

Then without warning, Engler in his state of the state address came up with the idea of mayors (plural) taking over school districts. He quickly dropped Grand Rapids and Lansing from the equation, leaving only Detroit.

Why the mayor of Detroit? Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, put it succinctly: "We wish him well, but putting my mayor in charge is sort of like putting a lifeguard in charge who can't swim. I read recently, we gave back \$18.5 million to the feds because money wasn't spent on the homeless; \$6.5 million went back because it wasn't spent on a lot of different programs. We're not the best-managed, and you're putting my mayor — who works hard, who means well — but he's got his plate full."

Dennis Archer has mended political

In Focus

By John Heider



Stacks of books come in from all sides and aisles are narrow for patrons who use the Novi Public Library

At the library

Antics on this April Fools Day

The top news stories on one page in the newspaper today declares "What's the deal?" and is about city council members of Novi and Northville playing cards during closed meetings.

The resident who called the newspaper with this information even managed to snap a photo of the alleged high stakes game of poker in progress.

So how did it slip by reporters? The Open Meetings Act allows for closed door meetings for public bodies for various purposes. The minutes of which are not available when requested by a civil action.

Does it matter that the money won during these sessions went to worthy causes — like helping to eliminate the \$50 million lawsuit in Novi or financing the renovation of Northville Downs into an open-air dance floor.

Are you incredulous?

Go ahead, find the page and read the story for yourself

and then return to this column.

April Fools.

If you had someone come up to you today and say you had your shoes untied, or maybe asked if you forgot to brush your hair, then you were already initiated to the fact that today is April Fools' Day.

Why should the newspaper be any different than your friends, family members, coworkers or neighbors?

The story, along with the others on that page, are all fictitious. The names, in some cases, have been changed. We hope the other individuals mentioned will get a kick out of our yearly tradition of creating the news, as we see it, for just one day.

Even though the page is clearly marked, readers have fondly called us in previous years because they thought the stories were true. We even thought we were going to get sued one year by a local toy store.

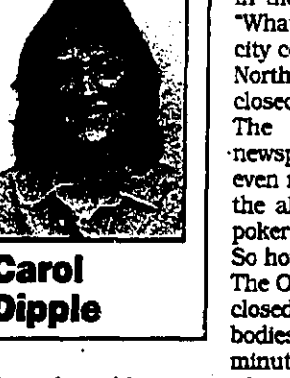
Most call to say they thought it was all in good fun, which is what it is meant to be.

The tradition of April Fools' Day began in 1562 when Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world changing the new year from April 1 to January 1. People played tricks on those who hadn't heard or didn't believe the date had been changed and were continuing to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1.

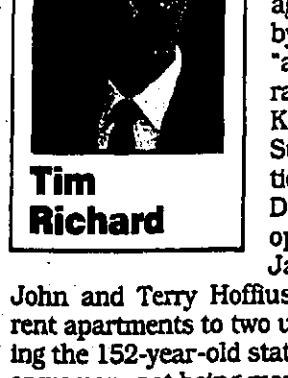
Today practical jokes can consist of one prank to an all-day antic. Changing the times on clocks, or undoing the top on the salt or sugar shaker.

And this tidbit of information is right off an Internet web site unless 1, too, am the victim of an April Fools' joke, just like you.

Carol Dipplo is a staff writer with The Novi News and The Northville Record.



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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of the disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disinhibition and wandering are seen. Other individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

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Library prepares for new building ballot proposal

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 A referendum presents challenges because the current structure will not support a second story, Chambers said. Another difficulty is where to put the collection and circulation area, an enlargement of today's library.
 For a new facility, the library board is eyeing ten to 12 acres of vacant city-owned land along Tall Road, part of Power Park.
 A location near the Forest Farm was considered, but the board agreed that a large library there would overshadow the historic site.
 Today, both the library's staff and its collections are cramped

into too small space, library Director Brenda Evans said. A recent needs assessment study found the building was approaching its limits.
 "As our service grows, our staff grows to keep up, but our building hasn't grown," she added.
 "We know that the problem is getting greater and greater every day."
 Increasing the book collection for both adults and children remains a library goal, although Chambers said that shelf space is at a premium today.
 Novi's library currently has 78,024 books, but is expected to

have 202,500 by the year 2020, if it is to keep pace with similar communities such as Farmington and Rochester Hills.
 Novi residents tend to check out library materials at a brisker pace than the statewide statistics, Michigan has a 5.9 per capita rate for circulation of library materials, while the figure in Novi is 8.7 per capita.
 As a young community, Novi sees a high demand for its children's collection, Evans said, with 1,267 youngsters signed up for last year's summer reading program.
 Prophesies that books downloaded from the World Wide Web will

LAST YEAR
 321,331 items were checked out
 56,836 reference questions were answered
 28,000 users signed up for the Internet
 2,376 items were delivered to seniors and the homebound
 1,267 children joined the Summer Reading Program
 250 Story Time sessions were held

Novi police discover senior phone scam

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 called again and convinced her to send another \$4,400, Stulgross said.
 She was just about to wire an additional \$5,000 from the Farmer Jack near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads, Stulgross said, when officials at Farmer Jack became suspicious and contacted the police.
 Officers contacted the woman and while interviewing her, the man called her three more times.
 During one of the calls, officers listened in as the man requested more money from the woman. When she refused, he became rude and hostile.
 "Right now we are working with the district attorney in Nevada to identify what we believe is a ring which may somehow stem back to Quebec," Stulgross said.
 Through this investigation, two young women were identified while they were picking up money wired to the Las Vegas address.
 Stulgross said the women are being questioned and may be used to nab the "bigger fish."
 The district attorney has met with one of the women and she has expressed her willingness to work with the district attorney's office," he said.
 The Novi woman's incoming call records were also obtained. These listed several calls made to her home from a phone in Quebec.
 In the meantime, Stulgross said the Novi woman is still receiving phone calls from the so-called "lawyer." But, she is refusing to send him any more money.
 While Stulgross said he has not

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Novi's Big Boy statue gets kidnapped

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 he said the man spoke very fast, making it very easy for the Novi woman to become confused.
 "It is easy to get confused on the phone. People shouldn't feel ashamed," Stulgross added. He said people must realize these telemarketers are professionals and it is easy to fall victim to them.
 "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," Stulgross added.
 They would put out an "all points bulletin" for Big Boy. Crawford joked.
 During the time of his disappearance, she added the restaurant did not receive any phone calls or letters demanding ransom. The police also asked who Big Boy hung out with and if he went by another name, she said.
 There were no suspects or additional information for the police to work with, leaving them with very few leads. But, now that Big Boy's kidnappers have returned him unharmed, the case has been closed.
 "It's funny now, but at the time it was not. He is pretty expensive," Crawford added.

CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Department, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for David Lehmkuhl, 4707 Beck Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 1999.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 1999.
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CITY OF NOVI
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 The City of Novi will accept sealed bids for Pavement Striping according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 13, 1999 at the City of Novi Administrative Offices. All envelopes must be clearly marked "PAVEMENT STRIPING," and must bear the name of the bidder. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Address all bids to:
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 Carol J. Kalinovic, Purchasing Director
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider JONANSON GLOBE SERVICES SP 98-24, located on the southwest corner of Tall Road and Grand River Avenue, seeking PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL and SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL.
 All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 1999.
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Sports memorabilia featured at Novi Chamber auction

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 used races around the Midwest, include the Michigan '50s Festival Races July 24 and 25, a new event at the annual fest. The package was donated by the 50s Festival committee and arranged by festival board member Brent Canup. It was purchased by Brian Thomas, who signed up Pat Webb to drive the car in the 36 mile per hour race.
 A Harley Davidson Motorcycle, donated by Farmington Hills Harley Davidson, was also on the block, purchased by Crystal Halley, of Re/Max 100.
 Three framed Red Wings captain's jerseys went for \$7,500. Lunch with Ernie Harwell and attendance at a Lions game with FOX sports reporter Jennifer Hammond were also up for sale. A golf outing with former Red Wings was also sold and the expenses have still to be totaled, Willard could not say how much the event raised.
 "I guarantee you, it will be more than last year," she said.
 The chamber received more items through donation to sell and give away in raffles.
 "I'd say 15 percent more all around," Willard reported. "But the quality of the prizes was outstanding. Our businesses were extraordinarily generous."
 "Police Chief (Doug) Shaeffer is amazing. He knows everybody. He arranged for the Harley. He got the Production Line Jerseys. He got Miss Michigan. He got Bobby Ross. We used it and he still amazes us," she said.
 Willard gave credit to Auction Chairman Bob Hibern, of Novi Community Credit Union, who worked very hard to organize the event.
 "We are delighted to be able to do this. I consider it a win-win situation. Our businesses get a chance to strut their stuff. And we will be able to make a very nice donation to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which they will put to spinal cord research," she explained. She said PVA has been a very active partner in putting on the event for the past two years.
 The chamber will present its check to PVA at its May luncheon.

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Area churches get ready to celebrate Easter Sunday

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 For more information, call the church at 349-0565.
OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 23893 Beck Road in Novi, will have Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday School will be at its regularly scheduled time of 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-2748.
NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 16115 Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads in Northville Township, will have a 10 a.m. Holy Communion Service with special instrumental music, children's message and a gift for each child during worship. A free Easter breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required by calling Pastor Ken Roberts. An Easter Egg hunt for children ages 2-12 begins at 11 a.m.
 For more information, contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207-5223.
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have the following schedule: Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Holy Communion Service will be at 1 p.m. with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, a 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies, and 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service.
 For more information, call the church at 349-3140.
NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, which meets at the Novi Civic Center in Novi, will present the drama "Come to the Table" on Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, a service is scheduled for 10 a.m.
 For more information, call Cindy Bubby at (248) 305-8700.
SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, will have a Maundy Thursday Service will be held at 7:30 p.m.
 The congregation will gather on Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.
 The Early Sunrise Service on Easter Day will be at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The Resurrection Festival Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.
 For more information, call the church at (248) 477-6296.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. and an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Service from 9 p.m. to midnight. An Ecumenical Service will be held at noon on Good Friday. Also on Good Friday, a Passion of the Lord Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass begins on Holy Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Sunday Mass schedule will be 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.
 For more information, call the church at 349-8847.
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Trayer Boulevard in Northville, will have a 7:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. Stations of the Cross begin at noon on Good Friday. Also on Good Friday there will be a Mass at 1 p.m. and a Blessing of the Fish is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 3. Later in the evening, an Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8 p.m. On Easter Sun-

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Novi Chamber of Commerce gets wired over Internet

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Since Allied Eagle Supply Company launched its website on line five years ago, the company has a dilemma many would envy.

More orders for Allied Eagle's industrial and commercial cleaning supplies are flowing in than can be filled, because several have come from Africa and Europe. Sending products overseas is for now not feasible, explained branch manager Joffre LaFontaine.

"We get about five e-mails a week from different countries. It's kind of hard to ship it to them. We're still looking at a way to do it so it won't cost that much," he said.

Allied, which has a branch on Seeley Road, is one of several members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce already doing business over the Internet. Now, more local firms than ever may join the World Wide Web.

Two months ago, the chamber launched its new, improved home page, with a database that includes general information on the community, must-know material for transferees, an events calendar and a membership directory. For out-of-town visitors, a selection of hotels and restaurants is offered.

Since the site's been running, the chamber's telephone is ringing less.

"The chamber has always looked at as an informational service. We've become a reference point, if somebody is going to be visiting the community or if new resident of the community is looking for a home," said Lisa Willard, chamber executive director.

"We have noticed a reduction in

phone calls to the office, which makes me think more people are getting information off the Internet."

The chamber's site was built by Accunet of Millford. Chamber members may request a free link to their own home pages. In addition, members can have their own Websites constructed for \$35, plus a \$5 a month maintenance fee. Or, advertising can be purchased on the chamber's own site.

"For the majority of people and certainly younger people, if it's not on the Internet, it doesn't exist," Willard said.

"If you are not on the Internet as someone in business, you can guarantee your competition is."

Future plans include posting classified employment ads for chamber members.

But going on-line doesn't mean the Novi Chamber of Commerce's office at the Novi Expo Center won't continue to serve as a one-stop place to find out about the community.

"We'll all still always need and want that human contact," Willard predicted.

Chamber member Larry Neuhardt, president and CEO of NuStar Insurance Agency, has had a home page for his business for the past five years. He estimates the company sells 200 policies annually through the Internet, about nine percent of the firm's sales.

"The day our information was posted, we had a request from a very large commercial account the following day. That was kind of a shock. I thought it would take

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awhile to find us, and bang, there it was," he said.

NuStar's pages have just been revamped to make them easier to scroll through.

"I keep looking at making it user-friendly. There are a lot of people like myself who don't know much about computers. They hack through it and if they get frustrated, they're going to quit," Neuhardt explained.

In May, Allied Eagle is really make a push for sales on the Internet, by increasing its 10,000 items for sale on-line to 30,000. About seven percent of Allied's business is through the Internet.

"We're pretty excited about it, right now. It's like an on-line catalog," LaFontaine said.

Reach the Novi Chamber of Commerce at: <http://www.novichamber.com/novimain/home.html>.

City website gets makeover

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Mail-in forms, such as those for pet licenses, will be available for printing from the site.

But wait, there's more. Nine years worth of Novi City Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals minutes will be on-line and searchable by a key word.

"Anybody who can't come to the council meetings can check out the minutes," Martin said.

"Or feeling is if you're going to take the time to get into a site, the information you need should be there."

Links will be provided through the City of Novi sites to other government and school district sites, as well as municode.com, an independent service that offers a searchable database of Novi's ordinances.

Novi is paying \$12,800 for the creation of the website and one year of service. Employees in each of the city's departments have been asked to offer suggestions about what belongs on the site. Future offerings are expected to include job postings at city hall, as well as recruitment for paid-on-call firefighters.

The goal is to keep adding data, explained Novi's Network Administrator Lauri Loechli.

"It's going to be ever-changing for the next year and a half," she said.

"We would like some response back from the community about what else they want in the website."

Loechli, who has been with the city for almost a year, is now busy bringing all of Novi's computer systems into compliance with Y2K. The city has 150 computers and eight servers that will be ready for the year 2000, she said.

In enhancing Novi's use of the Internet, a few issues have surfaced. Council members and other city officials can be e-mailed

what comes to us is open to the public."

Any e-mail sent to city-owned computer equipment can be subject to FOIA, provided it remains recoverable from the hard-drive, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said.

"It's still a public record," Watson explained.

"My understanding is that if you delete it from your computer, it's still on the server or main-frame computer."

When it comes to city services online, a question of fairness has also been raised, especially when signing up for limited enrollment parks and recreation programs. Who will count as being first in the door, the applicant online, the caller on the phone, or the person standing at the parks and recreation desk?

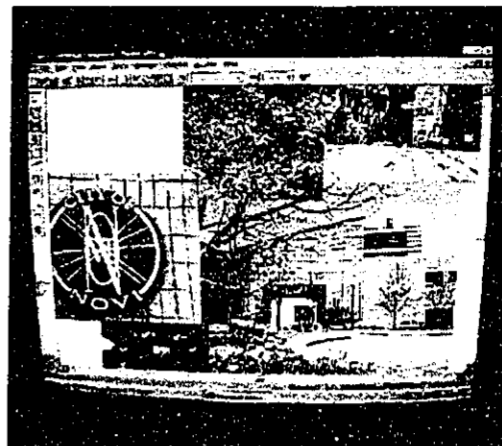
"Our concern is people who are inconvenienced the most standing in line don't get the service," Martin explained.

If the city council agrees, in the future the city may accept credit card payments over its website.

Meanwhile, volunteers in several departments are being trade to do small updates on the websites, while the consultants will do the fancier stuff with graphics.

Having a state-of-the-art website will bring Novi into line with other municipalities, which some webheads have apparently been expecting.

"I have people calling me and asking where's out website. I get calls from out-of-state businesses," Loechli said.



The new city web page - ci.novi.mi.us.

through the city and federal Freedom of Information laws include electronic mail as subject to Freedom of Information requests. E-mails sent to council members at city hall will be forwarded to their home computers, where applicable.

"What the city needs to determine is the difference between FOIA and non-FOIA requests and charges for those request," Martin said.

"The city realizes that what we own is basically owned by the public. I think there's a real feeling in city hall that electronic mail, that

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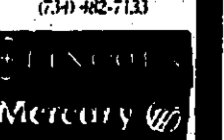
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Growing up playing a pair of sports whose participation by girls was sparse, Sarah Clark continued to excel. Even when playing with the boys, she held her own, and out of it all she earned the respect of all her opponents and now has her mind set on some...



Lofty Goals

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

On the street Sarah Clark looks innocent. She's reserved, somewhat quiet and always polite to those around her.

Put her in her most comfortable element. Where she's at peace with herself. And you'll find a much different Sarah Clark. The 17-year-old Novi junior has made a name for herself, not so much on the soccer field, where she was a third-team all-state selection last season, but on the ice. Playing hockey that is.

Clark has quickly become one of the hottest female hockey commodities in the state of Michigan, luring some of the most powerful collegiate hockey coaches in the country to come watch her play. She's a relatively new prospect to these coaches, but only because she hasn't had the exposure. Up until last season, she was playing with boys' travel teams, because there were only a limited number of girls travel teams and the caliber of play with the boys suited her fine.

"The college coaches that have seen her play this past year have been like 'where have you been,'" Sarah's mother Terri said. "They were surprised, and they wondered where she had been playing."

A naturally gifted athlete, Clark has lettered in both soccer and volleyball at Novi High School. But her true love is in a sport not recognized by high schools in Michigan, and barely recognized at any level.

"When I'm playing anything else, I'd rather be playing hockey," the center said. "I've never felt out of place playing hockey, even on the boys teams."

Clark started ice skating at the tender age of three, and began her hockey days as a five year old skating around on Devils Lake (just south of Jackson), where she grew up.

"It's neat, because when my husband (Michael) started her out in hockey, I said 'what are you doing with my little girl,'" Terri said. "But she was good at it, and it's always been a family-oriented activity."

From the beginning, it was difficult to find other girls to play with. "I remember I used to play all night with the high school boys," she said. "I held my own out there, so it didn't bother me." Even at age five.

All of that experience has seemed to pay off for Clark. The soon-to-be senior has received scholarship offers from several colleges out east, including three of which are the leading candidates to

land her talents. Princeton, Dartmouth and the University of New Hampshire have all expressed interest, keeping in constant contact with her.

"I'm leaning towards Dartmouth right now," Clark said. "I've gone to their hockey camp and I really like their coach, Judy Parish."

But that's a year and a half away, and Clark plans on continuing her involvement in soccer the next two seasons, as well as continue playing travel hockey with the Metro Flyers out of U of M Dearborn. And that makes at least one man very happy.

"I think hockey is first on her mind," Novi soccer coach Larry Christoff said. "But we're hoping she keeps soccer in her mind too. She's got high aspirations for hockey, and I hope she keeps it all up."

One of the reasons Clark has continued to play soccer is because many of her friends play. "Pretty much all of my friends play soccer, and I've been playing soccer since I was eight," she said.

She's a goalie, and earned third-team all-state honors as well as all-conference, district and regional accolades last year as a sophomore. Her play in goal helped Novi to a 16-9-1 record and a share of the Kensington Valley Conference championship. The Wildcats allowed just 14 goals the entire year.

This year Clark will be the centerpiece to a very young Novi squad, but her talents will be utilized in close games. She will move to a forward position if the situation calls for some offense.

"I really like playing goalie, but our coach has told me that he wants to move me into the field sometimes," she said.

The hill she and her teammates camp, and just one of seven from the state of Michigan. From there she was one of just five high school girls to be invited back to the Women's Festival in Lake Placid. This gave her more exposure to the college coaching corps on hand.

"It was an honor to play at the festival," she said. "Now my goal is to play in the year 2002."

Clark said to prepare for the tryouts in the year 2001, she must continue her weight-training program, continue playing with her travel team and keep herself involved in her other high school sports. "The training in these sports helps keep me in shape for hockey," she said.

For now, at least for the next two months, the challenge she will face leading a depleted Novi soccer team will keep her very much busy. She will be one of the few centerpieces the team will have to rely on for success.

Something she has spent the last 12 years becoming accustomed to, both on the ice and off.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

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Offense needed

With nine seniors gone...scoring will be hard to come by for the Wildcats this year

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Playing great defense is one thing, but finding a way to put the ball in the net is another.

And Novi soccer coach Larry Christoff will have to try and orchestrate some, and quickly if his team is to recover the lost offense of a year ago. The Wildcats graduated nine seniors, including two of its top three scorers from a team that won 18 games and scored 113 goals.

"We're working real hard trying to set up a good defensive line," Christoff said. "I don't anticipate scoring a lot of goals, especially against the good teams. We are going to have to take advantage of all our scoring opportunities."

potential replacements. Sophomore Melissa Clark, juniors Dana Dzwonkowski, Stephanie Lauder and Tracy Alban and senior Kristin Hoag will back up the halfback spots and Megan Parker can play forward.

"Even though we lost some people, we're gonna be competitive," the coach said. "If other teams neutralize our scoring, we'll have a tough time this year."

The Wildcats hope to make the same journey out west that the boys team did when district play comes around. Novi avoided playing some of the state's best competition early, and ended up with the state championship.

"Sometimes that should happen," he said. "Then teams like Salem and Canton or Stevenson and Charchell won't have to play each other so early. Sometimes they really stretch it out to make it equitable and fair, but they still get some weak teams in there."

Novi will be playing all of its home games at South Lyon Middle School due to the reconstruction of the field is currently undergoing at Novi High School.

South Lyon Middle School is located at the corner of Nine Mile Road and Pontiac Trail. The junior varsity games will begin closer to 5 p.m., with the varsity contests beginning around 6:15-6:30 p.m.

Wildcats split first two games

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The season may have started a week or two late by normal standards, but the Novi soccer team made up for lost time with four games in six days.

The Wildcats opened up the season with a 5-1 victory over Ann Arbor-Huron last Friday, before falling to Plymouth Canton the next morning 2-0.

The middle of the field will be Novi's strength, and seniors Jill Gibson and Kristin Shea will be pivotal for the team. Gibson will start at the center halfback position and Shea will play at sweeper.

Both will be the last line of defense before third-team all-state goalie Sarah Clark. The junior also made HomeTown's first team, and will play some in the field this year. Backup senior goal keeper Michelle Jewell has already played this season and will get her fair share of time in front of the net.

"I'm so glad she came out this year," Christoff said of Jewell. "It was a big surprise."

The starters are not necessarily set, and the team is loaded with

ton in the middle of the field, who fed Corless for the score.

Christoff credited fullbacks Angie Pantaleo and Nicole Angelecci along with Shea for their strong defense.

The second half started the same way the first half did, with Novi striking quick. Junior Ashley Cooley found senior Jill Gibson, who beat the Huron goalie for a 4-0 lead. Gibson added Novi's final goal, off a direct kick after she herself was tripped with 18 minutes remaining.

The River Rats scored in the last 10 minutes to spoil the shutout bid.

"It was a very aggressive game I was extremely proud of our girls," Christoff said. "Huron has a nice team, and I was happy with our game."

CANTON 2, NOVI 0

After arriving home Friday night around 10:30 p.m., the girls had to be back at work the next morning for an 11 a.m. meeting with a ranked Canton squad.

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Novi junior forward Kristi Arrington (above) is expecting constant double teaming from other schools after another impressive statistical season last year at Novi.

Filling in holes is key for runners

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's never had a problem producing some of the best talent in the Kensington Valley Conference, or even at the state level for that matter. It's got the records to prove it.

But what the Wildcats boys' track team has lacked over the last few years is depth, and Milford and Brighton have shown what depth can do to a program. The Redskins won their second straight KVC title and Brighton finished runnerup last year.

"Depth is the key for us," coach Bob Smith said. "It's not all about having the number one runner, we've got our share. It's about taking first and second, trying to outscore the other teams. We need our guys to go out there and place."

The team will reap the benefits of Smith's cross country program, which has produced state champions on caliber runners over the last couple of years. Thus the middle distance and distance individuals and relays are Novi's strong points.

Senior Kevin Aventus returns as one of the top two milers in the state, finishing runnerup at the state finals last season to Rockford's Jason Hartmann. He will compete in the 800, 1,600, 3,200 and on the 3,200 relay team. His versatility has Smith thinking with an open mind.

"He can do just about everything but the 100 yard dash, and I bet he'd do that pretty good," Smith joked.

The team is filled with leaders, including its four captains. The two senior captains, Dan Christopherson and Matt Smith, bring state championship qualities to the team. Smith won a state soccer championship and Christopherson was eighth in the state at the cross country championships, of which Novi also won.

Both will compete in the 800, and Smith will also run the 400 and two-mile runs.

The team also has two junior captains, Justin Sterett and Sean McGuckin will both compete in the sprint events, and Sterett will broaden his horizons by competing in the long jump and hurdle events. McGuckin, a transformed thrower, may also compete in the high jump.

Also reaping the benefits of a championship is senior Mike Burns. He filled in for Aventus on the state qualifying 3,200 relay team, so he has experience at the state level. He will focus on middle distance events this season.

Seniors Chris Jettie' and John Jones, along with junior Scott Jettie all compete in the pole vault, and the Jettie brothers have cleared 11-feet-6 early this year.

Senior Brent Pawlak is competing in track for the first time, but will add depth to the sprinting events for Novi. He is a "speedster" according to his coach and will run the 100, 200 and eventually the 400.

Junior Evan Foster returns as the team's best 400 open runner and will start out the year as a sprinter. Junior Kevin Southworth will compete in the 400 and high jump.

With the Kensington Valley Conference being loaded with throwers, Junior Harvey Steele will be critical to the "Cats. He's been attending camps the past few years and will need to place consistently against some of the state's top throwers.

Smith has a deep and talented sophomore crew. Mark Aventus is a two-miler, who can also move down if needed. Ken Delgreco and Ryan Fedronich will run the 400 and 800 for Smith, and Greg Aytes will sprint, hurdle and do the high jump this season.

The team's top sprinter of a year ago, Yasuaki Goto is back, and the coach said he now knows the system better. He was the Oakland County freshman champ in both the 100 and 200 last year.

Tristan LaChance will be a hurdler and Dan Stevens is a solid quarter and half miler for the "Cats."

Chris Toloff and Eric Walle, two more members of the cross country team, will compete in the distance events. Toloff had a strong winter, and wants to run the two mile. Walle will run both the one and two-mile runs.

There are a couple of talented freshmen who may crack the lineup and score for Novi this season. The first of which is Tim Moore.

"He was seen all over the city of Novi this winter, no matter how much snow we had," Smith said.

Moore will run the two mile, but wants to drop down to the mile.

Eric Schleuter has shown some bursts of speed in the sprints, and Scott Korostian will compete in the hurdle events and in the high jump.

"We have some holes, but we have a nice mixture," Smith said. "We'll have to continually work on some of our skilled events."

The league looks balanced this year, Smith said. "It's anybody's season really," he said. "I might say Milford or Brighton, and they may say Novi and Lakeland. That all makes it a lot of fun."

The team opened up its season at Northville Tuesday (after The Novi News deadline).



Novi's distance events are probably the strongest part of the team.

Experience not a problem for tennis team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

As last season ended, Novi tennis coach Jim Hanson said he wasn't going to be able to replace departing senior Rich Kowalczyk, who had spent the previous two years as the Wildcats top player.

"You can't replace a guy like Rich," he said.

But the tennis gods were looking down on Hanson and his team, and granted him an exchange student in return, solidifying an already veteran team and giving Hanson high expectations for the 1999 season.

Novi returns nine letter winners and 13 of the 14 kids on the varsity squad are seniors. The goals have changed a bit.

"Usually you don't like to have that many seniors," Hanson said. "But these kids have been in the program for four years, and have stuck it out. They've earned it."

"Our goals are to win the Kensington Valley Conference and advance to the state tournament."

The former is something the team has done four straight years now. The latter will have to come in Division I this season.

Leading the charge will be senior Glenn Gabriel, a four-year varsity member and No. 2 singles player last year. He battled Kowalczyk last year, and will receive another challenge this season by Spanish exchange student David Casarvalho.

"It's so close, it's just too close to call right now," Hanson said. They have split the three or four matches they've played this year. We've always seemed to have two strong players in our lineup."

Those two aside, Hanson has his three and four singles spots filled. Senior Brandon Bear will play third singles, while the lone junior on the team, Ryan Rose, will play four.

Bear played at three last season, and Rose was the junior varsity's No. 1 singles player.

The doubles lineup looks as strong as ever. Returning No. 1 doubles champion Amit Nagar will join Tim Torostian at the top spot. Torostian played some singles and doubles last year, and can do the same if needed this season.

Tim Perry and Tom Messink were

KVC champs last year at second doubles and will remain at that level to begin this season.

Geoff Wang and Sean Henderson were both league champs at different flights last season, and there are four players vying for the final doubles flight.

Albert Kim, Yuta Ito, Jack Fischer and Mike Li are the candidates for the last spot. Kim lettered last year, Ito and Li are up from the JV and Fischer didn't come out for the team last season.

"I don't know who will play where, but I know if I need help there are four kids on JV right now who are very close to these guys, and could play if needed," the coach said. "The secret is our depth. We field a strong lineup in both doubles or singles. We're looking forward to having an outstanding year, and only time will tell."

Novi is the favorite to win its fifth-straight KVC title, with Brighton again being the biggest challenge. Hanson said Milford may field a strong team this year, too.

"Obviously we're the favorite to win the league again. We've done it for four straight years. But they're gonna be shooting for us," he admitted. "That comes with the territory."

"You can't assume anything. Everybody assumed Duke was going to win the championship. That's why they play the matches."

Hanson added that everybody on the team has improved their games, and that the flexibility of his players will be a big strength.

The new Sports Club has really aided the program by allowing the kids a chance to play closer to home," he said. "And many of the kids have played all winter."

Playing in Division I for the first year, Novi will be in a regional that includes Birmingham Brother Rice, West Bloomfield, Troy and Clarkston among others. The task of placing in the top two or attaining 16 points will be difficult this season.

The team opens up its season with a dual meet against Northville at Northville High School April 13. The team then plays league for Brighton the next day.

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Young golf team must grow up fast

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If the Novi golf team wanted to get any younger, it would have to invade the middle school for new players or two.

Coach Deb Harris has a solid first group of returnees, but is rich in youthful talent this year. The Wildcat roster is made up of two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores and six freshmen.

"We're gonna be very young this year, but a couple of these young girls have played in leagues before, and there's a lot of talent in this group," Harris said. "This is probably the best group I've had come in here since the team started seven years ago."

Leading the way for Novi will be junior Tara Stevens. Last year she was a first-team all-Kensington Valley Conference selection, leading her team to a runner-up finish behind Brighton. This year her responsibilities have grown some with her being one of the three captains.

"She's hitting the ball really well right now," the coach said. "She will be my number one player."

Senior Kelle Noble is another of the captains, along with junior Rebecca Chan. They and the other senior on the team, Rebecca Ritter, share the bulk of experience Novi has returning this season.

"Basically what I'm looking for from my veterans is for them to set a good example and show leadership to the younger players," Harris said. "We're gonna need them to bring our young players along and show them the desire to work on their games. If they can go out there and do that, we'll be looking good."

A pair of sophomores, Jodi Waara and Jessica Zhou saw limited action last year, and will be needed to step it up and score for the team this season.

The freshmen on the roster are Lindsey Broadwell, Sarah Ehlers, Sara Kucharczyk, Carolyn Vermilion, Sarah Wilson and Kim Coleman.

"We had a lot of freshmen come out this year who haven't played much, but have looked good so far," Harris said. "For this time of the year, my entire team's swings have looked good."

Once again, Brighton will be the team to shoot for in the KVC, with South Lyon returning a solid group and Howell being in the hunt. Harris also believes Hartland could sneak in there.

"Just like any other year, the competition is getting better and better," she said. "Golf has really come a long way."

Novi opens up its season April 13 on the road against Walled Lake Central.

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Lacrossers look solid

Repeat performance of 1998 squad would be sweet

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

As if losing 11 players off a team that reached the state semifinals a year ago wasn't enough of a problem for coach Stan Zajdel, six of those players came from a potent midfield unit including one all-America player.

That's going to be the telling tale for the Novi lacrosse team this season, Zajdel said the play of his relatively young midfield unit will determine the amount of success the team has.

"Almost our entire defense is back, and we have two senior goaltenders. Our defenders and attackmen squads are the best we've ever had," the coach said. "But the key will be the way our midfielders play. We need them to help us in our transition from defense to offense."

Zajdel said unlike last year, when the departed Josh Tankersley and Matt Bailey led a strong corps of midfielders, this year's team will get most of its scoring from its attackmen. Senior co-captain Kyle Harbin is the team's No. 1 returning attackman, and will be a key contributor on offense. "Kyle's a good feeder, dodger and shooter, and so is Matt Cook," Zajdel said.

Cook, also a senior, will also start in the offensive end along with junior Garrick Palmarchuck. Coming off the bench will be junior Nick Buck and sophomore Brad Zarem. Both will share time as the No. 4 attackmen.

Leading a strong corps of defensemen will be four seniors. Joel Duneske (honorable-mention all-state pick a year ago) and Adam Hersberger are returning starters and will anchor the defense. Duneske will cover the opponents top offensive threat.

Joining those two will be either Mike O'Doherty or Dale Parker, both seniors. One will start, but both

will be used in the crease for the Wildcats. Sophomore Courtney Byron will see quite a bit of time off the bench on defense.

Starting in goal, after he returns from an injury after spring break, will be senior co-captain Brian Ward. He was the starter last season, and is nursing a shoulder injury. In his place is senior Gary Hein and sophomore Mike Prush. Both are vying for the backup role once Ward returns.

The transition game will be handled by 11 different middies. Junior Pat Muston is the leading returning scorer on the team, and will be counted on heavily to replace the lost offense of a year ago. Starting alongside Muston will be seniors Travis Posey and Ken Winters. One of the first off the bench will be junior Aaron Harbin, followed by seniors Jesse Posey and Chris Rumpf.

Freshmen Aaron Marion and Drew Doll will see time and Andy Christopherson, Chris Deneen and Jason Ferras could be teamed up for the third line.

"We're looking for Aaron (Harbin) to step it up and take control as a junior," Zajdel said. "We would also like to see our freshmen adapt to the high school game. And we need our juniors and seniors to push everybody else on the team."

Zajdel kept 28 kids on the varsity team, and said he sees no reason his team can't just reload after losing so many seniors. "Our goals each year are to improve on the last season out," he said. "It's all just a matter of these guys working hard and going out there and playing hard. There's no reason why we can't get back to the final four again. The other top teams lost guys too."

Novi started the season up Tuesday against Grosse Pointe South (after The Novi News' deadline and play Troy today. The team is then off until after spring break.

Novi's midfielders must come through in transition for its offense to get going in 1999.

Late start makes for tough decisions

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Starting spring practices two weeks late this year has nearly every coach in a bind. Not enough practice time, not enough tryout time, it's become a real pain for the coaches, and none are more upset by the Michigan High School Athletic Association's decision than Novi softball coach Carol Diglio.

Heading into yesterday's game against Walled Lake Central at Walled Lake Western High School (after The Novi News' deadline), the team had practiced just eight times. Diglio was uncertain what lineup she was going to throw in there until game day.

"I feel fortunate that I'm a coach with experienced players back," she said. "The only had them seven days to this point, and right now I feel good about them. The skills are there, and we have a bunch of kids who will be great leaders for us back."

"I couldn't imagine being a coach with a young, inexperienced team to work with."

Diglio's two most experienced and veteraned players back to lead the team in 1999 are juniors Katie Cameron and Joelle Frantz. Both are good hitters, but Frantz is best known for her pitching. As a sophomore she collect-

ed more than 200 strikeouts and continued to work on her game in numerous summer tournaments and winter workouts with starting catcher and senior captain Adrienne Farrell.

"I can't say enough good things about Joelle, she worked hard all winter long and she's versatile, so she can play anywhere for me," Diglio said.

Farrell will pitch most of the time, but when she's not on the mound, Cameron will be. The all-purpose player is the most versatile player on the team, and will see time throughout the infield and in the outfield. She could start in left field, or first base, depending on the needs of the team.

Farrell will handle most of the catching responsibilities, as she did last year. She played every single inning behind the plate for the Cats last year.

"She's a fourth-year player, and she's a hard worker, good leader who's very reliable," the coach said.

Backing up Farrell, if need be, is junior Sarah Bajorek or freshman Victoria Kaiser. Bajorek will see most of her time, however, at third base where she was a starter last season. Backing her up will be juniors Vanessa Byrwa and Angie Herbst.

Cameron aside, freshman Megan Colligan, Bajorek or

Junior Emily Major will see time at first base, and junior Erin Gibbons, Byrwa and Major will share time at second.

Byrwa may also see time at shortstop, however junior Emily Dominick returns to claim her spot at the position.

In the outfield, senior Judy Namn has claimed the centerfield position. She will be joined by a variety of combinations on either side of her. In right field, freshman Kim Kaiser will get the nod while the merry-go-round in left field will continue to change.

Gibbons, Byrwa, Herbst and senior Nicole Senko along with Cameron will see time in left. "That's just where we are right now," Diglio said. "Their skills and talents will carry them through games."

Challenge is exactly what this team got this past Sunday in a team trip to Camp Tamarack. The outdoor adventure place offered the girls non-softball related challenges that required teamwork to solve. It was the second year in a row Diglio has taken her team there.

Diglio expects the entire league to be tough, and no one clear favorite to win the Kensington Valley Conference title. "The last two years the KVC has balanced out a bit," she said. "We have to treat every team in the KVC as a big challenge for us. You never know what to expect in this league."

Novi splits

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The results were not appealing to Christoff, but the hard play of his team was.

"For one half, we took the ball to them," he said. "For the first 30 minutes, it was our game. But the last 10 of the first half and the first 10 of the second they took over."

Canton broke a 0-0 tie just 10 minutes into the second half, and shortly thereafter Cooley was kicked in the face trying to head the ball. She would not return.

"That changed the flow of the game," Christoff said. "We were forced to make

too many moves after that. It's hard to replace her, because we were then forced to make three other changes."

Just 10 minutes later Canton would solidify its lead with a goal to make it 2-0.

"This game was a real good barometer for us," the coach said. "Canton will most likely be up there at the top, and this was great soccer for the fans. We just missed too many opportunities."

The team played Salem Monday (after The Novi News' deadline) and yesterday against Walled Lake Central. The teams' nonstop until after the break.

It's bye bye baby as painful Gallstone develops in Novi area

By NELLIE BLY
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ordered all Novi parents of youngsters under age 12 to give their first-born children to the Gallstone Development Group, in lieu of paying off a \$40 million legal settlement imposed against the city.

Frantic Novi parents are taking action to move out of town, rather than hand over their babies.

"My telephone's been off the hook. I have more business than I can handle. Everyone wants to put their home on the market and get out quick," said Realtor Fil Superfisky.

According to the recent Court of Appeals ruling, first-born children are to be taken to the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m., where buses will transport them from the round-up site to a destination chosen by the developers.

"With all the little kids leaving Novi, they're putting the Novi Youth Theatres, the Parks and Rec soccer program and our new ice arena out-of-business," said an irate Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

The Novi school district has asked students to turn over their allowances and lunch money, in the hope that \$40 million can be collected to pay off Gallstone as an alternative to handing over the bambinos.

"The teacher's union is frantic. If we lose that many kids, our schools are history," Superintendent Emmett Lippe said.

"It'll be a baby production quota for everyone in Novi, to fill those elementary seats again."

Novi Water Superintendent Bruce Jerome denied rumors floated by the school district that the city planned to put fertility drugs in the water supply to help increase the soon-to-be diminished kiddie population.

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Novi parents are puzzled and angry about the court order. Mom Wyneth Mizel (wrote that she's "outta here.")

"I love my home. I love virtually living in Designer Shoe Warehouse. But I'm not giving up my eldest bundle of joy," she whimpered, wiping her nose on her sleeve.

A spokesman for Gallstone Development Company said the firm would prefer a cold cash settlement, but would make the most of taking custody of thousands of Novi rug rats.

"We'll try to sell them on the adoption black market. Instead of Russian babies, they'll be clamoring for Novi babies," he said.

"As an alternative, we'd really prefer to assume ownership of all the city park land, with the understanding that we'd get site plan approval and many, many density credits for our housing developments."

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What's the deal? City council just playing games

By Hadda Topper
Feature Editor

Behind closed doors of the Novi City Council meeting recently, it became apparent that spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs were what was being placed on the table for consideration.

"We are always ready to place new deals on the table."

Some council members were flushed, others folded, when news of the high-stakes game was uncovered.

Board members have been giving residents the impression that when they meet for an executive session they must be talking about some pretty confidential matters.

But, according to an anonymous source, who wanted his name withheld because he had recently completed an extensive remodeling of his home for which he had not pulled the required permits to avoid an increase in his property taxes, that is just not the case.

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The city council has not exactly been playing straight with residents about their closed-door meetings. In fact, an undercover investigation revealed even a royal flush was placed on the table after a recent regular meeting had been adjourned.

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Sending 'em packing

Thousands to be displaced in aggressive rezoning campaign

By JERRY MCBRAIN
Staff Writer

In an unprecedented move last week, the Novi City Council voted to abolish all residential zoning in Novi and turn all subdivisions into strip malls.

"We no longer see a need for housing in Novi," said Rob Arrow, Novi City Planning Consultant. "The city needs more tax base and less tax users, so we feel housing in Novi should be eliminated and turned into strip malls."

Novi Mayor Katie McLaughlin agreed saying she is tired of seeing these new housing developments taking land that is prime for strip malls.

"Strip malls bring in needed tax money to the community. Plus, you can never have enough hardware/ice cream/salon/pizza stores," she said.

City Council Member Andretta Mucho added, "You are so right. I am tired of driving two blocks to get a gallon of milk. Of course, with this zoning that would mean I would have to move to another city."

The only dissident voting against the measure was City Council Member Bobby DeRoche. This is wrong, wrong, wrong. We should get rid of it all and start over with a great big field," he said.

DeRoche proposed leveling all buildings within the city limits

and starting the city from scratch.

"Each family will get an acre and a mule," he said.

The vote passed 7 to 1. Residents will have exactly two weeks to vacate their homes and submit their land to the developers.

Novi strip mall developer Jim Shellhead, a major force behind the legislation, said he has all of his bulldozers gassed up and ready "to do some thrashing."

Shellhead said he does not care if the residents have moved completely out of their homes or not, he still plans on tearing them down in exactly two weeks.

"They can strap themselves with a chain to their homes. I don't care. If they want to become part of the rubble then so be it," he said.

Can you dig it? Council flashes back to the '60s

By ALAN GINSBURG
Staff Writer

Far out, hippy-tripping, love-rocking, groove dream of rainbow groove dreams. Inspired by the success of Novi's 30th anniversary celebration last month, the Novi City Council on a righteous good trip unanimously agreed to give up salary increases to municipal staffers who get on the 1960s magical mystery bus.

Male employees who let their hair grow loose and free throughout the year will receive five percent more cash for each inch of natural locks they proudly display at the Novi Civic Center. Female employees will pick up a five percent annual salary increase for each inch they let their hemlines rise above their knees.

"I can dig it, he can dig it, she can dig it. Can the entire council dig it?" Mayor Kathleen McLallen said, twirling her gavel.

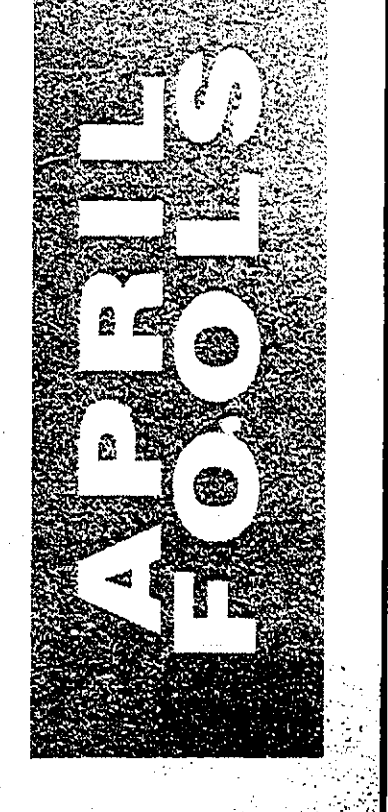
City Manager Ed Kriewall already has a fringe of hair curling about his ears.

"I'm hip, chicks love it," he chorled.

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Wedding



Leann and Brian Wells

Leann McKeel and Brian Wells were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 in St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Plymouth, Mass. Kevin was officiated by the Rev. James Keen who officiated the double ring ceremony. Readings were done by the bride's brothers, Jim and Tim McKeel, and music was provided by the groom's cousin, Joyce Ward. Following the ceremony, a reception for 223 guests was held at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club of Westland. The bride is the daughter of James and Cecelia McKeel of Wyandotte. She is a graduate of Madonna University and Eastern Michigan University, and is currently a second grade teacher for Northville Public Schools. Attending as matron of honor was friend, Rosalee Ostaszewski of Shelby Township. Bridesmaids were sister of the groom, Erin Cadaret of Bremeron, Wash., and friend of the bride, Suzanne March of Gibraltar. Serving as junior bridesmaid was the bride's niece, Melissa McKeel of Trenton and as flower girl, the groom's niece, Elisabeth Cadaret of Bremeron, Wash.

Engagement



Christopher Marroni/Eliza Brown

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Tony and Kerry Marroni of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Christopher Anthony, to Eliza Ruth Brown, daughter of Peter and Jill Brown of Ann Arbor. The bride-elect will graduate in April from Eastern Michigan University. The couple is planning a June wedding.

City council: back to the 60s

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Novi's incorporation as a city is a brave, bold and totally far-out gesture, said Council Member Kathy Mutch, raising her arm in a power salute.

The idea was a brainstorm of Council Member Ed Kramer, who is on the city's anniversary committee with Mutch. "The idea came to me while I was playing the video of 'Woodstock' on my VCR in reverse."

Female municipal employees have been raising to local tailors to have their skirt shortened.

although city hall insiders say several are just rolling the waistbands. With a five percent salary increase for each inch their hems climb upwards, younger women have been going for as much as 30 percent pay hikes.

This has had a freak-out impact at the Novi Civic Center.

"With all these women walking around in micro-mini skirts, my senior men are getting a bit too frisky. They think they're gigolos," said Parks and Recreation Special Coordinator Kathy Crawford.

"Instead of playing bingo, they're hanging out in the atrium, girl-watching."

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

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Happy Easter

Girl Scout troops from Thornton Creek and Amerman elementary schools donated and assembled items for Easter Baskets which included Beanie Babies, hair products, albums, gift certificates, baby items, candy, kites and school supplies which they donated to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center for Children.

Troop members included (standing, left to right) Rebecca Kowal, Britany Young, Emma Kowal, Amanda Weber and Katie Kowal and (seated, left to right) Jessica Weber, Elizabeth Allen, Carla Wetter and Marissa Allen. The troops are part of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

Antique show comes to Novi

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

If you're looking for a way to update your home decor unique, try antiques. And a great place to look for that conversation piece will be the Great Northern Shows annual springtime event at the Novi Expo Center from April 9 through April 11.

Antiques can be a good buy, show organizer Victor Dmitruk said, because good vintage furniture and other collectibles have investment value. When you're stuck in it, sell it and hopefully make money.

"There's wonderful antique furniture. It's been finely refinished and looks like new. If you go to Art Van, as soon as you put it into your dining room, the value plummets," he explained.

Browsers and buyers at the Expo Center show will find dealers from across the country selling, along with furniture, estate jewelry, fine art, pottery and glass, dolls, toys and silver, as well as Asian art and artifacts.

Dmitruk, a psychologist when he isn't running antique shows, is partial to art pottery and old lamps. But what he enjoys more than the treasures is the pursuit.

"I think I like antiquing. I like to go pillaging and plundering and looking for things. Collecting is secondary," he said.

Something for every taste and budget will be on offer at the show.

Hours are Friday, April 9 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult admission for the weekend is \$6, while would-be collectors age 16 and under get in for free. Call 348-5600 for recorded show information.



Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

There will be no Single Place meeting on April 1. On April 8, the topic will be "How to Become a Single Master." Paul Sasser will talk about how to take control of the most important first five minutes and make a great impression. There will also be an Open Forum led by Dianne Griswold at 8 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4. Upcoming activities include Dinner and Bethany Dance, April 3; Dinner/Dancing at Memories, April 10; Tennis at Square Lake Racquet Club, April 11; Interactive Dinner Theater, April 11. On Sunday, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 5:30 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville, and for Tennis at Square Lake Racquet at 6 p.m.

Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911 for additional information.

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"Where Do We Go From Here" seminar will be held on April 16 and 17 in rooms C307/C309. Dick Bort will speak about people who have passed through the initial stages of recovery and are looking for new direction in their lives. Topics include: Gender Differences, Personality Types, and Healthy Relationships. Lunch will be included for pre-registrants. For more information, call (734) 374-5920.

'Come to the Table'

New Horizons Community Church will present "Come to the Table" on Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. The show is free and open to the public. Dessert follows the performance. Cast members include 14 members of the church.

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 Kind, easygoing SWF 50, 5'3", who enjoys gardening, dancing and long walks, is seeking a SWM, 48-60. Ad# 1747

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 Friendly SWCF, 47, 5'4", N/S, who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards, cooking, holding hands and church activities, seeks a kind, loving SWCM, 45-60. Ad# 3755

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
 Dining out, outdoor sports and dancing are interests of this delightful, Catholic SWF, 23, 5'6", 105lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. She's looking for that special someone, an outgoing, Catholic SWM, 21-27. Ad# 3178

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 What a lady! She's a SWF, 36, who's interested in meeting a SWM, under 44, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys life, going to the movies, good conversation and meeting new people. Ad# 1212

FINE CHOICE
 DWCF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, traveling and dining out, seeks a sincere, kind DWCM, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad# 6127

TRULY BLESSED
 Educated DWCF, 49, 5'11", 102lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, dining out, movies and traveling, is ISO a humorous SWCM, 48-57, without children, who enjoys life. Ad# 4826

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
 Never-married SWCF, 40, 5'5", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, hiking, movies and quiet evenings at home, is looking for an understanding, compatible SWCM, 38-48. Ad# 2124

SINCERELY
 Call this petite DWCM mom, 46, 5'3", who's seeking a kind, sincere SWCM, 40-50, for friendship and great times. Her interests include dancing and living life to the fullest. Ad# 2468

HEAR ME OUT ROMEO
 Never-married SWCF, 26, 5'3", who enjoys the outdoors, working out and living life to the fullest, seeks a compatible SWCM, 25-35. Ad# 3811

JUST YOU AND I
 Sincere, honest SWF, 50, 5'5", who would love to get in touch with a kind, trustworthy SWM, over 48, N/S, for friendship first. Ad# 1979

ON YOUR MARK
 Busy SWM mom, 35, 5'8", is looking for adult companionship and sharing of mutual interests and activities. She seeks a friendly, outgoing SWM, 30-40, whose interests include movies, music, sports and dining out. Ad# 1103

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INTERESTED?
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WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
 Pretty, feminine DW mother of one, 33, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, likes dancing, camping, fishing, gardening, antiques, travel and cooking out. She would like to meet a nice, tall, employed SWM, 27-42, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7734

ALLURING PERSONALITY
 Camping, traveling and skiing are just a few activities that this slim and attractive DWCF, 41, 5'7", enjoys doing in her spare time. She's seeking a compatible SWCM, 35-45, for friendship and possibly more. Ad# 9995

TIERED OF BEING ALONE
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WHY NOT CALL HIM?
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FIND OUT TODAY
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WORTH A TRY
 Share a romantic evening with an handsome SWPM, 43, 6'1", 155lbs., with blue-green eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, outdoor activities and quiet times. He seeks a slender, fun-loving, dedicated SWCF, 19-44, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4334

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

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

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

KINDRED SPIRIT?
 Friendly SWCM, 48, 5'10", who enjoys the outdoors, movies, the theater and dining out, would like to meet a pet-loving SWCF, 38-48, who likes to have fun. Ad# 7177

NEW TO THE AREA
 Outgoing and friendly, this SWM, 36, 6', enjoys skiing, boating, hunting, golf and Bible study. He seeks a special SWF, over 21, with similar interests. Ad# 4321

ROMANTIC SOUL
 Reserved SWCM, 38, who enjoys walking and traveling, is seeking a professional, family-oriented SWF, 24-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1569

THE PERFECT DATE
 Romance will be yours for the taking if you call this DWCM, 53, 6", who's into line dancing, dancing and bowling. He can't wait to meet a SWF, over 56, to shower with love. Ad# 5555

MY SPECIAL ONE?
 Never-married, Catholic SWF, 42, 6', is seeking a special, intelligent, spontaneous SWF, 19-45, who enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2538

HOPEFULLY IT'S YOU
 Give a chance to this loving, employed SWC dad of one, 28, 6'2". He's looking to spend time with a kind, caring and trustworthy SWCF, 23-30. Ad# 7878

HELLO LOVE
 Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 38, 6'1", who enjoys reading, outdoor sports, Bible studies, quiet conversation and bowling, is seeking a romantic, slender SWCF, 19-41, with similar interests. Ad# 1707

NO DISAPPOINTMENT
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WAITING FOR YOU
 Catholic SWM, 22, 6', who enjoys playing pool, spending time with friends and more, seeks a very honest SWF, under 30, without children at home. Ad# 4450

BE DARING
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YOU AND ME
 Meet this special SWM, 39, who enjoys skiing, mountain biking, muscle cars, music and dancing. An energetic, attractive SWF, 28-42, will win his heart. Ad# 4187

COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE
 Committed to both family and strong work ethics, this outgoing DWPM, 42, 5'11", 165lbs., with strawberry-blond hair, enjoys outdoor activities, golf and remodeling his home. He seeks a confident SWF, 23-40, N/S, with strong values. Ad# 8183

HELLO LOVE
 Friendly, outgoing SWM, 45, 6'1", who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, the theater, music, long walks and boating, wants to meet a kind, caring SWF. Ad# 7079

WISHING UPON A STAR
 Why not get to know this friendly DW dad, 31, 6', today? In his spare time he enjoys the outdoors, riding horses and keeping active with that special someone, a compatible SWF, 26-33, with similar interests. Is it you? Ad# 8411

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
 Catholic SWPM, 36, 6'1", who enjoys spending time with friends, music, movies and outdoor activities, is interested in meeting a romantic, slender SWF, 26-40, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4617

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

KEEP IT REAL
 Good-natured, outgoing DWM, 43, 6', who enjoys movies, golf and more, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, 30-46, to share special times with. Ad# 4443

GENUINE GEM
 This brown eyed beauty, 46, enjoys traveling, traveling, movies and animals, seeks SWCM, over 40, who loves life. Ad# 3865

TAKE IT SLOW
 Leave a message for this DWCM mom, 29, 5'8", who likes going to movies, sports and being outdoors. She is looking for friendship with a nice SWM, over 25, who likes kids. Ad# 9760

GIVE ME A CALL
 Kind-hearted, active SWCF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad# 3333

COUNTRY LIVING
 Attractive, friendly Catholic DW mom, 45, 5'8", who enjoys drawing and painting, art shows and fairs, movies and dining out, seeks a SWM, 35-54. Ad# 2213

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INTERESTED?
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RADIANT PERSONALITY
 Outgoing, friendly WWCF, 74, 5'6", who enjoys dancing, movies, dining out and more, is looking for a SWM, over 70, with similar interests. Ad# 1234

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, shopping and being with friends. She patiently waits for a call from a SWCM, 24-30, for fun times. Ad# 7588

FOR YOUR LOVE
 Contact this SWF, 45, 5'3", who enjoys sailing and water sports. She would like to share interests with a WWYM, 40-62. Ad# 5936

RECENTLY MOVED...
 To White Lake, She's a college-educated, Catholic DWF, 49, 5', 100lbs., a N/S, who loves the sun and water, sports cars, dancing, reading, the outdoors and romantic dinners. If you're an interested SWM, 46-58, leave a message. Ad# 1225

AFFECTIONATE
 Active, professional DWCM mom, 39, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining out, skiing and ice skating, is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4098

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
 Never-married Catholic SWF, 26, 5'1", who enjoys dancing, movies, music and dining out, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-31, N/S. Ad# 4444

GENUINE INTENTIONS
 Attractive, outgoing Catholic SWF, 28, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, exercise, the outdoors, quiet conversation and more. She seeks a humorous, confident, Catholic SWM, 28-34. Ad# 2570

NOT A COUCH POTATO
 If you're interested in a one on one relationship, call this shy, employed DWCF, 47, 5'7", who likes working around the house. She doesn't smoke or drink and wants to meet a SWM, who doesn't either. Ad# 6383

COMPANIONSHIP
 Share your life with this attractive DWCF, 58, 5'1", who loves traveling, walking and going to movies. She's looking for a special SWM, 40-62, who is a N/S, non-drinker, who loves, caring and understanding. Ad# 7130

JUST BE YOURSELF
 Soft-spoken SWF, 35, 5'6", who enjoys hiking, boating and movies, would like to share interests with an outgoing, self-confident SWM, over 35. Ad# 5560

A BRIGET LITTLE STAR
 Be sure to contact this shy, sweet, affectionate DWCF, 40, who would like to meet a good-hearted SWM, over 40, to share companionship. She likes golf, gardening, classic movies, outdoor activities and traveling. Place that call, you'll be so glad you did. Ad# 1269

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Mating mayhem
 Teen schemes to find boyfriend for ill-tempered sister



Meet the Stratford sisters: pretty and popular Bianca (Larisa Oleynik), who has never had a date; and Kat (Julia Stiles), her older sibling, an ill-tempered harridan whose acerbic wit is matched only by her steadfast determination to alienate any guy who might be remotely interested in her. Unfortunately, strict rules in the Stratford household forbid Bianca from having a boyfriend until her odious sister has one of her own — a situation that seems highly improbable considering Kat is a social disaster. Bianca's desperation for romance turns into a convoluted scheme to match Kat with her male equivalent — a guy whose reputation is so infamous, Kat might rise to the challenge and find him worthy of her concealed charms. Mating mayhem ensues when Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger) — a sullen young man with a mysterious past — is

bribed by Bianca's wannabe boyfriend (Andrew Keegan) to woo and win Kat. In order to clear the way for Bianca to begin dating, in Touchstone Pictures' outrageous comedy, "10 Things I Hate About You." The film is directed by Gil Junger from a script written by Karen McCullough Lutz and Kirsten Smith, produced by Andrew Lazar. Executive producers are Jeffrey Chernov and Seth Jaret; co-producer, Jody Hedien. Lazar said one of things that attracted him to the script is that it is very interesting, with modern characters and in a fresh setting — it's a different type of teen movie, he said. "This film is a very sophisticated, sharp character comedy," Lazar said. Lazar said quite a few directors were interested in the script but Junger came in with the most enthusiasm and the most passion.

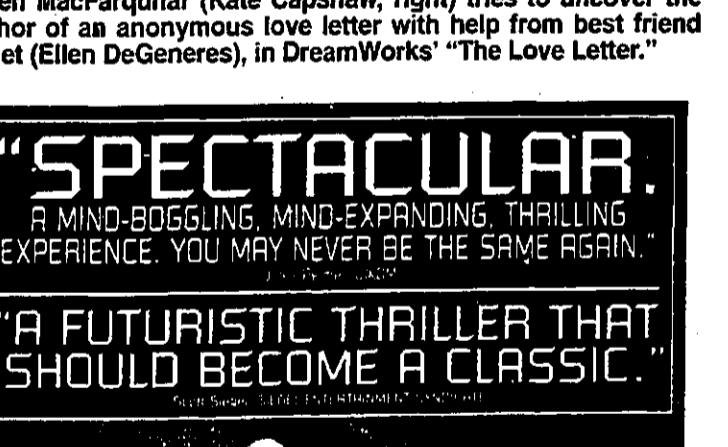
"I articulated very specifically what he thought about the characters, the humor, the emotion and the drama. It was clear to us that he was head and shoulders above anybody else," Lazar said. "I wanted it to be based on emotions that teenagers can relate to. Most teenagers get caught up in peer pressure and feel they should act a certain way to be unique, and that it's okay to be who you are." The movie, which opened nationwide Wednesday, March 31, is rated PG-13. It runs one hour and 34 minutes.



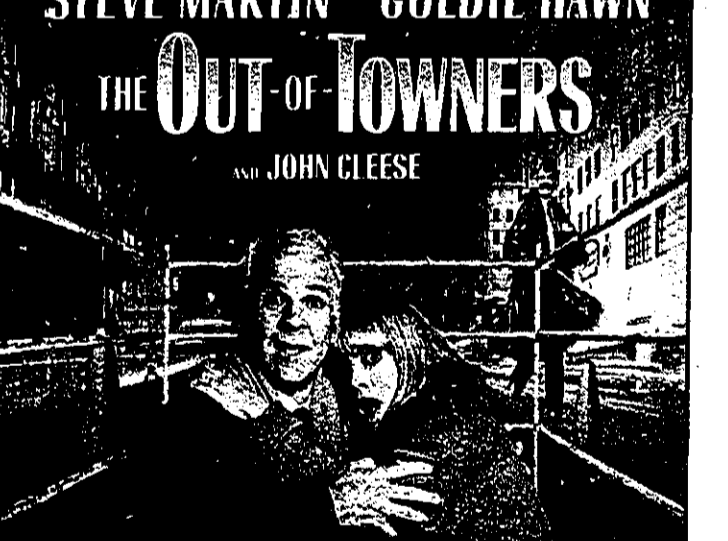
Helen MacFarquhar (Kate Capshaw, right) tries to uncover the author of an anonymous love letter with help from best friend Janet (Ellen DeGeneres), in DreamWorks' "The Love Letter."

Love note unlocks secrets in small town

In the sleepy New England town of Lobolly By The Sea, a letter has arrived that is going to wake things up. It is a love letter — ardent, sensual...and unsigned. Everybody who reads it wonders who it's for and speculates who it's from. As the letter falls into different hands, the residents in the small town start to eye one another with renewed interest. Unexpectedly, one mysterious love note has the power to unlock some startling secrets, changing the lives of everyone it touches. Watch for "The Love Letter," from DreamWorks Pictures this month starring Kate Capshaw, Blythe Danner, Ellen DeGeneres, Geraldine McEwan, Julianne Nicholson, Tom Everett Scott, Tom Selleck and Gloria Stuart.



Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn in Paramount Pictures' "The Out-of-Towners."



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Spring musical

A musical version of the "Velveteen Rabbit" being performed live at the historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, through April 25 includes (back row, left to right) Gina Willis, Irene Hublick and Kate Weiss; and (front row, left to right) Lauren Branstetter, Joshua Favaro, and Deanna Willis. This classic tale of the Velveteen Rabbit is a touching story of how toys become

real. Performances of this classic tale will be held on April 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 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.

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AUDITIONS

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1999 concert season. Rehearsals will be held on April 13, 20 and 27 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Band Room. There are no auditions.
Call (248) 932-9244.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSE LECTURE: The Roses-West Rose Society will host Harlan Schumacher, American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian, at their meeting on Thursday, April 1, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Schumacher will discuss "World of Miniatures." The Grand Rapids residents were the only national winners from Michigan at the 1998 National Rose Show in Charlotte and won the "Naughty But Nice" (Bennett), and 14 blue ribbons.

There will also be a silent auction and social hour.
Call (9248) 347-0400.

NOVI CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band will perform at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25.

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

SPRING ANTIQUES SHOW: Great Northern Shows will present the Annual Spring Antiques Show and Sale at the Novi Expo Center Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 10, and 11.

Show hours are Friday 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult weekend admission is \$6. Children and teens 16 and under are free.

The Novi Expo Center is located on Novi Road at I-96.
Call (248) 348-5600 for recorded show information.

COOKING CLASSES: Chefs who have been invited to give a Spring cooking class at Kitchen Witch include: Greg Upshur, Too Chez, Introduction to Macrobiotic Cooking, April 13; Greg Common, Common Grill, Midwestern Spring Time Menu, April 15; Bill Collins, Washtenaw Country Club, Light and Zesty Summer Menu, April 20; and Karen Walker, baker at

Brewbakers, Bread Baking and Bread Dishes, April 21. All classes begin at 7 p.m.

Kitchen Witch is located at 134 Main Street in Northville.

For prices, to enroll or for more information, call (248) 348-0488.

NOVI THEATRES: "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends" will be presented by the little people players and Children's Annex on April 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 18 at 3 p.m.

Tickets go on sale April 5. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$8 or \$7 if purchased in advance.

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

Call (248) 347-0400.

THEATER

DINNER THEATRE: The line-up for the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, located at 840 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, includes comedy improv Tuesday through Sunday and musical productions are presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Comedies include "What's My Crime?" Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; "Murder Madness" Saturday and selected dates; and "Angel and Bo's Comedy Wedding" Friday and Sunday.

Musicals include "The Goodtime Oldies Review on Fridays; "Jazzmatazz" on Saturday; and "Hurray for Hollywood" on Sunday.
Call (248) 960-9440.

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

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

Genitti'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.

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) 624-2800.

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.

TOO CHEZ:

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

Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Plant Golf \$1,000 Masters Shootout will be held April 9-12. Proceeds of golf ball purchases will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Prizes and golf holidays will be awarded.
Call (248) 669-1441.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Members of the Plein Air Society will be exhibiting works of acrylic, pen and ink, watercolor and other media at the Gate VI Gallery through April 13.

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

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

NEARBY

TOY & MODEL KIT SHOW: The Plymouth Collectible Toy and Model Kit Show will be held on Sunday, April 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Show hours are 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$5, and for children four to 12, \$2.

The show features new, used, antique and collectible toys like Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Star Wars, GI-Joe, Barbie, Beanie's and plastic model kits, like hot rods, air craft, and die-cast NASCAR collectibles.

For details, call R. R. Promotions, (734) 455-2110.

ELVIS NIGHT:

The American Legion Post 224 of Wixom will present Elvis impersonator Sherman Arnold on Saturday, April 10. The dance begins at 8 p.m. followed by the show at 10 p.m.

The cost is \$10 and includes, show, dance and snacks.

The Wixom VFW Hall is located at 2652 Loon Lake Road. The public is invited.
Call (248) 624-9742.

ALL YOU CAN EAT:

The American Legion Post 224 of Wixom sponsors a country breakfast all you can eat on the last Sunday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

The Wixom VFW Hall is located at 2652 Loon Lake Road.

The public is invited.
Call (248) 624-9742.

COMMON LOONS:

The Huron Valley Audubon Society will host Michigan photographer Greg Nelson, who will present a program on "Common Loons in Michigan" on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Kensington Metro Park Nature Center. Nelson is a volunteer area coordinator with Michigan Loon Watch, a program of the Michigan Loon Preservation Association. The public is welcome.
Call (810) 229-7303.

SCHOOLCRAFT:

Final performances of Schoolcraft College Theatre Department's production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" will be on April 2 and 3. Tickets for the show only performance are \$8 per person. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Tickets may be ordered from the college bookstore by calling (734) 462-4596.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

FLOWERS:

The Greenhouse & Landscape Garden Center of Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus, 1000 Beck Road in Wixom, is taking orders for a variety of annuals and perennials. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For information, or to place an order call (248) 960-5454.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Join us for dinner at the Country Epicure in Novi, followed by a session on how to build a wardrobe, what's new in menopause treatment and topped off with an uplifting presentation on looking at the funny side of life. Take this opportunity to call some friends and spend an evening with women in the pursuit of fun, friendship and knowledge.

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