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Missing atheist case leads to Novi

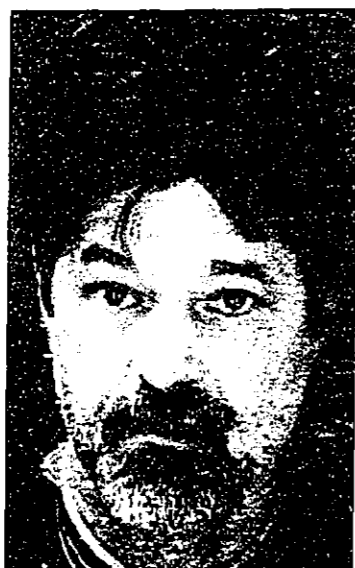
Resident says he knows where bodies are buried

By JAN JEFFRES
 and JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writers

On East Lake Drive - a street where the peace is mostly disturbed by speeders running stop signs - federal investigators operating out of Texas and Michigan suggest a quiet resident who didn't mingle much with his neighbors could be a key to the most notorious missing persons case of the 1990s.

Atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two family members left their Austin, Texas home in September, 1995, and never came back. FBI agent William O'Leary testified in a March 26 preliminary examination that Gary Karr - who rents a lower-level apartment in a beige waterfront house at 1282 East Lake Drive - knows where the victims of three unsolved Texas murders are buried and confessed to being an accessory in the deed.

While O'Leary didn't name names during his testimony, others involved in the case say that the investigation is focusing on



Gary Karr

the fate of Murray O'Hair, her son Jon Murray and granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair. Some \$500,000 in gold coins vanished with them.

Following a lead from Karr, an ex-convict with five felony convictions,

authorities in Texas spent the weekend digging up a ranch west of San Antonio, where the family was last seen, before calling off that search.

Arrested in Austin on March 24, the day before Karr was taken into police custody, was his former Illinois State Correctional Facility cellmate, David Waters. Patrick Ganne, attorney for Waters, said he has been told that Karr is informing on his buddy.

The FBI is alleging Karr has rolled-over on Waters and claimed to help Waters on the alleged disappearance of the O'Hairs," Ganne said Monday. "Mr. Waters has no knowledge of what Karr is talking about."

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Newlin confirmed last week that the out-of-state investigators are working on the Murray O'Hair disappearance. Newlin was the local back-up for the party of Michigan and Texas lawmen, as well as an IRS agent, who apprehended Karr, 50, at his Novi home.

"It's a very interesting case. A

very interesting case. The agents were filling me in on it, very fascinating," Newlin said last week.

"He seemed like an average guy."

Karr, who spent 20 years in prison for the aggravated kidnapping of a judge's daughter in Illinois, is bound over for trial on the weapons charge. Released from prison in 1995, he successfully completed his parole. But for a felon with more than three convictions, a conviction for possession of firearms means a mandatory 15-year conviction.

The team knocked on Karr's door at 8 a.m. on March 25, with the goal of finding out more about the missing atheist leaders, Newlin said. Karr invited them in. Looking through the home, Newlin discovered a loaded .22 caliber R.G. Industries revolver on the nightstand next to Karr's bed. A further search uncovered a loaded Raven semi-automatic pistol in a blue fanny pack.

"I went in as local jurisdiction. When he allowed us in, it just

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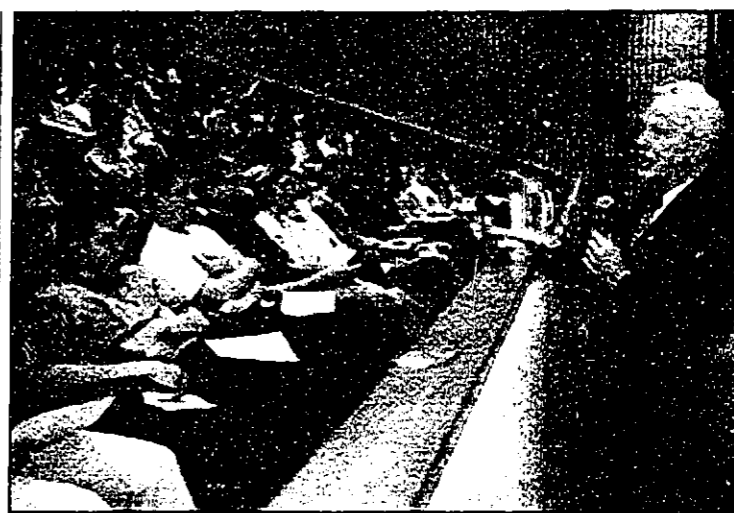


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Rep. Joe Knollenberg meets with Novi High students.

Knollenberg meets Novi High class

By JEREMY McBAIN
 Staff Writer

U.S. Representative Joe Knollenberg went back to school Wednesday, speaking to a crowd of Novi High School government students in the auditorium.

Knollenberg responded to student's questions about topics ranging from the air strikes in Yugoslavia to the transportation of nuclear waste to New Mexico.

However, some students and teachers gave the representative a falling grade for his answers.

"(Knollenberg) kind of danced around the questions and avoided the issues a lot of the time," Ryan Bates, a Novi freshman present at the forum, said.

Jeff Goff, Novi junior, agreed: "I though he avoided some of the questions. I think it could have been better. He really didn't answer anything fully."

Goff especially disliked Knollenberg's claim he is called an

"expert" on energy by his peers in Congress.

"He was kind of arrogant about it. He was kind of full of himself," Goff said.

While he may have thought little of Knollenberg, Goff admitted he did "learn a little" from the forum.

According to Gary Kelly, Novi High School social studies department chair, it was this opportunity for students to meet and ask questions of Knollenberg that made the event worthwhile for the students.

Kelly said Knollenberg contacted the high school about coming and speaking to the students. Because it was a good opportunity for the students, the school accepted Knollenberg's offer, he said.

While he thought the event turned out well, Kelly added, "I

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Atheist has been missing three years

The bizarre disappearance of a 76-year-old woman who made history by instigating a 1963 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision has been fodder for the national press for three-and-a-half years.

Since the late 1950s, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who called herself "the most hated woman in America," has made news.

O'Hair's impact on our lives comes from her lawsuit, Murray v. Curlett, one of two filed addressing the same issue. In ruling in her favor, the U.S. Supreme Court banned prayer and Bible readings in public schools.

Murray O'Hair then founded American Atheists and spent her life lobbying for the separation of church and state.

At the time of their disappearance, her son, Jon Murray, was the president of American Atheists and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair edited The Ameri-

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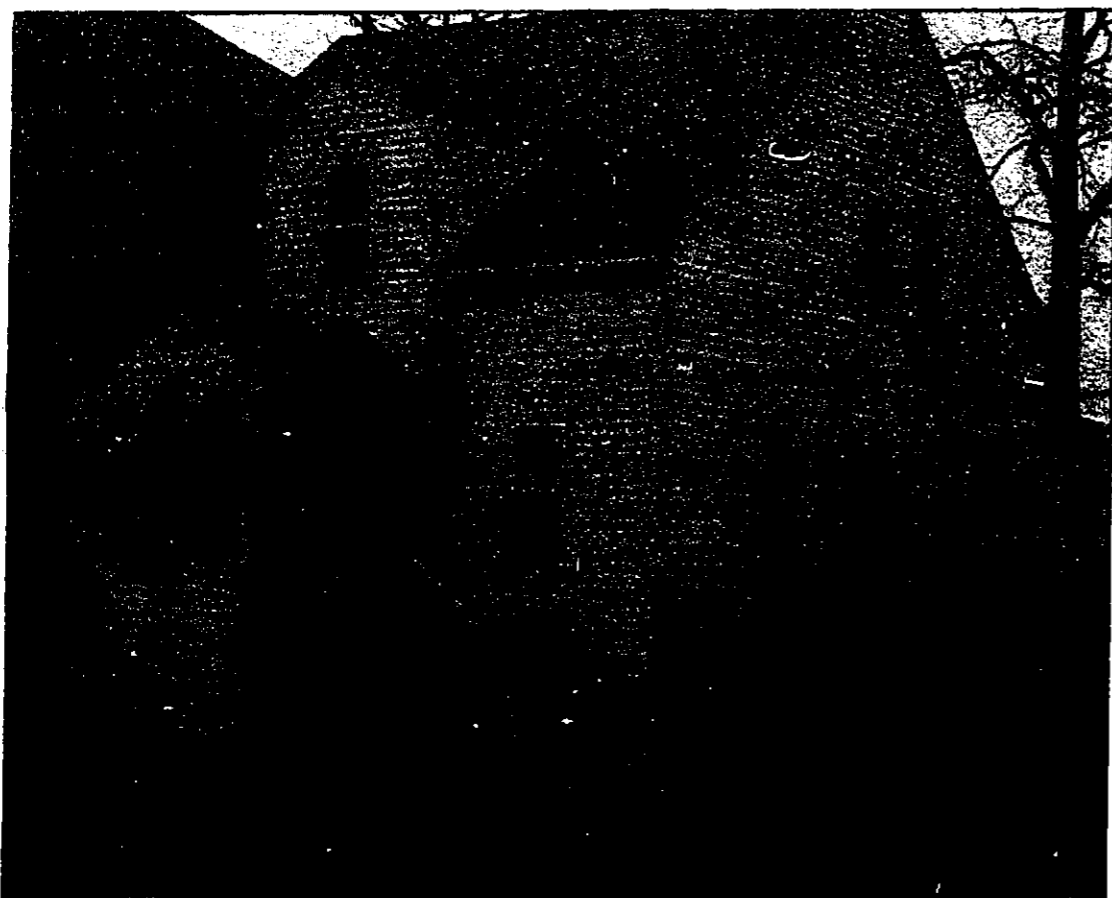


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

FBI agents came to this home on East Lake Drive to question Novi resident Gary Karr.

A gift for Novi is born in a barn

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

A picture post-card is the best way to describe the view of Steve and Izumi Myers's backyard from their kitchen.

Just weeks away from bursting into bloom, a tall crab tree frames a 1920s-era red barn and a brick Victorian pump house that looks like a child's dream playhouse.

And they're sharing it all with their fellow Novi residents. The family is opening up to local clubs and organizations for free use the Simmons Room, a newly renovated hall in the apple barn they've restored on their Ten Mile Road property. The land and the home next-door are part of the old Simmons Farm.

"We've been in Novi for over ten years. Our kids went through the elementary schools and now our daughter's graduating from high school. Now, we want to do something for the community," Izumi Myers explained.

The 28 by 40 foot wood-floored room will be available by appointment to community organizations and clubs on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We said when this is really a nice room, there's no reason to let it just sit here," Steve Myers explained.

A chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous has already expressed interest in the Simmons Room, as has the Chintokan Karate-do Club of Novi. The couple's daughter, Jun, is a member of the club.

To inaugurate the 28 by 40 foot gift to the community, a reception will be held on Saturday, with a demonstration of karate by Master



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Steve and Izumi Myers show the space in their barn they are donating to community causes.

Sakimukai and the Chintokan Karate-do Club of Novi.

The event is also a celebration of the 15th anniversary of the founding of the couple's home-based Japanese/English translation service, Suzuki Myers & Associates. The business employs five full-time employees and 20 part-time associates in a circa 1918-vintage bungalow built for a member of

the Simmons family.

Turning an old barn into a lovely space was a big job. Steve Myers hauled out huge loads of garbage from the interior, including junk wood, a deteriorated old desk, farm equipment pieces and many, many empty bags once destined to hold apples for the market. Some of the old wood was used as sub-flooring during the

renovation. Keeping the original look was a priority.

"It's been two years putzing around on and off," Steve Myers said.

"We were determined not to make this a yuppie development." Local people have noticed their efforts.

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Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 349-4298.

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

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 349-2969.

Beautification Commission

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

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, April 14

Seniors potluck

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

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Lions Club

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

SPARK

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

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

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248) 416-0130.

Thursday, April 15

Parks meeting

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

Youth baseball

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

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Monday, April 19

ABWA

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

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Mailboxes to stay open for tax day

By JEREMY McBAIN Staff Writer

Sharpen those pencils and break out the aspirin, the tax deadline is near. But, with a little help from Mailboxes Etc., it may be easier.

Mailboxes Etc., located in the West Oaks II shopping center, has announced it will stay open until midnight on April 15, to meet the needs of people who are filing their taxes at the last minute.

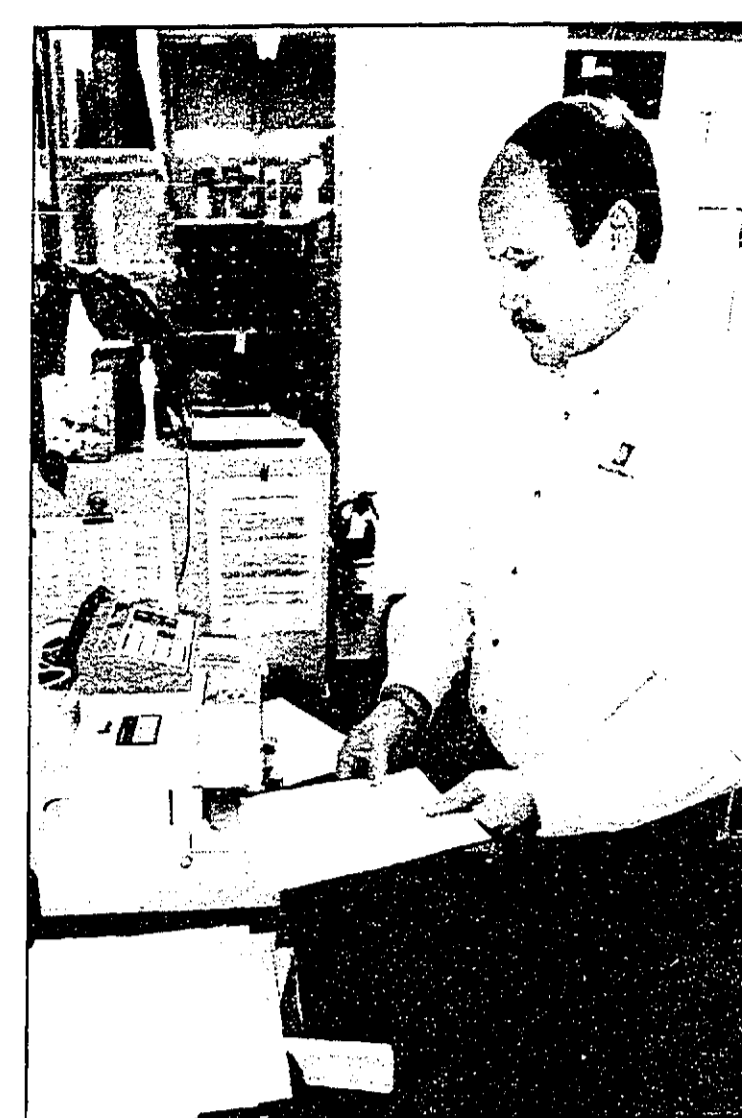
Les Beare, franchisee of the business, said the store is now authorized to accept and postmark packages on April 15. After postmarking them, the packages will be taken to the post office by an employee.

Mailboxes will also be giving customers up to ten free copies of their returns, Beare said.

Along with staying open to midnight for procrastinating tax preparers, Beare said customers will be treated to a party atmosphere, consisting of balloons, doughnuts and free coffee.

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

To further ease the pain of the tax season, Beare said he will be



Novi West Oaks Mailboxes Etc. Owner Les Beare will be doing a lot of letter stamping on April 15 when his shop stays open until midnight.

"People just don't want to part with their money."

Les Beare, of Mailboxes Etc.

giving out "tax relief capsules" to provide first-aid relief.

Each capsule contains two Tylenol, a Band-Aid for paper cuts from the tax forms, Lifesavers, a giant paper clip and Mailboxes Etc. coupon book.

Beare said this is the first year his store is taking part in the tax time madness by staying open until midnight. Other franchisees across the country have participated in this program in the past.

He added he does see quite a few people every tax season filing their taxes at the last minute and he has discovered most people that wait do so because they owe the government money.

"People just don't want to part with their money," he said.

Beare admitted he does not have his taxes completed and turned in yet. He said he will meet with his accountant, but expects to have them in a least a week before the April 15 deadline.

Where to file last-minute returns

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

After the chocolate bunny buzz wears off, take note — the IRS tax deadline is right around the corner.

For those who've waited it out until the last minute, there is help available. In the forms of IRS Internet sites and extended hours on April 15 at select area post offices, Novi's being one of them.

Detroit IRS spokesperson Ely Maccani said that a growing number of taxpayers are turning to their home computers to deliver income information to the federal government.

"They're literally up 150 percent from a year ago," Maccani said. "It's an amazing thing for us to see."

Electronic filers numbered around 650,000 in 1998, while 1.7 million have filed via the Internet this year, with two weeks remaining in tax season. The reason? Maccani said many in the IRS speculated that it has to do with growing use of the Internet for day-

DROP-OFF SITES

Here are the locations and telephone numbers of those post offices which will have extended drop-off times on April 15:

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200 West Second Street
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to-day commerce.

"People used to be leery of sending confidential financial information, but now they're realizing that this is a safe way of performing transactions."

Maccani said the IRS is hoping to have 80 percent of returns filed by computer by 2003.

Filing a return on the Internet translates into a reduced chance of human error taking place when the return is reviewed by the IRS, and also slices off a big chunk of time waiting for a refund check to be issued, said Beare. Refunds can be issued in even less time if a filer agrees to have the refund directly deposited into a bank account.

And better news — Maccani said the size of refunds being sent out are getting bigger this year. Tax laws allow for credits being issued for college tuition and having children in a family.

"All other things remaining the same, a person could just get \$400 more on their refund just for having a child in the house this year," she said.

And for those who wait until the absolutely, positively last minute to file, a few area post offices will be keeping extended hours to post-mark tax returns. Jerry Watson,

public relations officer for the Royal Oak post office, said Novi, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Northville's post offices will be offering late-night dropoffs for filers.

Watson said the evening of April 15 has turned into a sort of cynical, dark-humor holiday in Royal Oak.

"In the parking lot across the street a lot of radio and television stations set up remote broadcasts and have refreshments for people," he said. "It's become quite a scene over the last few years."

For those who don't make the deadline despite their best efforts, tax experts still recommend filing a return. Dragging out the process will compound the late fees incurred.

Blanchard, however, said there were plenty of doubt.

"There was no eyewitness to the crime and no admission by the defendant."

"There were identifiable (finger

Murder case gets another chance

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

It looked like just another appeal of a murder conviction, the kind the Court of Appeals upholds routinely in terse, one-page opinions.

But Jermel Johnson, now 25 and doing a life sentence in an Adrian prison for murder, may have a chance to see his Livingston Circuit Court jury conviction overturned.

Reason: After refusing in 1997 to hear his case, the Michigan Supreme Court changed its mind in May of 1998. In March, it heard oral argument as to why his conviction for a killing in the Maxey Boys Training School in Green Oak Township should be upheld or thrown out.

"The prosecutor didn't prove his case beyond a reasonable doubt," said Northville County prosecutor, Betsy Blanchard, who handled Johnson's appeal. She filed a brief of three dozen pages plus 170 pages of court testimony and exhibits.

Daniel Garber, chief assistant Livingston County prosecutor, filed a mere 10-page brief saying plenty of evidence pointed to Johnson's performing a premeditated, first-degree murder when he strangled social worker Barbara Synnesvedt on April 25, 1993.

The high court tries to decide cases within a year after oral arguments.

When the crime occurred, Johnson was 19 and had spent two and a half years at Maxey, a state corrections facility for juveniles, for first-degree criminal sexual conduct. He was to be considered for release within four months when Synnesvedt was slain in the staff lounge one Sunday evening.

His trial attorney, Donald Ferris of Ann Arbor, asked Judge Daniel Burress to dismiss the charge after the prosecution made its case, arguing it was inadequate to prove the charge of premeditated, first-degree murder. Burress, however, completed the trial and let the case go to the jury.

But in 1998 a unanimous Court of Appeals panel upheld Burress' ruling, saying, "Although the evidence against defendant was not overwhelming, it was sufficient to allow a rational trier of fact to find that the prosecutor had proved the essential element of first-degree premeditated murder beyond a reasonable doubt."

Blanchard, however, said there were plenty of doubt.

"There was no eyewitness to the crime and no admission by the defendant."

"There were identifiable (finger

prints in the room where the ceases was found that were not Jermel's or the deceased." But police used only Jermel Johnson's prints for comparison.

"The hair found in the victim's hands was Caucasian hair and not that of the defendant," who is black.

"The officer was aware that the sperm found in the deceased did not match the defendant. The deceased's husband had a vasectomy, so the sperm could not be from her husband. No other people were tested to determine if they were the source of the sperm."

"Defendant had about 10 scratches on his arms, but the fingernail scrapings of the deceased were inconsistent with defendant's blood type."

"The facts that there were a sexual assault, a struggle and strangulation suggest a spontaneous act, not premeditation."

"The fact that Johnson soaked some of his clothes in bleach that evening also suggested no premeditation."

Garber, in the prosecutor's appeal brief, said witnesses placed Johnson in the vicinity of the crime that evening and described his black pants, red shirt and white apron (for cleaning chores).

Blood stains on Johnson's shirt and jeans weren't his but were identical to Synnesvedt's type and sub-type, Garber said.

The defendant changed clothes and attempted to destroy evidence by pouring bleach on the clothing soaked with the victim's blood. The defendant also apparently used a broom to sweep up the floor in the back room of the staff lounge," Garber said, adding that these "can be factors pointing to premeditation and deliberation."

Justice Marilyn Kelly did not participate in the Supreme Court's deliberations. She was on the Court of Appeals panel that upheld Burress' ruling in 1998.

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Fitting rooms are not so private

A 24-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for shoplifting after a store employee witnessed her removing items from a bag while in the fitting room April 5 at Lord and Taylor in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

The employee said she observed the woman remove some items from the bag from the door of the store and enter the fitting rooms.

While in the fitting rooms, the employee watched as the woman removed the items from the bag and placed them in a bag she had with her.

The woman then attempted to exit the store without paying for the items and was apprehended.

PEEPING SECURITY

A 19-year-old Novi woman was arrested for shoplifting April 2 in Lord and Taylor after an employee observed her concealing some bras while in the store's fitting room.

The employee said she observed the woman select five bras and walk into the fitting room.

The employee followed her and watched as the woman concealed two of the bras, by stuffing one in her pocket and the other under her shirt.

The woman then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items.

She was apprehended and arrested.

CHAIN FIGHT

A 17-year-old Novi man was arrested after he attacked his 19-

Police News

year-old brother with a baseball bat, and 16 a.m. April 2 at their home on the 1969 block of Marisa.

The man's brother said, he came after him screaming and cursing and attacking him of stealing something. The victim said the man then picked up a bicycle chain and began beating him in the head with it.

The victim escaped and fled on foot to the nearby Meadowood Apartment's office for help.

OUIL

A 21-year-old Rochester Hills woman was arrested for drunk driving around 3 a.m. March 4 near the intersection of Nine Mile and Novi roads.

An officer at the intersection said he observed three vehicles stopped for a red light.

The driver of one of the vehicle was outside of her car, talking to another driver. It appeared they knew each other.

When the light turned green, the driver got back into her car. When she took off, the officer noticed her car almost drive off the west side of the road.

The officer turned around and followed the woman's car and observed it weaving. Due to this, he initiated a traffic stop.

On contact with the driver, the officer observed her to be lethargic with slurred speech. He also noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman's car.

She was given a sobriety test and a chemical breath test at the Novi police department which indicated she had a blood alcohol content of .16 percent.

WELL-ARMED DRUNK

A 29-year-old Utopia man was arrested around 1:30 a.m. April 4 near the intersection of Ten Mile and Novi roads for drunk driving and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

An officer following the man's vehicle, clocked it traveling 51 mph in a 40 mph zone. The officer also noted the man's vehicle crossed the center-line five times.

The officer initiated a traffic stop and on contact with the driver, he noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle.

He conducted a traffic stop and on contact with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol on her breath.

She was given a sobriety test and arrested.

The woman was later given a chemical breath test at the Novi police department which indicated she had a blood alcohol content of .18 percent.

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

Novi Briefs

Numbers crunching

Tonight, the Novi City Council begins deliberating over the city's \$29 million budget for fiscal year 1999-2000.

A slight reduction in the city millage rate is anticipated. City Manager Ed Kriewall said the owner of a \$200,000 home can anticipate paying \$4.12 less in taxes.

Several new staff members are being recommended for city hall, including a deputy fire chief, four police officers, a grants coordinator and clerical employees.

On the job

Two members of the Novi Fire Department marked their anniversaries with the force in February. Fire Fighter Ann Mikolajczak has been with the department eight years, while Fire Fighter Matthew Blamy was hired four years ago.

Irish hospitality

Conor O'Neill's, a chain of Irish pubs, is eyeing a site at Main Street in Novi. Tom Murray, owner of the pub in Ann Arbor, has invited members of the Novi City Council to experience the Irish food, beverages, music and dance at his establishment on April 7 to get them acquainted with the concept. Luck of the Irish.

Office space

Submitted to the city in February, plans are afoot for Meadowbrook Corporate Park, a 260,000-square-foot office and research center. The development is slated for a spot east of Meadowbrook road, north of I-96. The land is already zoned for office-service-technology.

South of the border cuisine

Chey's Fresh Mex, a national Mexican restaurant chain, has applied to the city of Novi for a liquor license approval. The eatery plans to locate in the proposed new Ramco-Gershenson shopping, tentatively known as West Oaks Village, on Twelve Oaks Road, west of Novi Road.

OUIL AGAIN

A 33-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for drunk driving around 1:30 a.m. April 3 near the intersection of Twelve Mile and Haggerty roads.

An officer on patrol observed the woman's vehicle weaving noticeably and taking up both lanes of Twelve Mile Road.

He conducted a traffic stop and on contact with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of alcohol on her breath.

She was given a sobriety test and arrested.

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Council members striving to create artistic downtown

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A publicly-owned corner once occupied by an old amoco station will be beautified, but some city council members gave an arduous plea for a better design for the fountain.

Proposed is a cube raised about three feet high, with the City of Novi logo on all four sides, while water cascades down the sides.

While most council members were pleased with the overall design prepared by Linder's landscape architect Ralph Nunez, they yearned for public art in the city's emerging downtown.

Council Member Bob Schmid was the first to pull the plug on the current fountain design.

"I don't think it's going to have the impact I envisioned there. This space should be a boom and not just a bubble," he said.

Council Member Kathy Mutch agreed. "I'm sorry, no. We can do so much better than that," she said.

So, a call went out Monday night for local artists to help a council committee come up with more splendid outdoor art for Novi's first downtown "pocket park."

Meanwhile, the city's attorneys will work through an agreement with Novi and the Novi Town Center for the corner.

The Linder Company, which manages the Novi Town Center, will build the entire mini-park for up to

\$450,000, said their attorney, Matt Quinn, as well as pay for the upkeep of what's now referred to as Novi Plaza. Also, the snapping center will donate any rights-of-way along Grand River not already owned by the city adjacent to the development.

In exchange, the Novi City Council majority agreed that land within the center - originally set aside as a park through a 1980s agreement with the city - can now be released for three more developments within the mall. In the plans are a restaurant and another food service business, such as a coffee shop or bagel nosh, each with an outdoor dining easement on the city park.

A Christmas completion date is eyed.

Also designed are improvements in the shopping center's landscaping, which already pulls down annual awards from the Novi Beautification Commission. With Main Street and the new Ramco-Gershenson shopping center on Twelve Mile Road proceeding, Quinn explained, Novi Town Center seeks to remain competitive.

"This is really going to be something beautiful for the Four Corners of Novi," he added.

The Linder Company is excited because it gives them the opportunity to bring the center into the future. They'd like to start digging today, if they could.

Calling the proposed agreement "the most significant visual public-

private partnership the city has seen yet." Mayor Kathleen McElreath said she hoped the new park would set a standard for similar beautification efforts.

While Council Member Laura Lorenzo had high praise for the design, she was unwilling to give up the open space, which runs along Novi Road, at Novi Town Center. Lorenzo was the only council member to vote against moving ahead with the agreement with Novi Town Center. She questioned what impact further development in the area would have on surface water run-off.

"Open space is very valuable. They don't make open space anymore...it's a very tempting offer, what you're proposing is absolutely beautiful," she said.

However, City Manager Ed Kriewall said the public may not find the existing fire area within the Town Center that desirable. A Michigan 50s Festival opening ceremony held at the current park area proved disappointing, due to the sound of passing diesel trucks, he said.

"I can't think of a better use for that area than to have two fine restaurants where you can sit there and listen to the diesel trucks go by," Kriewall said.

"Restaurants are the very thing to bring people downtown to sit outside."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The spirit of the volunteer

Novi High student and volunteer Jack Wang, middle, helps out a quartet of Japanese students at Novi Meadows Elementary School on a recent Tuesday. Wang helps guide Akira Kato, right, and others through their math,

English, reading and other assignments. Jack can speak Japanese and answer questions that the students might not yet be able to ask in English, helping them keep up with their other work while learning the language.

Walsh's Novi campus to showcase for conferences

Walsh College is preparing to take training and conferencing into the next millennium by putting everything you need under one roof. Strategic Business Services Training and Conferencing Team is inviting the public to join them for the Novi Campus Showcase April 29, from 7:30-10 a.m. The public can experience the products and services offered at our new state-of-the-art Novi location.

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For more information about Novi Campus Showcase, or to RSVP, call Margie Robinson at (248) 689-8282, ext. 319.

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The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending April 4. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Medical, 207 Hennick, 12:11 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42963 Clay Court, 12:24 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 41700 Gardenbrook, 9:40 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 41931 Twelve Mile Road, 11:41 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 59750 Grand River, 1:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 23401 High Meadow, 4:23 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 42543 Knollwood, 11:01 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:54 a.m., Squad 2.
Brush fire, 28625 Novi Road, 9:59 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 36594 Blakeston, 10:45 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 44765 North Hills, 1:03 p.m., Squad 3.
Brush fire, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 1:55 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 30884 Golden Ridge, 5:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Vehicle fire, Twelve Oaks Parking, 5:17 p.m., Engine 1.
Vehicle fire, 196 and Rest Area, 5:38 p.m., Engine 4.
Brush fire, Meadowbrook and Cherry Hill, 7:19 p.m., Engine 1.
Brush fire, Novi Road and Nine Mile, 7:23 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
Standby, 20926 Glen Haven, 8:35 a.m., Response 510.
Standby, Grand River and Market, 9:10 a.m., Response 516.
Standby, Stonebridge Station, 9:40 a.m., Response 510.
Standby, Ten Mile Lift Station, 10:25 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 39542 Blakeston, 10:33 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 136 Buffington, 12:51 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, 196 and Meadowbrook, 2:02 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30930 Beck, 2:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 56595 Oregon, 3:20 p.m., Squad 4.
Grass fire, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 4 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 2273 Austin, 8:04 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25470 Wikom Road, 8:30 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Trailer fire, 29639 Lamier, 9:12 a.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 46000 Grand River, 9:20 a.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, 196 and Novi Road, 1:22 p.m., Engine 1.
Wires down, Novi Road and West Oaks, 2:18 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 27793 Novi Road, 2:23 p.m., Engines 2, 4.
Fire alarm, 27793 Novi Road, 4:16 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 23228 Gilbar, 4:51 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 5:21 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 5:37 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:19 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, Twelve Oaks Parking, 9:10 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Building fire, 27300 Novi Road, 9:53 p.m., Engines 1, 2, 4.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Fire alarm, 25750 Novi Road, 1:18 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 39500 Ten Mile Road, 3:34 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 21111 Haggerty, 7:47 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Brush fire, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 4:24 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 1313 Margia, 7:05 p.m., Squad 4.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:29 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 44784 Huntington, 3:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41735 Broquet, 3:30 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24701 Dinsler, 4:17 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Oaks, 4:48 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 43442 West Oaks, 9:39 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 50832 Arizona, 9:58 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Dumpster fire, 31088 Beachwalk, 1:34 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 23615 Ripple Creek, 3:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 22309 Peachtree, 7:10 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:57 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Novi Road and I-96, 7:13 p.m., Squad 1.

State legislature sets its sights on college students

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University may have felt as if targets were placed on their backs by state legislators.

At U-M, the issue is the annual spring Hash Bash, where marijuana is smoked openly. At MSU, the issue is the March 27-28 damaging and burning of stores and cars. The state Senate has passed bills to:

- Nullify Ann Arbor's and East Lansing's \$25 fines for marijuana use and require imposition of the state Health Code's \$100 fine.
- Require that a person's driver's license and voter registration have the same address - which campus-town lawmakers say discriminates against students.

"CRACKDOWN"

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, took the unusual step of announcing a "crackdown" bill before it had been drafted and introduced. He said his measure would allow immediate expulsion of students convicted of rioting and bar them from reentering any other university or college for a year.

In the House, Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, introduced House Bill 4230 enabling colleges to develop student responsibility contracts. A student who misbehaves would be breaking a contract.

As a Michigan State graduate, Sanborn, a freshman lawmaker, "I am disgusted and embarrassed about what happened over the weekend. As a father, I find it hard to encourage my children to follow in their father's footsteps concerning his choice of college."

NO TO "HASH BASH"

Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, was the lone dissenter when the Senate on March 25 passed the anti-hash bash bill, SB 380, sponsored by Sen. Beverly Hamnerstrom, R-Tempeance.

Smith denounced it as a "Republican bill" though it passed with 23 Republican and 13 Democratic votes. She said it would impose a heavy burden on the local district court.

"Thousands of individuals come to the city of Ann Arbor for the hash bash," Smith said. "To prose-

"Essentially this bill removes students from the voting pool."

Lingq Brewer,
State representative from Holt

cut offenses under the Health Code means that every case has to come into the district court for adjudication. The ticket offense that the city of Ann Arbor established has relieved the court dockets of hundreds of cases, lots of court delays ...

"But you wanted to take the headlines. The hash bash is a question of freedom of speech. I'm sure I will be branded as somebody who supports drug use for youth. Nothing could be further from the truth," Smith protested.

But sponsor Hamnerstrom said the bill is about "a message we're sending to people, especially young people - when we have local ordinances that downplay the negatives of drug use."

Hamnerstrom said marijuana impairs coordination, reduces sperm counts in men and may be the cause of attention deficit disorder in small children whose mothers smoked pot.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton and sponsor of the same bill in 1998, called one marijuana cigarette the equivalent of a pack of tobacco cigarettes. Rogers said a state law should prevail because the Ann Arbor hash bash attracts so many young people from nearby towns and encourages them to believe pot is "no big deal."

VOTING RIGHTS

House Democrats made it clear that Rogers' voter-driver bill would have far tougher sailing in the House than in the Senate. Rogers sponsored Senate Bill 306 to require that the driver's license address be the same as the voter registration address.

Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos, said Republicans are impeding the right to vote. "Currently, college students can keep their parents' address as their permanent address on their driver's license and register to vote where they attend college," she said.

"Students move around a lot. They leave the dorms for summer apartments and move back into the

dorms in fall. Students shouldn't have to continually change their addresses in order to vote," Baird said, vowing a battle against SB 306.

Rep. Lingq Brewer, D-Holt, urged students to protest the bill. "A student who lives in the Upper Peninsula, for example, but attends school in East Lansing loses his voting rights because SB 306 would not allow him to vote in East Lansing, and it would not be feasible for a student to drive to his home town to vote," said Brewer.

"Essentially this bill removes students from the voting pool."

STUDENTS EMBARRASSED

The State News, campus newspaper at MSU, editorially praised 29 members of the Michigan Faith & Resistance Peace Team and the Red Cedar Peace Team for attempting to stop the recent riot.

"It takes a tremendous amount of courage to face and attempt to curb an angry, intoxicated crowd," the State News said.

In news stories, the State News quoted students as fearing the bad national publicity given MSU would harm their efforts to get good jobs after graduation. A woman professor was quoted as saying she was so deeply ashamed that she's considering leaving MSU.

Meanwhile, U-M students from the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary converged March 26 on the capital office of Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, calling him "the most racist and reactionary politician in the state." Jaye supports a ballot proposal idea to block affirmative action.

Jaye enjoyed the publicity, branding them "professional student protesters from the People's Republic of Ann Arbor." Jaye said the same group was "very violent and attacked police at Shelby Township back in September 1997" when he held a public hearing on a proposal to end minority preferences.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The tale of two campuses with the University of Michigan name

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn broke with the leadership from Ann Arbor and is supporting Gov. John Engler's "four-tier" formula for funding 15 state universities.

Dr. James Renick, who is leaving for North Carolina July 14 after six years, told a House budget panel that Engler's recommendation "establishes a plan for stable and predictable funding."

"While there are many questions about the rankings recommended in the executive budget," Renick said, "the idea of funding tiers recognizes that our colleges and universities have different missions and most different needs, and hence require different levels of support from the state."

UM-Dearborn would be in tier 2, along with Oakland and Western Michigan universities, getting \$4,700 per student.

The plan was opposed a week later by Lee Bollinger, U-M president, who called the tier formula "unwise. It takes away the role of the Legislature to make annual complex judgments. Every single university is special. Abandon the idea of formula funding altogether."

Bollinger predicted Engler's formula, if enacted, would force U-M tuition 4 to 5 percent.

Renick said UM-Dearborn, however, will be able to stay within the governor's recommendation for minimal tuition increases.

Meanwhile, U-M announced March 22 that Renick is leaving to become chancellor of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. It's considered an "historically black college," said Moly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Renick attended colleges in Ohio, Kansas and Florida and worked his way up the administrative ladder in Florida before joining UM-D in January

"These are the best prepared and brightest students that I interviewed all week."

Recruiter for Compaq Computers about U of M Dearborn students

of 1993. Bollinger praised Renick for "working closely with faculty and business and community leaders."

While one board of regents governs UM's Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses, they are operated separately and have separate line items in the \$1.48 billion state higher education budget.

UM-D is proposed for \$25.7 million in Engler's FY 2000 budget.

The campuses have quite different missions. For example: Bollinger cited brain research on the Ann Arbor campus while Renick cited "an MBA program for physicians that we are offering along with Oakwood Health Care System."

While UM is considered a world-class research university, UM-Dearborn notes that it's part of "the intellectual capital of the auto industry," with two-thirds of students in some programs gaining work experience and salaries as interns in businesses.

Renick said he got a "valentine" message from a Compaq recruiter who said he's "happy if I get one candidate from each day's interviewing." At UM-D, the recruiter

had five applicants and "I found four that I would have hired on the spot ... These are the best prepared and brightest students that I interviewed all week."

New 40 years old, the UM-Dearborn campus has the highest percentage of engineering students (12 percent of credit hours) of any state university except Michigan Tech, Renick said.

"At UM-Dearborn," said Renick, "instructional and physical plant costs associated with teaching engineering, computer science and natural sciences are major factors in our cost structure."

During Renick's tenure, UM-D enrollment has risen to a record 8,300 and will continue to rise 2-3 percent a year, he said. Major building projects have been completed, and the campus raised \$25 million in capital.

Renovations for Middle School, Meadows staying under budget

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Renovations to the current Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows Elementary School may stay under budget, according to Jim Koster, Novi assistant superintendent for business and operations.

Koster announced this at the March 30 school board meeting, when he presented the board with six bid categories for renovation work to the two schools. The board approved his recommendation unanimously.

At a previous meeting, the board also approved Koster's recommendation to award 16 companies with contracts during the renovation. These contracts were part of a bid package with 32 separate categories. The six presented to the school board were also part of this package.

Koster said every company awarded with a contract has given a bid below the district's projected cost, thus making the entire project under-budget.


The following is a list of the category, company and cost presented and approved by the Novi school board March 30:

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- Hollow metal and finish hardware - Artee Corp. of Detroit. The cost for this contract is \$358,194.
- Ceramic tile - Empire Tile of Eastpointe. The cost for this contract is \$44,193.
- Athletic equipment - C & M Associates, Inc. of Brighton. The cost for this contract is \$21,767.
- Music casework - Architectural Systems Group of Holland. The cost for this contract is \$53,860.
- Bleachers - Architectural Systems Group of Holland. The cost for this contract is \$19,800.

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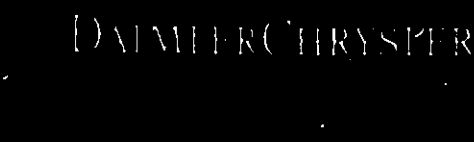
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A little help goes a long way
Beginner Gymnastics assistant Sara Shaul helps Anthony Pan up to the lower level of the parallel beams during a Wednesday afternoon class. The class, sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation, was held in the Novi Civic Center on a recent Wednesday afternoon.

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by Jill Amburgey

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MC named for hall of fame ceremony

NASCAR Community Relations has agreed to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the 11th annual Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Luncheon. The event will be held Thursday, June 10 at the State Theater in Detroit. The ceremony will take place at 8 p.m.

Bussard, a former NASCAR Winston Cup champion, is an analyst for NASCAR programming on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN Sports Illustrated, and has won his popularity from fans and peers alike during his career as a CableACE Award in 1989 for excellence in sports analysis. In 1995, he was inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association's Hall of Fame.

From his broadcasting days, Bussard enjoyed a 25-year racing career with the NASCAR circuit, including the 1973 Winston Cup championship. Overall, he posted 21 career wins and completed in 70 races before retiring from racing in 1998.

The 1999 class of Hall of Fame inductees is as follows (category in parentheses):

- The late three-time champ car race winner Jimmy Bryan (Open Wheel)
- Recently deceased NASCAR legend Tim Flock (Stock Cars)
- Pioneer drag racing promoter C. "Happy" Hart (Drag Racing)
- Team-Am and Can-Am champion George Follmer (Sports Cars)
- Three-time AMA Grand National champion Bart Markel (Motorcycle)

Powerboat racer and designer Bill Sebold Jr. (Powerboats)

- Dominating "Rear Bear" pilot Lyle Shelton (Air Racing)
- The late Italy car builder Frank Kurtis (Kurtis)
- 1996 Indianapolis 500 winner Frank Lockhart (Historic)
- The late legendary race car and engine builder Harry Miller (Historic)

A panel of historians and retired competitors, journalists and prior inductees voted for the final selections. Each inductee receives the Hall of Fame's prestigious "Horsepower" award — an original bronze statuette created by Ann Arbor sculptor Michael Curtis. Eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame is extended to any person who has driven, piloted, owned, designed, built, supported, maintained, prepared or promoted motorized vehicles in pursuit of speed, distance or other records; or in racing, endurance or other competition.

All inductees must have been retired for at least three years or must have been engaged at the top level of his or her area of motorsports for at least 20 years.

Tickets for the black-tie induction ceremony at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10 at the State Theater in Detroit are available by calling the Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony by calling Gumar Samson at (248) 204-6200.



A little deja vu
Under the guidance of parent volunteer Linda Sheldon, top, a group of Winchester Elementary students experience the 1960s fad "Twister" during the "Time Tunnel" program Wednesday in the Northville school's gym.

Obituaries

KATHRYN A. MCCABE
Kathryn Ann (Valentine) McCabe, 96, died April 3 at her residence in Novi. She was born May 9, 1902, in Bloomville, Ohio.

Mrs. McCabe lived in Tiffin, Ohio, prior to Novi. She retired after 15 years as a bookkeeper at a Singer Sewing Machine Center.

Mrs. McCabe is survived by stepson Patrick McCabe of Troy; daughters Carol (David) Rata of California, and Kathleen (Paul) Davidson of Farmington Hills; one brother, Edward Valentine of Bloomville, Ohio; and 16 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, April 7 at Trinity-Travlers Funeral Home in Tiffin, Ohio. Pastor Mark Dittus of Honey Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Bloomville, was the officiant. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Ligonier.

Arrangements were made by Travlers-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

Memorial contributions to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154 would be appreciated.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Floyd Rife and Ralph McCabe.

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CITY OF NOVI

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. for Munro Creek By-Pass Channel. The meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in Conference Room B. The public is invited to attend this meeting to discuss questions and/or concerns with this project.

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RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY

NOVIE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and proposed amendments to the budget for the current fiscal year on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at 12 Noon at the office of the Authority, 20060 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48075-5708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Authority.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

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On or about Thursday, April 1, 1999, bidding documents will be made available. Call A. J. Etkin Construction Co. at (248) 737-5800 to confirm availability.

A Fifty Dollar refundable deposit made payable to "Novi Community School District" is required to obtain construction documents at A. J. Etkin Construction Co.

Bids will be received until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061.

All bids will be publicly opened and read at Novi Community School District Board Room, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374 on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 at 3:00 p.m.

Specifications and Bid Form may be obtained only at A. J. Etkin Construction Co., main office. The right to reject any and/or all bids is reserved. Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening. Bid Security in the amount of 4% of the proposal amount is required for all bids over \$14,473. All bidders must be able to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 10% of the proposal sum.

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MONDAY, APRIL 12
10:30 a.m. - Novi Street Beat: Bike Safety
11:00 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
11:30 a.m. - Harvest Ministries
12:00 p.m. - Intercessions word Ministry: Water Baptism
12:30 p.m. - (con't)
1:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - Your Real Estate Connection: Brian Simms
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Score
2:30 p.m. - Exploring Tollgate
3:00 p.m. - (con't)
3:30 p.m. - The D.I.A. Security Guards as Art Connoisseurs
4:00 p.m. - (con't)
4:30 p.m. - (con't)
5:00 p.m. - Who What, Where Y
5:30 p.m. - Up Close Today
6:00 p.m. - Community Living Centers

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - The Show Me Show: Papa John's Pizza
11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Burton Folsom
11:30 a.m. - (con't)
12:00 p.m. - Summit University
12:30 p.m. - (con't)
1:30 p.m. - Voices From The Ghetto
1:30 p.m. - (con't)
2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. - Center For New Thinking
3:00 p.m. - (con't)
3:30 p.m. - (con't)

4:00 p.m. - Thornton Creek Girl Scout Thinking Day
4:30 p.m. - (con't)
5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen
6:00 p.m. - Where Do We Go From Here: A Post Graduate Documentary
6:30 p.m. - Community Connection
7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics/Body Toning
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Score
8:00 p.m. - Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Herbal Deep Peel
8:30 p.m. - (con't)
9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Jim Stark
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
10:00 a.m. - Consumer Corner: Home Repairs
10:30 a.m. - MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. - The Great Escape: Sailing
11:30 a.m. - (con't)
12:00 p.m. - Legally Speaking: Campaigning for Judge
12:30 p.m. - On the Job With Sen. Abraham: Poison Awareness
1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. - AMVETS
2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Harvest Ministries
3:00 p.m. - Reading With Tatiana Fair and Company
4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - Community Connection: Senex/Farmington Musical/AARP
5:00 p.m. - Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. - The Forum For Community Opportunities
6:00 p.m. - Voices From The Ghetto: Part 3
6:30 p.m. - (con't)
7:00 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Charter Schools
8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Novi Chophouse and Lobster Bar
9:30 p.m. - Wise Guys: Men in

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15
10:00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics/Body Toning
10:30 a.m. - Home for Life: Landscape Edging
11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen
12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. - Out in the Open IV: The Heidelberg Project
1:30 p.m. - Travel's On: American West
2:00 p.m. - Travel's On: American West
2:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. - A New and Improved You: A Girl of Life
3:30 p.m. - Adventures With Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Burton Folsom
4:30 p.m. - Shaary Zedek
5:00 p.m. - Going To The Chapel
6:30 p.m. - Thornton Creek Girl Scout Thinking Day
7:00 p.m. - (con't)
7:30 p.m. - Your Real Estate Connection: Brian Simms
8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen
8:30 p.m. - Harvest Ministries
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Burton Folsom
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
10:00 a.m. - Let's Talk With Ben Marks
10:30 a.m. - (con't)
11:00 a.m. - Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. - Lumen Christi
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - To Be Announced
3:30 p.m. - Reel Talk
4:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - To Be Announced
6:00 p.m. - Community Connection
6:30 p.m. - Groove Session
7:00 p.m. - To Be Announced
7:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With Tracy

The onslaught of development to continue for years

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Developers will continue to pave over land in southeastern Michigan in the next 25 years, though not at the pace of the last 30 years.

That and other findings emerge from a statistical report by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. While shrinking family size was the cause of most development in the past, population growth will be the chief cause in the future.

SEMCOG's study is called "Land Use and Land Development in Southeast Michigan" and was written by staffers Jim Rogers and Xuan Liu. The densely-worded report comes to few conclusions and lacks the expressions of horror at "urban sprawl" and loss of open space that have marked the seven-county agency's reports over the last decade.

"The expansion of developed land will continue in the future" is the

clearest thing in a strong statement in the March 1999 report.

Some findings that emerge:

- Development will continue at 1 percent more land per year, twice as fast as population growth, 0.5 percent per year, between 1995 and 2020. That's a slower development rate than in 1965-95, when development of land increased by 72 percent, or 2.4 percent a year.
- In 1995 Oakland County, with about half of Wayne County's population, actually had more developed land — 441.5 square miles versus Wayne's 437 square miles. By 2020 Oakland will have developed 582 square miles and Wayne 467.
- Livingston County is witnessing the fastest relative boom. In 1965 it had 32.2 square miles of developed land; by 1995, development had touched 102.8 square miles; by 2020, an estimated 177.2 square miles.

SEMCOG's tables are based on acreage. For ease of reader understanding, this newspaper has converted the numbers to square miles by dividing acres by 640.

SEMCOG's report doesn't give details on the loss of farmland. It lumps "Cultivated Land/Brushland/Grassland" into a single category, obscuring whether it's wheat or weeds that are being developed.

Causes of development will change over the next 25 years, SEMCOG's analysis said. As of 1995, some 33 percent of the region's 4,607 square miles were developed. By 2020, development will be using 41 percent of the total. Total population is 4.8 million.

SEMCOG used grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation and Michigan Department of Transportation along with local member contributions. Staff studied 1995 aerial photos to monitor development.

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Northville school suffering holy problems

BY ANDREW DIETZ
Staff Writer

Construction of a new elementary school in Northville, Michigan, is suffering from a host of problems, including a roof that is leaking, a roof that is sagging, a roof that is being replaced, and a roof that is being replaced again.

The school district's elementary school, built on New Star Road in Northville, is suffering from a host of problems, including a roof that is leaking, a roof that is sagging, a roof that is being replaced, and a roof that is being replaced again.

But it wasn't an obvious problem until last week when the roof began to leak. The roof was supposed to be replaced last year, but the work was not completed until six weeks ago. The first time around the roof cost taxpayers about \$237,412. The second time around the roof cost \$416,000.

Work on an entire replacement of the roof ended this week.

This has cost the district a tremendous amount of time and money," said David Bolitho, assistant superintendent of the Northville school district.

The most recent roof replacement was done in a January agreement made between the Northville school district, Barton Malow, the Southfield-based construction manager company of the school, and Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta, the architectural firm for

"There is no question about it that the prior owner of Michigan Roofing Co. is to blame."

James Giachino, Vice President of Barton Malow

Northville Co. was chosen for the project. It was late in the year and Giachino said Barton Malow was putting pressure on the roofing company to finish the roof.

"We were having real trouble getting workmen on the job," he said. "And we were hounding them to get the job done."

Additionally, he said, the roof work was done on Saturdays when no one from Barton Malow was around to inspect work. Giachino said the work was done on Saturdays because Michigan Roofing had trouble getting roofers to work on the job during the week because they were probably working on other projects.

That "is definitely not the norm," Giachino said due to safety and security issues.

But he also admitted that Michigan Roofing wasn't disciplined because Barton Malow personnel were "really anxious" to get the roof up.

"Those are the areas where there were some deficiencies," Giachino said.

The problem blossoms

Bolitho said when the problem with the roof was discovered, Michigan Roofing Co. was contacted to try and resolve the situation. However, the name of Michigan Roofing had been sold and was under new ownership.

But Bolitho said a representative went to inspect the roof at Thornton Creek and told the district that a new roof was needed.

"When they [the new Michigan Roofing Co. owners] came out here they were appalled at what they'd seen," he said.

In addition to the shoddy installation, the shingles showed signs of rapid deterioration, Bolitho said. The deterioration was so bad that the district sent some of the shingles to be tested.

"We found out that we didn't have 20-year shingles but shingles likely to last between eight and 10 years at most," he said.

Bolitho said that he then learned the shingles were defective. The manufacturer, Tamko, at first said there was nothing wrong with them, but later decided "out of the goodness of their hearts" to replace all of the shingles by sending the district a check for \$40,000.

But the roof still needed to be fixed.

The question then arose as to who would foot the bill. Bolitho said Barton Malow, Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta and the district agreed to each contribute one-third of the \$120,000 bill instead of battling it out in the courtroom.

"We had to figure out how to recover \$120,000 jointly," Bolitho said.

And although Barton Malow was supposed to supervise work on the building five days a week and Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta was supposed to have a representative visit the site two days a week, neither organization was about to assume full responsibility for the faulty roof, Bolitho said.

"None of the three parties are responsible for the cost," Giachino said. "Those are just the three companies that agreed to fix the problem."

Giachino said the roofing company is to blame.

"There is no question about it that the prior owner of Michigan Roofing Co. is to blame," he said.

Bolitho said he didn't want to put all the blame for the roof problem on any of the parties involved. However, he said it was difficult to understand how the school district was equally responsible for the mess ups.

"They [the construction companies] were supervising the project," Bolitho said.

Dems fall short in bid for inspectors

BY TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State Senate Democrats came up one vote short in an effort to add 23 nursing home inspectors to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

"Senior citizens should be paramount. They are the most vulnerable," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, during the March 25 debate.

But Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, said a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and "be done by summer. We don't know how many inspectors and how we pay for long-term health care. Funding the exact number of inspectors now is premature."

Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn, said, "We've closed two nursing homes in the metro Detroit area in the last six months. The state said you don't pay enough, and we don't have the inspectors. Some say, 'Just let the state issue vouchers.' Hell, that doesn't get the job done." Hart shouted.

HOW THEY VOTED

The amendment went down 19-17, with 20 needed for passage. Voting yes were 14 Democrats joined by five Republicans. Art Miller, D-Warren, was absent and could have provided Democrats the 20th vote.

Sens. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, voted no.

The bill was passed 22-14 with all Republicans except the absent Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, voting yes and all Democrats except

FEDS CRITICAL

Sen. John Cherry, D-Clio, the minority leader, said Young's amendment was prompted by two federal reports showing severe flaws with Michigan's nursing home enforcement. The General Accounting Office, a congressional agency, criticized the state for minimizing the seriousness of complaints and failing to followup.

Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality Council."

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nurses physically abused a resident because she could not stand the sound of the resident grating her teeth - 115 days without doing anything about it.

"An employee was fired for refusing to falsify documents - 136 days with nothing done about it."

A resident signed himself out of a home and did not return for 251 days. Investigation? No. Nothing done about it.

Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been investigated. The oldest uninvestigated complaint alleged that a resident's leg was amputated because the facility did not take proper precautions to prevent infection. That complaint has gone 320 days without being investigated."

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "We are defending the abusers against the people who have worked their entire life in this state. Paid taxes to this state. Are finally in their twilight years of living in a nursing home situation - and we do not want to protect them. That is absolute insanity."

"Another complaint included 28 separate allegations about care provided to 17 residents including allegations that the director of

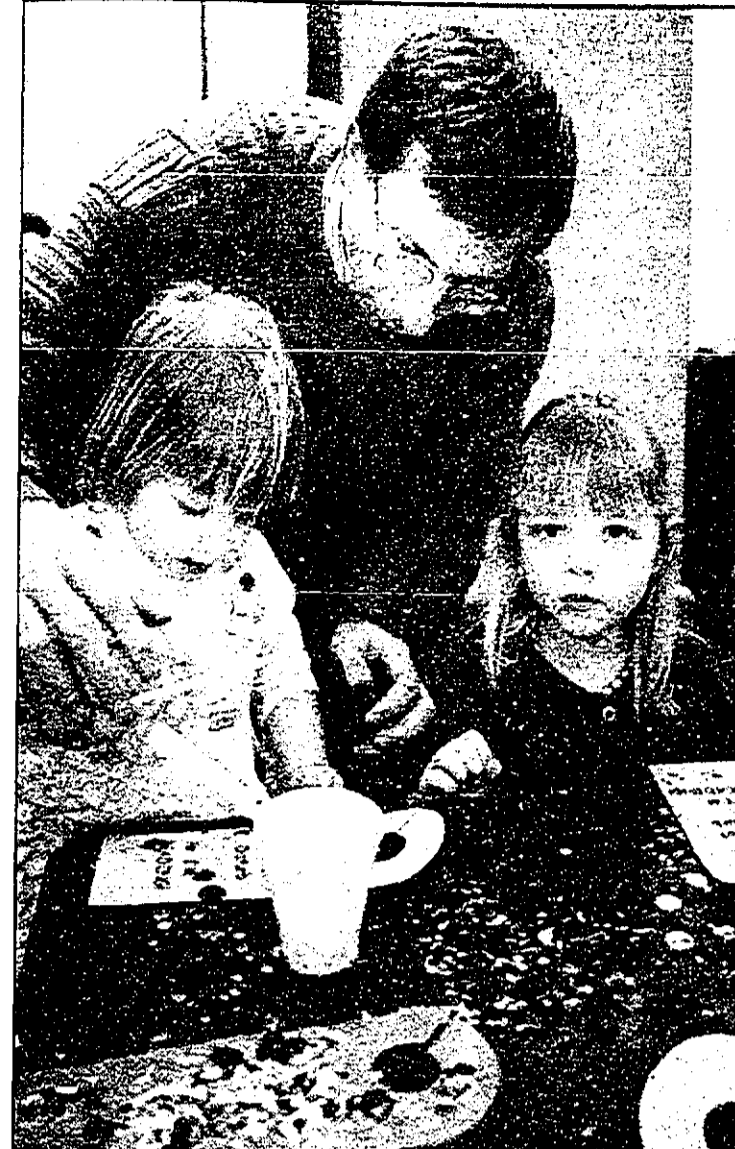


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Family night

Brian Koehler helps his daughters Claire, 2, and Katie, 5, with their "Arthur" crafts during Wednesday night's family activities at the Novi Public Library. The children's book star, Arthur (the aardvark), was the theme of the library's craft projects and games.

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Novi couple donates use of barn to community

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A couple of the servers at the Red Lobster got to know us and they would give us reports. They'd say you haven't finished the paint, yet," Steve Myers said.

To Novi City Council Member Kathy Hatch, long a local history buff, the survival of the Simmons homesteads is interesting because the complex of buildings shows the lifestyle of succeeding generations in Novi.

"I think it's a great example of an adaptive reuse of a historic structure," she said, referring to the Myers barn.

"They've managed to preserve the house as it is a live-work space."

While Novi is hardly known for historic structures, this is the second old apple barn that has been renovated for reuse. Several years ago, Lee Mamola converted an apple barn near his house into an office for his architectural firm.

One of the prettiest structures on the Simmons, now Myers, property is an 1875 yellow brick pump house with the original slate roof, in front of the apple barn. New windows have been added to the tiny building.

Newlyweds Joshua and Hannah Simmons came from New York to this area in 1826. Generations of the pioneering family spread out to Novi.

For Izumi Myers, formerly a dancer with the Tokyo Ballet Company, the barn is personal studio where she can practice her dance. A barre is already up and mirrors will be the wall soon. Upstairs, her husband has a woodworking wood shop.

Steve Myers, who is active in the Novi Rotary Club, said a place for clubs and their committees to meet is needed in town.

"You can open up a church for a committee meeting at 5 p.m., but they don't like it," he added.

Those who use the Simmons Room will be expected to comply



Masaharu Sakimukai

with several modest demands. Users must book the place in advance, keep it clean, take their shoes off to preserve the lovely wood floor and haul in their own refreshments. Because the old barn walls are so thick, a kerosene heater soon has the place toasty warm, the Myers say.

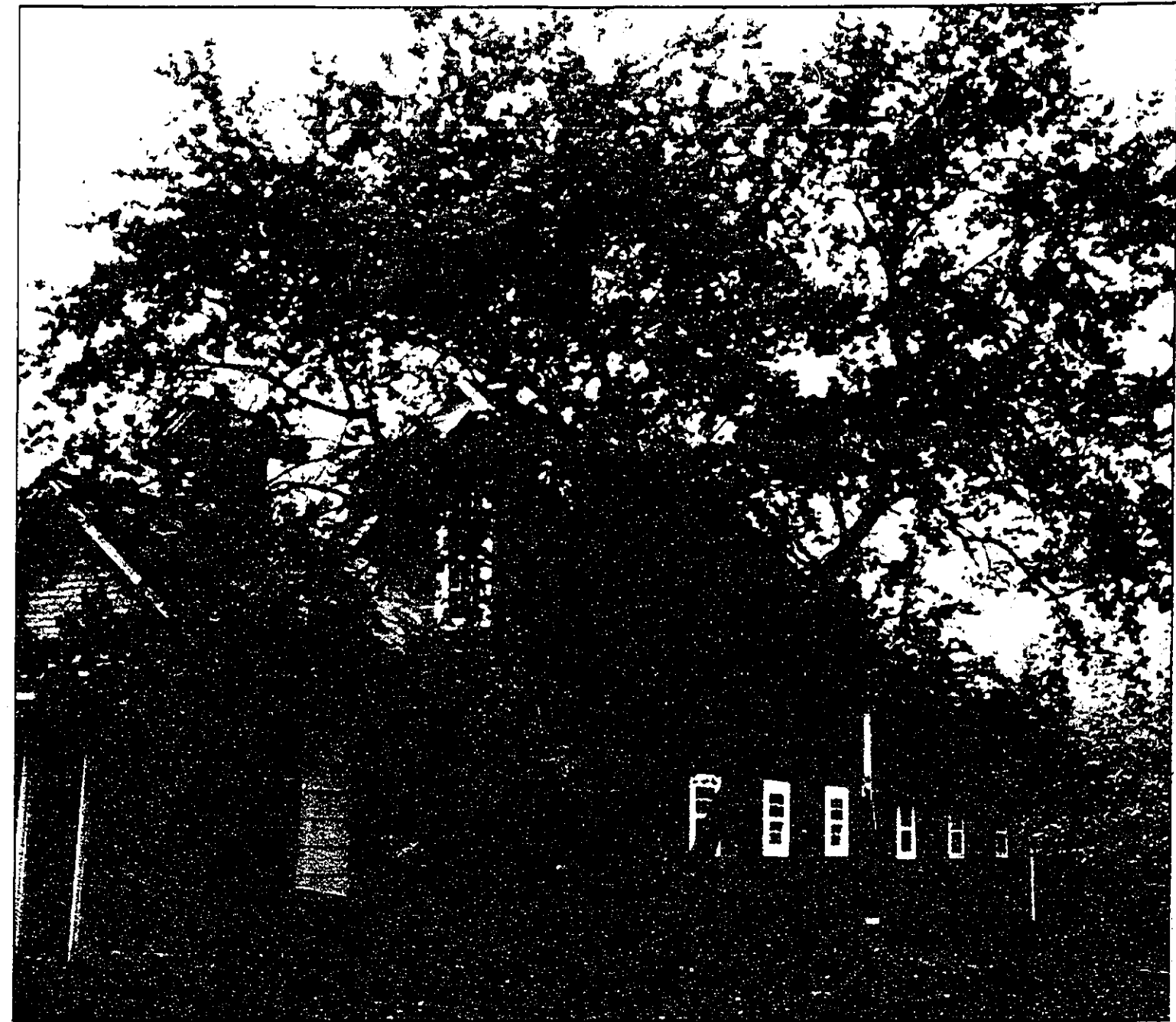
Not everyone is happy with the barn restoration. The previous occupants, a flock of swallows, remain disgruntled.

"They still claim it as theirs. When the doors open, they come in and make a mess," Izumi Myers said.

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Steve and Izumi Myers give back to community by making their barn available for use.

Congressman meets students

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though he was a little bit too partisan for the kids."

Knollenberg started off the forum by briefly telling the crowd of freshmen through senior students a little bit about his job.

He then changed the subject and told the students about his favorite issues - social security, taxes, education, defense and Kosovo.

Students didn't grasp onto any of his favorite topics, except Kosovo.

They focused, instead, on Knollenberg's support of nuclear power, his "energy expert" title as well as the war in Yugoslavia.

As for the "energy expert" title, Knollenberg said, "That is what they say I am. To get called an expert, you get assigned to a committee." In this case, it is a committee dedicated to looking at energy sources in the U.S.

Knollenberg said he strongly feels Americans should conserve energy and look at cleaner sources of energy.

He said these include nuclear energy, clean coal, solar power and wind power. Of these, Knollenberg said he favors nuclear energy, because it is actually a cleaner and more useful fuel source than the others.

This caused one student to ask, "You say nuclear energy is clean, but nuclear waste hangs around for years?"

Knollenberg said the solution for this is a storage facility inside a mountain in New Mexico. He said he has been assured that it is very safe and will not be filled for many years.

While it may or may not be safe at the storage facility, one student asked how safe the waste is that is being shipped across America on trains destined for the New Mexico site.

Knollenberg answered that there has never been an accident in 50 years of transporting nuclear waste.

Students also questioned Knollenberg on why the U.S. is bombing Yugoslavia.

He answered saying the reason our country is bombing Yugoslavia is because of actions by the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic and his army as they attempt to "rub-out" the Kosovo people.

The answer prompted a student to ask Knollenberg why the U.S. is taking action against Milosevic now, while he has been committing atrocities throughout the region for some time.

Knollenberg said he actually does not know why the U.S. is taking action now or even why the country is involved in the conflict, contradicting his earlier explanation.

As for the U.S. response to past atrocities committed by Milosevic, Knollenberg said he did not support putting U.S. troops in the region at that time. But Knollenberg said he supports the current U.S.-led bombing. However, he criticized President Clinton for "not having a clear strategy" and said he is concerned about NATO's use of U.S. troops.

While most of the European countries are members of NATO, Knollenberg said the U.S. always takes the major share of military involvement.

"It is almost like the other partners in NATO keep looking at us to put in more than them," he said.

Knollenberg said, after talking with the students, he was very impressed with them.

"I think some of their questions are some of the best I have ever heard," he said.

Suit against police settle out of court

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through the court process. Klaver said the city's insurance company suggested the matter just be settled out of court.

It was determined that this would be the best course of action, because it would be cheaper to settle out of court than fight the case, forcing the city to pay attorney's fees, Klaver said.

"(Attorney's fees) can be so high that in many cases it is more economical to settle," he said.

Klaver said the lawsuit's settlement forbids him from disclosing what the Thompson's received from the city. "I don't think we settled on an excessive number," he added.

Furthermore, Klaver stressed the settlement is not an admission of guilt on the part of the officer or the city, but was done only for economical means.

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As We See It

Novi will have to make tough sell for new library

Without a doubt, Novi has one of the nicest libraries around. It's well stocked with books and information. It's easy to use. Staff there is always helpful.

It is one of the most used and best loved institutions in the city.

But the time has come, according to the Library Board, when the city has to start thinking about a larger building. An architectural study of the library's needs shows it is already a little behind. At present, the building has 23,000 square feet of space but should have 31,000 square feet to meet current demands. The study showed that, based on the city's population growth, Novi will need 79,918 square feet of library space in the year 2020.

Right now, the library has a collection of 78,024 books. That collection is expected to grow to 202,500 by the year 2020. And Novi residents use their library, checking out 8.7 items per person each year, well over the state average of 5.9 items per person per year.

That has the library board talking about putting up a new building. It is looking at a 12-acre parcel of city-owned land on Taft Road, now part of Power Park, for a building about three times the size of Novi's current library.

But to do that, the library board will need approval of a bond issue. And it is expected a millage issue will be ready for voters sometime in the year 2000.

As popular as the library is, as well regarded as it is, the library board may find approval of a bond a tough sell. Novi voters are getting tapped out. They just gave approval to bonds for more fire department facilities and for an upgrade to the police department. They are likely to see another road bond come along later this year, the third the city has put forward. And Parks and Recreation has to consider development of park land in the near future.

That's not all. City voters just gave the go-ahead to a new middle school and a new elementary school will be on the election ballot sometime in the not too distant future.

Popular with city taxpayers or not, they could well be hard pressed to approve a bond for another project in



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the near future. Considering that, the library board ought to be prepared to make the tough sell when it comes time for a library bond issue. They should be ready to give voters, in great detail, explanations as to why the additional space is needed.

You can't fault the library for its pace planning so far. The current building was constructed in 1976 and has served admirably for a good many years. At the time, the building was significantly overbuilt. That meant the library was actually able to house city offices as well as books, and it grew into the space once the city got a building of its own. That kind of planning shows real foresight.

Nonetheless, now that the library is looking for taxpayer support, it faces a lot of competition for approval. Perhaps it is time the city put together a full list of all its building and capital improvement needs, drafting something like a city facility master plan. Perhaps it is time for a plan that would include and coordinate all of the projects the city is likely to want in the coming years, so that city voters can begin the process of deciding what improvements they want and which they are willing to forego.

It is only fair to tell voters that if you vote for, say, a road bond this year or a library millage next year, that the city will be back asking for some other facility at some point down the road. Coordination of projects into something like a facilities master plan might be a good way for residents to have an idea of where the city is headed, instead of having to consider these projects one by one as they come to the ballot for approval.

Novi's Four Corners are the historic crossroads of what was once a little podunk town in the fullest meaning of the word.

Now, local artists are invited to give their suggestions to the city about what type of public art should grace the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

Well, we're not artists here, but our editorial minds are racing. Whatever goes up there must be a symbol of the community, something that is uniquely Novi.

What about, rising over a fountain, a sculpture of a shopping mall, slightly split like a clam shell, with a large shopper ascending like Venus through the roof, shopping bags clutched in her hand?

Or picture a tall figure of a man, reminiscent of Michelangelo's David, this time dressed as if strolling from a pro shop, golf clubs in hand?

Nah, there's only one sculpture that captures this city, a big of Novi Special race car zooming over the fountain, frozen as it soars towards the road. The Novi icon won this town international recognition in the sixties, but we don't see its replica painted in the true-to-life color of red, like a giant Match Car.

Just something in bronze, or whatever metal it is artists are using these days, that captures the spirit of the hometown race car, built in a suburb of the Motor City.

Playing good cop, bad paper



Michael Malott

Novi police are being diplomatic with the FBI these days. Good for them. But we don't have to be.

Were perfectly willing to play a role in a game of good cop, bad newspaper. When the Federal Bureau of Investigation came to see Gary Karr in his home on East Lake Drive March 24, it failed to notify Novi police that it would be operating in the local jurisdiction.

Yes, the FBI told the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. In fact, deputies helped the FBI conduct a search of Karr's apartment and it was the deputies that found the firearms which he was detained.

Yes, the FBI also informed Walled Lake police. That's very nice. Unfortunately, the operation occurred, not in Walled Lake, but in Novi. And Novi police were left out of the loop.

As we said, Novi police are being diplomatic about it. Lt. David Butler said that while the FBI usually does notify the local department when it is operating in the area, he's not bothered that they didn't this time. He said he doesn't think it would have posed a problem.

As readers probably know by now, the FBI was in town late last month investigating the disappearance of Madayn Murray O'Hair and two other members of her family back in 1995. Murray O'Hair is the well-known atheist who filed the 1963 case that when to the Supreme Court and resulted in a ban of prayer in school.

The FBI came to Novi to question Karr about the case. Since then, he has reportedly told investigators he knows

where the bodies are buried and was an accomplice in their disappearance and murders.

Obviously, we're glad to hear the FBI is making progress in the case, but we're also concerned that Novi police were left uninformed. It isn't too hard to imagine a situation in which it could have led to a problem. Suppose, for instance, someone had spotted agents closing in on the home, guns at the ready, unaware they were felt, and called Novi police for help. Supposed an officer was already at the location, perhaps dealing with another matter, when the agents arrived.

Confusion can lead to mistakes. Remember that similar things have happened, including one legendary case in Detroit in the 1970s in which uniformed officers drew down on members of an undercover squad not knowing who they were or that they were cops.

Failing to tell the local authorities about federal action in the jurisdiction could have downright danger consequences.

We also assume that since the FBI did notify other local jurisdictions, that it intended to share the information. That the lack of information to Novi was simply a mistake.

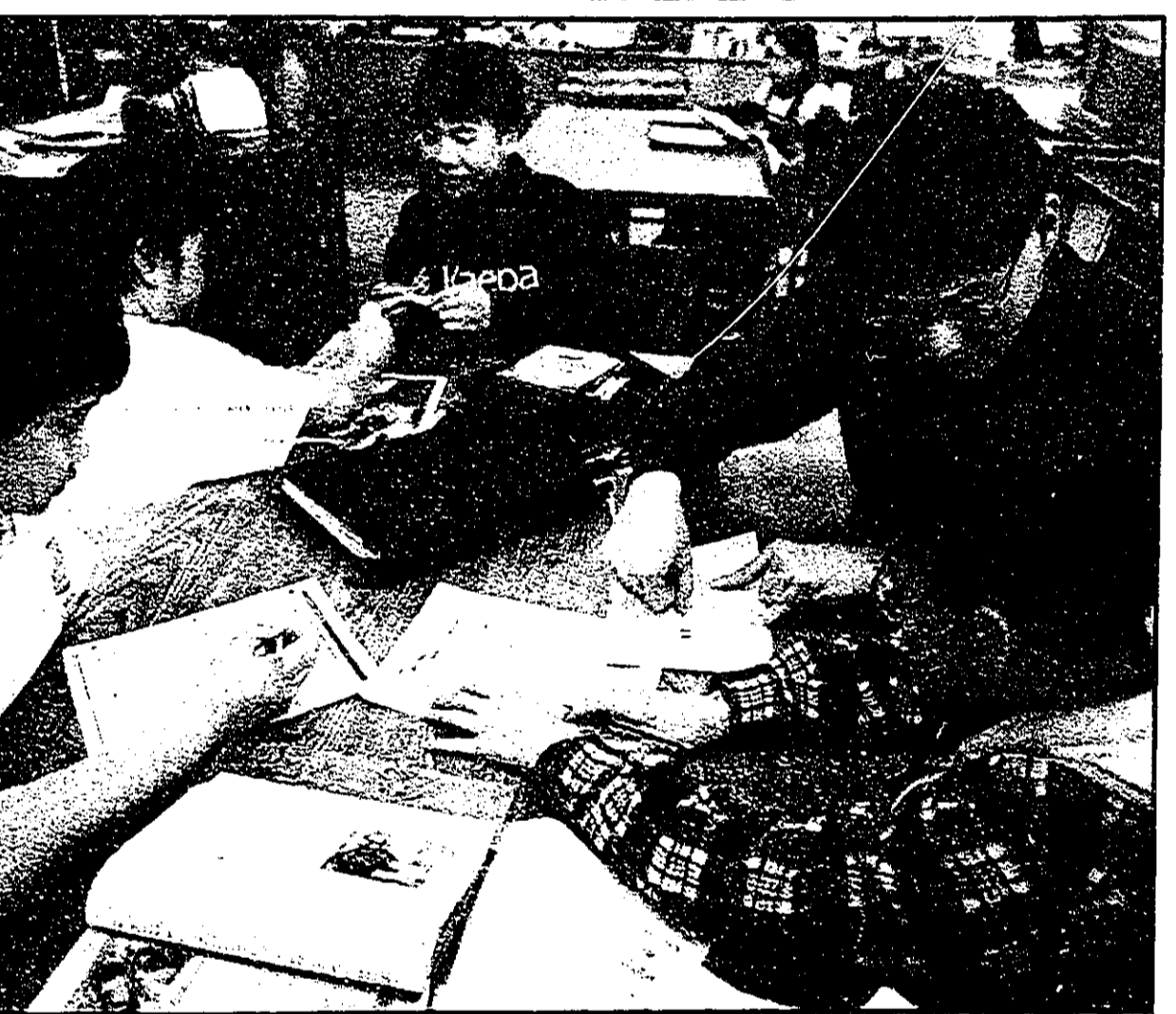
Nonetheless, we would urge the FBI to take more care in the future, making sure exactly in which local jurisdiction it is operating and letting the local police department know.

There is no good reason why local cops shouldn't be informed. There is no good reason to let any potential for confusion or danger exist when it could so easily be eliminated.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Jack Wang volunteers his time to help youngsters learn English as a second language.

Rage linked to construction?



Jeremy McBain

Spring is in the air. It is this time of year that brings us singing birds, colorful flowers, green grass, tons of orange road construction cones and the sounds of cussing motorists.

Yes, while spring brings its yearly festival of rebirth and renewal, it also brings out the ugly nature of road construction, which in turn leads to severe cases of "road rage."

Having lived in Northern Michigan most of my life, I would only hear stories about this occurrence. I never had a change to experience it, until I moved here and discovered even my short commute from the Novi News's offices in Northville to my home in Novi can be a mind-bending experience.

I am amazed at the instant change that takes over the most mild mannered of people once they get behind a automobile wheel in construction.

Take my wife for example. Normally, she is a very mild, loving, caring and thoughtful woman who takes the time to compliment person or help them when they are in need.

However, when she is driving a car in a construction zone, she transforms into a demonic, taunting Amazon woman, who would love to have a machine gun mounted on the front of her car to "clear up the traffic a little."

It is a very scary experience. Especially if you are sitting next to her. This attitude change makes me ask several questions. Why do some drivers suddenly find the need to blame all construction on the driver in front of them? Why do they cuss and cut people off almost casually?

And, most annoying of all to me, why do some drivers feel a need to tailgate the driver in front of them so closely that when the driver looks out their rear-view mirror all they see is the grill of the car behind them?

Jeremy McBain is a staff writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

We have shot at overcoming hatred



Phil Power

Last week my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and I participated in the rite of spring, Junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

It was an emotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey — driving down the road of life together — got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the start of the process by which he ultimately would leave home and become an independent adult.

So as we stood in the small circle around the student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of my fine son and at the same time so protective and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to do it on his own.

So while he was off talking with the other kids and checking out the campus in the mysterious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat under the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the green grass and the classes gathered outdoors around the professors in the new spring sun.

There were all kinds of kids. Black kids from the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with

varmalkins tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headress and another green hair.

I couldn't help reflecting as a sat there ... Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions.

And — so amazing and so American — they are all getting along together. Sure there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all together, all having a good time at college in the spring warm.

How different it would be today. I thought, in Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep and the hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still — even on the far side of a genocide — hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or between Armenians and Turks. Or between the various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on. It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.

Somehow, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people

have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds.

Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zero-sum hatred for individual success.

Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical not to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his success, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory:

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

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Can it be mother has no impact?

To the Editor:

Elizabeth Harvey, University of Massachusetts psychologist, maintains her study of working mothers shows no diminution in children's cognitive and emotional development.

Is this the same as claiming that no improvement in children's cognitive and emotional development would be experienced if the working mothers eschewed their eight hours five days a week and stayed at home to nurture, love, and instruct their little ones?

How many more "studies" must we suffer where the liberal contrives to prove the most unlikely results.

Can it be possible that the mother in the home rather than at work would accomplish nothing above and beyond the working mother in rearing her child?

Neil Goodbread

Letters

Produce ad with unborn in mind

To the Editor: The locally advertised commercial go as follows: "I believe there's a reason we're born with free will."

And I have a strong will to decide what's best for my body ... my mind ... my life.

I believe in myself and my intelligence ... my integrity ... my judgment.

And I accept full responsibility for the decisions I make.

I believe in my right to choose —

without interrogations ... without indignities ... without violence. I believe that's one of the founding principles of our country."

The greatest of human freedoms is choice.

I believe that no one has the right to take that freedom away."

Printed, but not spoken: What's life without choice? Pro-choice. Naral Foundation.

Life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness come to mind for me, and I notice that life not choice, comes first.

I am sure that nearly everyone has seen the commercial containing these words. There are a wide

variety of women and a few men shown as the words are spoken. What comes to my mind and I wonder how many other people's minds, is that the parents of all of the actors, plus of the women and men they represent, all made the same choice — life. Also, how can anyone choose anything at all unless life comes first?

Read the words of the commercial again. This time, however, imagine images of babies and children being shown instead of adults involved in activities related to these words. Produce and edit this commercial in your own mind to your heart's content, using a child either born or unborn, as the narrator. What do you think now?

The phone number given on the screen after the commercial contains the words: You decide. Please do. And have a blessed Easter.

Rawland Storm

Should we pay for roads and get malls

To the Editor:

The Novi City Council and city administration is now considering \$42.5 million in road projects (articles in The Detroit News, March 29 and The Detroit Free Press, March 30).

The Novi voters and taxpayers may be asked to approve a special \$20 million (or more) road bonding proposal, a potential ballot issue for this coming November primary election. The majority of this road bonding money would then be spent on rebuilding and improving county roads (Grand River, Novi Road, Ten Mile, Twelve Mile, etc.).

This is the same city council and city administration that cannot get the Oakland County Road Commission to properly maintain coun-

ty roads within Novi. The Road Commission also seems to have serious problems salting or clearing the snow off these roads in the winter.

This city council and city administration wants to spend \$5.5 million of Novi taxpayer funds to widen Twelve Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to Novi Road. (So the non-resident golfers have no problems getting to and from the proposed municipal golf complex/watering hole at the Novi Tree Farm parkland site?)

This is the same city council and city administration that recently gave us another sorely-needed mega-mall shopping center on Twelve Mile Road just west of the West Oaks mega-mall shopping

center.

This is the same city council and city administration that got an Oakland County Judge to award a \$40 million judgment against the City of Novi because of a little road issue matter on Novi Road (county road) north of Twelve Mile Road.

This same city council and city administration had Novi Road — north of Grand River, widen to five lanes and had a super-intelligent traffic signalization system installed. So now Novi Road can be closed to northbound traffic when there is a car show, a golf show, a hair curler demonstration or Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo Center to control the traffic.

But this is also the same city council and city administration that, within about 90 days, built a semi-private road; Pork Barrel Avenue, No. 6, for developers and special interest groups. That road project included a boulevard entrance with a brand new Oakland County traffic signal light — all done without Novi voters' approval.

So the big question is: should we as Novi residents and taxpayers vote for any proposed road bond issue to increase our taxes? Then, wind and weather permitting, a few back room meetings, we could get a few more sorely-needed shopping malls, a cash-consuming municipal golf complex/watering hole, and God-only-knows what else?

Joseph G. Toth

Playing Jeopardy with worker safety



Tim Richard

Let's play "Michigan Jeopardy." Answer: Pine-Aire Building Co., Independence Professional Fireworks, Cadillac Iron, Galaxy Excavating, General Motors.

Question: What are some of the companies where Michigan workers have been killed on the job?

Answer: Wade Barry, Joyce Carr, Frank Blisset, Arvie Hubbard, Paul Robel.

Question: Who are some of the workers killed in industrial and construction accidents from 1997-1999?

Answer: 17 in 1992, 28 in 1994, 35 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in construction fatalities in Michigan in recent years?

Answer: Downward from 13,523 in 1991 to 7,436 in 1995 and 6,029 in 1997.

Question: What has been the trend in state workplace inspections during this decade?

Let's look at 1991-97: • Construction fatalities almost doubled, from 18 to 35, as construction jobs expanded 50 percent. Reasons for the disproportionate increase: More inexperienced workers entered the trades, and construction industry inspections fell by more than half from 8,511 to 3,245.

• Manufacturing fatalities rose from 17 to 24 as general workplace inspections fell. I didn't do this research myself. I covered a House Labor Committee hearing last June in Detroit where the key speaker was Mark Phillips of Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations. I seem to have been the lone reporter there.

Phillips said he ran into trouble even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in the Michigan State Library in Lansing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said.

"For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available." The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information Act requests to get it.

"I had to write a letter and name every chart and graph. From the standpoint of

the public, you're going to give up [trying to get information] before you get done.

"Do they exist as publications? No. There's something they're hiding. "I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years," he said.

Nine years ago, I stood in a howling March wind outside the City-Country Building in Detroit as state Senate majority leader John Engler announced his candidacy for governor. He promised a "Taxpayer's Agenda." It was a promise he kept.

Engler has saved many public school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms. He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education. He is expanding the prison system to suit the "tough new penalties" attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and people.

But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining workplace inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections. Less "regulation," which has become a dirty word.

He replaced the departments of Licensing and Regulation and of Labor with "Consumer and Industry Services." Interesting choice of words.

Final Michigan Jeopardy answer: Asleep at the wheel.

Question: Where were Democrats and their champion trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger on this issue in recent years?

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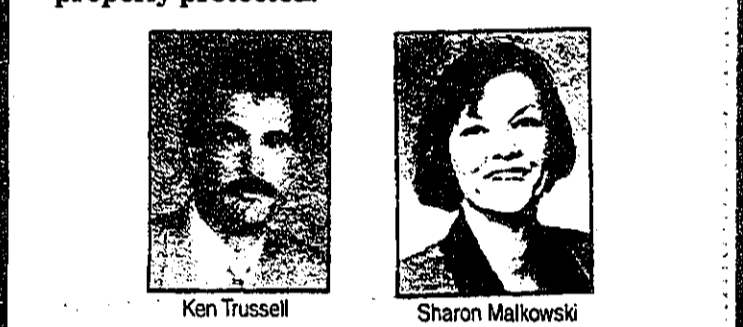
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Atheist's disappearance leads investigators to Novi

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happened that we found the guns," Newlin added.

Karr's roots hardly go deep in Novi: a self-employed contractor, he's been a Michigan resident for only 17 months and carries a Florida driver's license. Born April 21, 1948, he has children living in Arizona and Florida.

While he lives in an apartment at 1282 East Lake Drive, the Novi City Assessor's rolls don't carry that address, but show a listing for two houses at 1283 East Lake Drive that are registered as single-family, not multiple residences.

Novi police reported only one contact with Karr, when his small Sunfish sailboat came unattached from his dock on Walled Lake and floated away.

Lt. Dave Butler said Karr's arrest came as a surprise to Novi police, although the department is usually notified when another law enforcement agency is acting within the city's jurisdiction.

Several people on East Lake Drive living close to Karr's apartment said they'd never met him, but by last week the story was percolating through the north-end neighborhood. Neighbors thought Karr resided with his girlfriend and another man, but he told the investigators he lived alone.

His next door neighbor, Bob Andrews, said he has never exchanged more than a few words to Karr since the man moved in about two years ago. He usually kept to himself, Andrews said.

O'Leary testified in Karr's preliminary examination at the U.S. District Court in Detroit that the Novi man told the team of investigators — including an FBI agent and from Austin and a Detective from the Dallas County Homicide Unit — that he knew who was responsible for four unsolved homicides in Texas and served as an accessory both before and after the victims' deaths.

Media types have been flocking to the federal court to purchase \$15 cassette tapes of the preliminary exam, which features O'Leary on the stand.

Karr has been working with the authorities, O'Leary said: "There was a lot of back and forth, but for the most part, he was cooperative."

A complaint against Karr was filed in Texas on March 24, alleging that he transported stolen property across state lines, O'Leary said. Karr confessed to lying with one of the victims from Texas to Newark, wiring money from a bank there back to Texas and then returning to Texas, O'Leary said.

Authorities in that state are preparing to charge Karr as an accessory, O'Leary told the court.

"They (Texas authorities) are adamant that we do everything we can to keep him detained until he can be returned to their jurisdiction," he added.

On March 25, Karr sat on his family room couch with the men

from Dallas and was questioned from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. He was taken to the Oakland County jail, where he was interrogated for three more hours the next day.

Karr admitted to being an accessory to the murders, to using the victims' property, to providing vehicles to transport the victims and assisted in concealing the bodies, O'Leary testified.

While Richard Helfrick, the public defender assigned to Karr, asked that his client be released and placed on an electronic tether, Magistrate Daniel Sheer agreed to the Novi man's detention.

Along with investigating the O'Hair case, Texas lawmen are looking into the death of Waters' friend Danny Fry, who vanished around the same time. The Associ-

ated Press has reported that through DNA testing, a nude, headless and handless corpse found in Dallas in 1995 was identified as the body of Fry.

O'Leary testified that one of the homicides of which Karr has knowledge involves a decapitated corpse with severed hands.

Sunday, federal officials, following a lead from Karr, stopped searching a 5,000-acre Real County, Texas ranch for the family's bodies or other evidence.

Ganne said the FBI, after much digging at the ranch, called the search off, claiming they "accomplished their mission."

"Their mission was to dig holes," Ganne said.

"I have been around long enough to know that if they found any-

thing, they would pepper the media with it."

Waters, who served time for murdering a man with a pool cue during a barroom brawl, is being held on the same charges as Karr, possession of weaponry. FBI agents said they found 119 rounds of ammo in Waters' apartment, but Ganne said the cache belongs to the man's ex-girlfriend.

Waters, a former employee of the American Atheists, confessed to stealing \$54,000 from the organization in 1994. The New York Times reported.

The Murray O'Hair family left their home in Austin on Sept. 4, 1995, but kept in contact by phone for several weeks with members of the American Atheists, according to a July 1996 letter written by

Ellen Johnson, the new president of American Atheists. The letter was published in "Positive Atheism" magazine. O'Hair was the founder of the American Atheists, which lobbies for separation of church and state.

A year and a half after the trio vanished, the Associated Press reported in 1997 that someone had been using and paying the bills on Robin Murray O'Hair's American Express credit card.

Robin Murray is the daughter of O'Hair's estranged son, Bill Murray, an outspoken born-again Christian.

Late last year, Waters contacted a Texas monthly publication, The Austin Chronicle, to show them documents he said proved that the Murray O'Hairs had been plotting

their own departure. The November 1998 article printed a letter from Murray, who wrote that the disappearance "was actually the culmination of a rather convoluted scheme carried out over a considerable period of time."

For Texas, the case has had the impact of the Jimmy Hoffa mystery. For Novi, it's made waves around Walled Lake.

Just a few houses down from Karr's quarters is the home of East Lake Drive resident Asa Smith. Smith wasn't acquainted with his neighbor.

"There were just rumors going up and down the neighborhood that the police were doing a stake-out somewhere," Smith said. "I just heard the story that his past caught up to him."

Atheist, family missing for three years

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can Atheist Journal.

On Sept. 4, 1995, the three family members hopped into a car and left the headquarters of the American Atheists, headed for New York. There, they planned to picket a visit of Pope John Paul II.

In the weeks that followed, the family remained in contact with fellow American Atheists, according to a July 1996 letter from the group's new leader, Ellen Johnson, to the organization's supporters. The document was printed in the magazine, "Positive Atheism."

At the time they vanished, Johnson said, there was no evidence of foul play at the American Atheists headquarters in Austin.

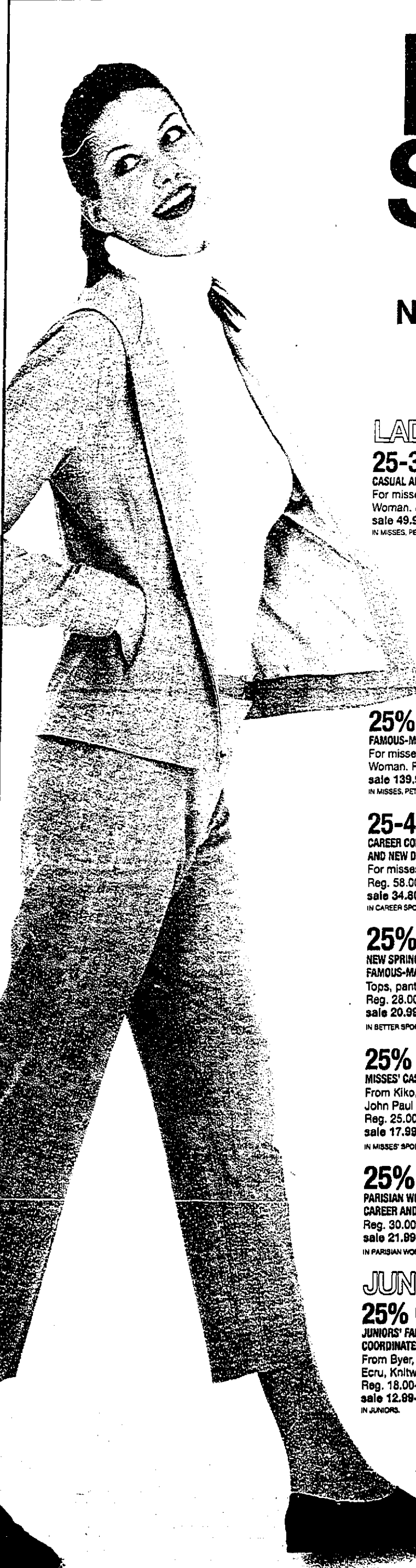
Johnson wrote that several days after the family disappeared, leaving unfinished work on their desks, she talked to them on their car phone and was told by Jon Murray that: "It's too complicated to explain now."

She noted that she spoke with all three family members during the month of September, as plans proceeded for picketing the Pope.

According to Johnson's letter, the family was in the middle of several projects, such as the website Robin Murray O'Hair was establishing for American Atheists.

Johnson noted that tabloid newspapers had a field day with the issue, speculating along three basic lines: the family members were the victims of foul play; Madelyn Murray O'Hair was terminally ill and went undercover so that her condition would not be "exploited" by religious groups; the family fled to New Zealand. But Johnson said they left their passports at home.

The American Atheists website explains that members believe that not only is there no proof of the existence of a god, but there is no need for a supreme being and that people must face the consequences of their actions.



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Go fish!

Everyone is welcome at upcoming free fly fishing workshop in downtown Northville

Left: David Olgren and John Bueter, foreground, fish Northville's Johnson Drain Creek during a recent Wednesday afternoon. Below: With fly-rods in hand, Bueter and Olgren search for some of the descendants of North America's original brown trout.



CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

What better place to have a workshop about fly fishing than in Northville.

It was 115 years ago that the first brown trout were introduced to American waters from the U.S. Fish Commission's hatchery in Northville. It is also one week before trout season opens.

The Fly Fishing Workshop is being hosted by the Northville Public Library and sponsored by both the Friends of the Library and Bueter's Outdoors.

It will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the library, 212 Cady Street. There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

One of the objectives of the Friends of the Library's Voices and Visions Series, is to interact with downtown businesses.

After a Friends board meeting in August, Nanci Olgren, a board member, knew exactly which business to approach for an upcoming presentation - Bueter's Outdoors.

Nanci said her husband David, who is a member of Friends, was all in favor of the idea.

"He enjoys fly fishing and is always anxious to tell people more about it," said Nanci, who does less up to having fished with worms, but has never been fly fishing.

"I am a real avid fly fisherman, that's one of my passions," David said. "She knew if she hit with me that idea I couldn't say no."

The workshop will include stream side equipment, fly casting and fly tying demonstrations. Presentations will include author Jerry Dennis who will do a book presentation on "The Wooden Canoe: Reflections on Canoeing, Camping, and Classic Equipment." Jennifer Bandurski of the Flygirls of

Michigan, Inc. will discuss "Women and Fly Fishing." Dr. George Berquist, will discuss "Northville: Home of the Brown Trout" as well as give pointers on how to prepare for next week's (April 23) trout opener.

"It is a nice idea to elevate the knowledge of the fact that there was a fish hatchery in Northville that was very important to the community at one time," David said. "It was the first hatchery to stock the brown trout in America, even if only by a week or two."

The brown trout is a highly valued fish for fly fishermen to catch, according to David. "They are wonderful fighting fish."

David is almost always a catch and release fisherman who was introduced to the sport nine years ago through his son-in-law.

"Fish are so beautiful especially in their spawning colors, you just value the sport of catching it and releasing for someone else to enjoy," David said.

My first trip was up to the south branch of the Au Sable River, sleeping in the back of my Explorer," David said. "That's kind of my favorite water."

David, who retired from Ford Motor Company a few years ago, met the presenters he invited to the workshop through his work with friend and fellow fly fisherman John Bueter, owner of Bueter's Outdoors in Northville. When Bueter opened his shop a few years ago, David pitched in to get things going.

"It was a perfect transition for me from retirement," David said of their association.

"The people in this sport are really that way, they are very willing to share their knowledge with other people," David said. "The youngsters, when they do get involved in the sport, it really pulls them."

For more information, call (248) 349-3677.

History of the Brown Trout at Northville's Fish Hatchery:

1870s - The Northville Fish Hatchery on Seven Mile Road west of Rogers Street was started by Nelson W. Clark as a private operation.

1880 - The hatchery was leased by the U.S. Fish Commission and Clark's son, Frank N. Clark, was placed in charge. By 1897, it had become the largest fish propagation station in the world. Five of the hatchery's 17 acres were under water. In 1935, it was the only federal fish hatchery in Michigan.

1883 - In February, Baron von Behr, president of the German Fishery Association, donated between 80,000 and 100,000 brown trout eggs to the U.S. Fish Commission. A portion of the eggs were given to Clark at the U.S. Fish Commission hatchery in Northville, partially in payment for a shipment of whitefish eggs Clark had shipped to von Behr.

In September, of the first batch of eggs, 1,330 of these von Behr brown trout were still alive.

1884 - In February, the Northville hatchery received another split shipment, 5,000 eggs, which originated from von Behr.

In April, 4,900 brown trout fry from this second hatch from the Northville hatchery were stocked into Michigan's Pere Marquette River. This is the first documented introduction of brown trout into North American waters.

1885 - Northville received a shipment of 43,500 Loch Leven brown trout eggs from the U.S. Fish Commission which had received 100,000 from the Howieton fishery in Scotland.

Northville sent 10,000 to the Michigan Fish Commission which planted them in April in Coldspring Lake, a source of the Tobacco River near Harrison in Clare County.

1887 - The Northville hatchery sent 25,000 von Behr brown trout eggs to the Michigan Fish Commission.

In the United States, no attempt was made to keep the Loch Leven and the German brown trout separated. Most brown trout in North America are descended from these two strains. By the end of the 1896, a total of 1,747,000 brown trout had been planted in Michigan.

Sources: "Michigan National Resources," March/April, 1984; "The First 100 Years," Jack W. Hoffman, 1976; "The Northville Record Centennial Edition," July 17, 1969; "The Wild Life Series - Trout," Stockpole Books, 1991; Michigan Fisheries Centennial Report, Michigan Department of National Resources, Fisheries Division, April, 1974.

Meet this year's participants

Jerry Dennis

Not only has he been fly fishing for more than three decades, Jerry Dennis has been earning a living writing about fishing, canoeing and nature since 1986.

He has written for "The New York Times," "Smithsonian," "Sports Afield," "Field and Stream" and "Wildlife Conservation."

He is the author of six books, including "A Place on the Water," a collection of essays about growing up outdoors in northern Michigan. "A Place on the Water" has been translated into Japanese and was recently selected by Michigan librarians as one of 25 books of the last 100 years that "have made significant contributions to the understanding of Michigan, its people, its history and culture."

"Raining Frogs and Fishes," a national bestseller which was translated into five languages, explores the natural wonders of the sky.

Ron Angove

Ron Angove is both a fly tying and casting instructor at Bueter's Outdoors in Northville. A native of Northville, he has worked a number of years for the Northville Public Schools.

Angove began fly fishing over 33 years ago and tying nine years later. He has also tied commercially through the years. He is a founding member of the Au Sable Anglers, a group that is active in the preservation and improvement of the Au Sable River system. Angove is a former president of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club and is very active in the club. For six years now he has been the chair of the annual fly fishing show founded by the club and held in Southfield, which attracts thousands of people every year.

Bill Fraser

From-Petosky, Mich., Bill Fraser followed in his dad's footsteps when he was eight years old and became a fly fisherman. He continued with his love of fly fishing as a hobby and as a career. He

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Schedule of Events

Fly Casting Demonstration
Northville Park
12:30 and 2:30 p.m.
Ron Angove, Bill Fraser

Stream Side Equipment Demonstration
Circulation Desk
12:30-4:30 p.m.
John Bueter, Dan Gordon

Fly Tying Demonstrations
Youth Activities Room
12:30-4:30 p.m.
Al Haxton, John McLain,
Chris Nelson, Jennifer Nelson

Book Signing
2-4:30 p.m.
Jerry Dennis

Book Readings and Fly Fishing Literature that Influenced Career
Caro Room (limited seating)
1 p.m.; Jerry Dennis

Northville: Home of the Brown Trout
2 p.m.; Dr. George Berquist

Flygirls of Michigan, Inc.: Women and Fly Fishing
3 p.m.; Jennifer Bandurski

Scouts earn the Eagle

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

Several area young men recently completed a rite of passage in the scouting world.

Jon Gale, Casey Ronk, Ed Scharf and Derek Swancutt were recently inducted into the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 755.

"Out of 100 boys entering scouting only 2 percent achieve this status," said Michael Detrych, Eagle coordinator. "It's very rare."

Only about 100 people have been inducted into Troop 755's Eagle Court of Honor since 1965.

To earn the status, the men have to earn 12 required merit badges and nine badges that they get to choose. Additionally, the men have to appear before a board of review and make a presentation.

The finally piece of the puzzle to achieving Court of Honor status is doing some kind of community project that is beneficial to the area.

"Everything they do is supposed to be very useful to the community," Detrych said. "It

teaches them to not only do things that may be beneficial to them."

The men were honored at a Court of Honor ceremony Jan. 31 where they were given plaques.

Detrych said the Court of Honor ceremony is much like a graduation ceremony.

"They achieved the status a while ago, but this is the real celebration of what they accomplished," he said.

Here are the projects the four Eagle Scouts took on in their Eagle Service Projects:

CASEY RONK

Casey Ronk was involved in a long-term project aimed at the renovation of Amerman Elementary School grounds. Ronk arranged through the school district the planting of six trees on a hill. Additionally, two exercise stations were constructed and installed including a pushup bar and a station of parallel bars.

ED SCHARF

Ed Scharf's project also involved doing work at Amer-

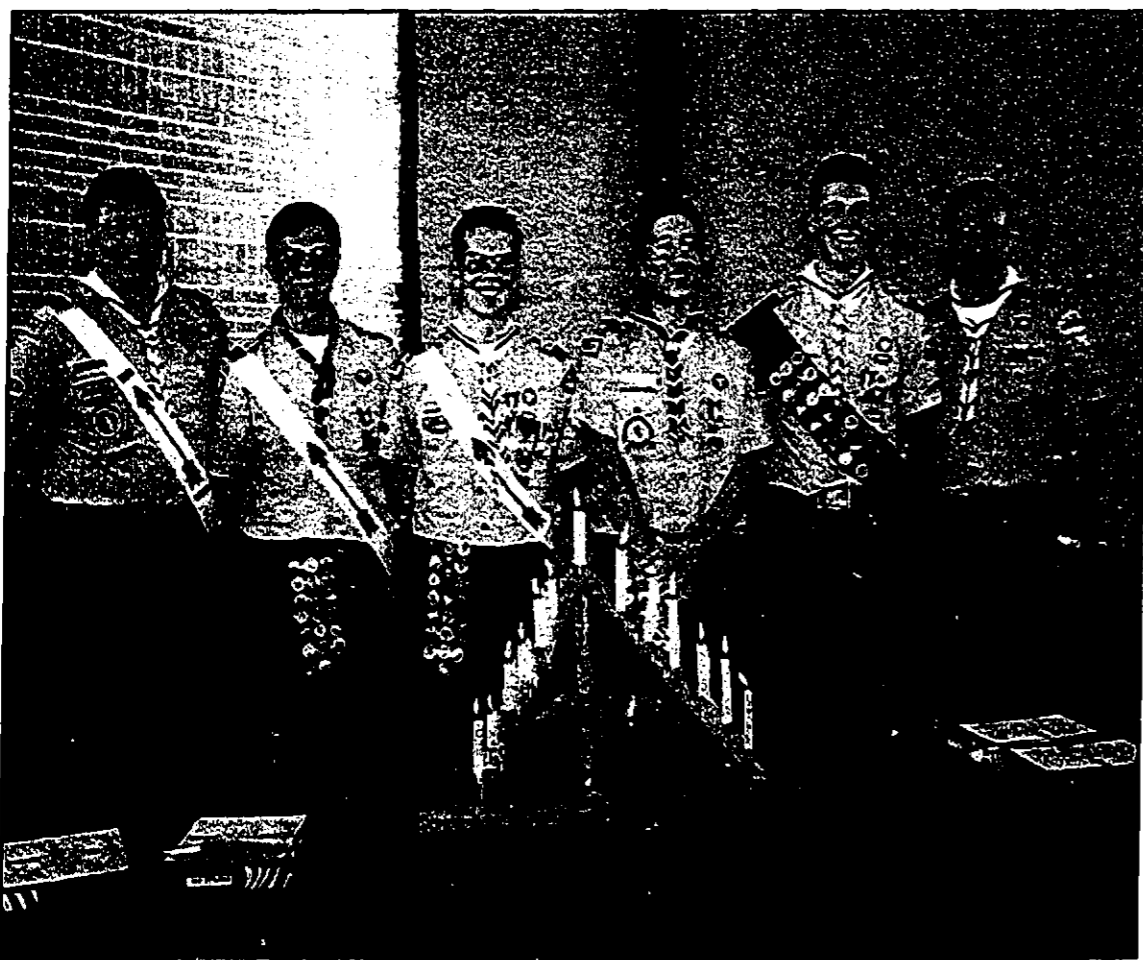
man Elementary. Scharf and his volunteers rebuilt three picnic benches and installed a wood chip pathway to the school. Signs were fabricated, welded and placed in the courtyard to identify the variety and type of trees. Additionally, several birdhouses were built and installed.

DEREK SWANCUTT

Derek Swancutt's project was to record 30 children's books on tape for students of Old Village School. Swancutt had a group of 20 volunteers that recorded and scripted books during several months.

JON GALE

Jon Gale's project consisted of designing and constructing musical instruments, bases for the instruments and a bookshelf for the Old Village School in Northville. He made 39 instruments based on six designs modeled from pictures in a catalog. The instruments included shaker, triangle, cabasa, cymbal, drum and sandblock.



Submitted photo

At the Eagle Scout Court of Honor were, left to right, Scoutmaster Jeff Jacobs, Eagle Scouts Casey Ronk, Jonathon Gale, Derek Swancutt, Edward Scharf, and Eagle Coordinator Joe Retzbach.

Boy Scout troop kept busy over the winter

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Boy Scout Troop No. 407 was busy during the winter months. Even the weather cooperated when they held a campout at Camp Agawan. The scouts learned about cold weather camping: how to make a snow shelter and how they sleep in tents, troop guide Carl F. Sals slept in the shelter he had built.

Initiatives with competition against each other in demonstrations of skill: bonfire, throwing, target-shooting, archery, fire building, cooking, contests, and crafts. The scouts will be encouraged to dress in clothing appropriate to the time period.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Reservations are now being accepted for the performance of the senior chorus and dancers at noon, April 23 at the Civic Center. The musical will feature songs and dances from Frank Loesser's "Guys and Dolls," "Heart and Soul," "Bushel and a Peck," and many more. The \$10 ticket will also include lunch, a chicken pasta salad complete with dessert. Only advance tickets sold will be accepted.

The April calendars are available, included in the calendars are lunch menus and activities, i.e. education, entertainment, etc. which are available at the center for all seniors in the area. Future events include: Jack Main of the "Area Agency on Aging" will be guest speaker April 12 at 10 a.m. followed by a question and answer period regarding Medicare and insurance. Lunch for the day will consist of fish, coleslaw, vegetables and a dessert of pineapple and oranges. On the same date at 12:30 p.m., a Pinochle tournament will take place. Also included in this month's activities is a trip to Lost Lake Scout Reservation near Clare for the "Back In Time" primitive weekend. Planners are hoping to give the seniors a direct experience with life in America during the early 1700s and early 1800s. They will live like trappers, voyagers and

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health nurse, will guest at the center April 13 at 11 a.m. to discuss "Blood Pressure," with Bingo following lunch at 12:30 p.m. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. a senior golf orientation along with a quilting session will be held for those interested. In the past, the ladies have made many quilts which have been given to First Step and a wall hanging for the library. The last session for assistance on tax matters sponsored by the AARP will be April 15; anyone needing help must call the office at 347-0414 for an appointment. Also, registration for the "55 Alive" program scheduled for April 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. may be made by calling the same number. If there are few registrations for the "Alive" program, it will be canceled due to lack of interest. A reminder - the Pacific Rim senior program for 55 and older Asian and Pacific Rim seniors living in Oakland County meets at 10 a.m. on April 26.

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

April 10 is the date for a special musical program scheduled at 7 p.m. Featured will be "New Light," a trio from Ohio whose music has a pro-life emphasis. There will be a

desert fellowship following their performance - the public is invited.

The church is continuing to renovate the original Novi Methodist Episcopal Church, which was dedicated in 1876. The church was moved from its original site, Grand River near Novi Road, to its present location at 23893 Beck Road near Ten Mile.

Much progress has been made with the new Masonic siding. It was discovered that the original siding could not be utilized so plans include having the building return to its original color of white. The original windows could not be used so the church acquired Anderson windows that blend in with the original concept. The church family has been meeting for worship in the lower level of the paragon since 1978, so everyone is eager to get into the new church as they are meeting every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to continue with the work that presently includes stripping the wainscoting. Any individual or organization interested in help with this project of restoring the original church building are encouraged to call Pastor Tim Whyte at 348-2748.

Recently, several OCC students, whose homelands include France, Haiti, Batavia, Taiwan, etc., donated their time in assisting with this project. The new co-pastor, the Rev. Tim Ammon, who was affiliated with theighthouse Baptist Church in Redford for many years, is also assisting in many areas of the church. He is joined by his wife, Bonnie and children, Sarah and Katherine. Pastor Whyte is interested in hearing from anyone who attended services in the original building and who may have pictures that would help in establishing the original interior.

NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The club will be holding their annual pot luck dinner on Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Husbands are invited and this could be the time to plan this summer's vacation since a travel agent from AAA will give a presentation on "What Michigan Has to Offer." In addition, there will be a special prize drawing. Several other items will be on the agenda, including the election of officers and the voting of the Outstanding Member Award.

Plans are in the making for the installation dinner May 22 at the Country Epicure Restaurant. At that time, not only will new board officers be installed but everyone who has been or will be part of a committee will be recognized. The Outstanding Member Award will be presented by last year's recipient, Lynda Bielenka. April 15 is the date for the new

member social: old/new and prospective members can meet and learn about the NNN in a social atmosphere.

Couples Night Out is planned for April 24. This rescheduled event will be a Games Night at a member's home starting at 7 p.m.

For interested golfers, the league will meet at Pebble Creek Golf Course every other Friday, starting May 7 for ten rounds, ten times at 5:29 p.m. Join as a "regular," first come, first serve basis. Interest group activities include several choices for card playing Euchre once a month starting April 8, next month is set for May 14; Pinochle will be held April 30 and the next being May 21; Play groups will be going to Twelve Oaks Mall play area on April 12; Book Club plans include meeting April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Border's Cafe for discussion of Fanny Flagg's book, "Welcome to the World Baby Girl." Evening Cafe will meet at Grady's on April 21. Bowling is scheduled for Tuesday at 9 a.m. and again on Saturday evenings for couples. Anyone wishing more information can contact president Robbi Lefroy at 380-9244.

"A Little Paint in the Neck" by Novi residents, not in order, T. J. Kosinski, Mollie Kempa, Chris Rodgers, Clara Stockhausen, Chris Estes and Joe McIntyre.

Speakers use roundtable format at meeting

The American Association of University Women will meet on Tuesday, April 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center, 215 West Cady Street in Northville.

After the 7 p.m. coffee, the evening's presentation will be a roundtable format from four AAUW members including Dr. Barbara Fife, Mandy Martin, Lee Rebin, and Merle Richmond.

Fife, who will talk on "Current Computer Technology," has taught in Northville Public Schools for 19 years and has served as technology coordinator for the district since 1989. She will briefly discuss current technology, computers, and the Y2K problem. How new technologies are changing the learning environment, and how the Internet can enrich and support lifelong learning.

Rebin, whose topic will be "Trends in Higher Education," is currently an admissions counselor in the Office of Admissions and Orientation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her chief focus is with Honors students and she is coordinating two major scholarship programs. Her talk will include the changing student profile, distance learning and the virtual university, and university

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700

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WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH 2120 Wagoner Road, Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM Led by Pastor Keith L. McKee The Central Int. - Meadowbrook Holy Communion: 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Holds a Comm. Lit. Sat. on 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills For more info, call: 248-928-8108 anytime	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 2120 Wagoner Road, Novi, MI 48375 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Service: 6:00 p.m. Dr. Carl M. Latta, Pastor
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Kudos

Novi residents T. J. KOSINSKI, MOLLIE KEMPA and CHRIS RODGERS, and Northville residents CLARA STOCKHAUSEN, CHRIS ESTES and JOE MCINTYRE were winners in the Wayne County Chapter of MADD's annual Poster/Essay Contest.

The chapter hosted its annual Poster/Essay Awards Luncheon on March 27 at the Detroit Athletic Club. Students from throughout Wayne County were invited to participate in this competition and the winners were honored on this day.

The theme for this year was "Strong Enough to Say No." The theme varies each year but always focuses on educating students on the dangers of alcohol abuse and drinking and driving.

In the poster category, T.J. won first place in the Grade 4-6 group and Clara was award third. In the essay category, the Novi and Northville children entered in the Grade 7-9 group took the top three awards with Molly winning first, Joe given second and Chris Rodgers awarded third. In the grade 4-6 group, Chris Estes was awarded second place.



Submitted photo

Winners in the Wayne County Chapter of MADD's annual Poster/Essay Contest included Northville and Novi residents, not in order, T. J. Kosinski, Mollie Kempa, Chris Rodgers, Clara Stockhausen, Chris Estes and Joe McIntyre.

marathon of short, original works for the stage will be held at Southfield's The Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive on Saturday, April 17, from noon until midnight. Tickets are \$5 for one hour or \$20 for all-day admission. To order tickets, call (248) 988-1094, ext. 1.

Proceeds support all of Heartland's original works programs including New Plays Initiative, Young Playwrights and Playscape '99.

Parikh is a 1993 graduate of North Farmington High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan with a BSE degree. He is the son of Vijaykuh oz N. and Asha V. Parikh of Novi.

Win a "Makeover for Mother"

Calling all mothers. Are you so busy taking care of others that you don't have time for yourself? Have you been thinking about pampering yourself with a day at the salon but don't know how you fit it in to your busy schedule?

"The Novi News" and "The Northville Record" is running a "Makeover for Mother" contest. A winner will be selected to receive a "pampering package" at Gerald's in Northville the week of April 19. The makeover will include hair cut, style, and color, facial, makeup, manicure and pedicure.

There is no time to waste. Send us a photo of your wife or mother and tell us why you think she deserves a few hours of pampering. There will be prizes for the second and third place finishers. The top three winners in the contest will have a story written about them which will be published on May 6, just in time for Mother's Day, which is a nice surprise in itself.

Send your entry including why you think your entrant has earned a day of pampering, a photo, and a phone number where she can be reached during the day to Makeover for Mother, Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48116. Entries must be received by April 16.

In Service

Navy Ensign RAJEV V. PAREKH recently graduated from the Submarine Officer Basic Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

During the 12-week course, students learned about the theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. They also received instruction concerning damage control, submarine safety and escape procedures, and in submarine weapons, fire control, and sonar systems.

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.

On April 8, the topic will be "How to Become a Single Master." Paul Seaser 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.

The topic on April 15 will be "Flawless" with Dr. Louis Tartaglia, M.D. or an open forum with facilitator Tony Valent.

The cost for each is \$4. Upcoming activities include Dinner/Dancing at Memories, April 10; Tennis at Square Lake Racquet Club, April 11; Interactive Dinner Theater, April 11; Antiquing in Williamston, Mich., April 17; and Dinner & Movie at Laurel Park and Contra Dance on April 24.

Upcoming workshops include "You & Me: Making the Connection" with speaker Amy Owens on April 24. The cost is \$2 in advance. April 22 and \$45 at the door. A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held from May 13 to June 24. The cost is \$30.

Professional Interior Designer and Feng Shui practitioner Joy Naylor will present "Intuitive Feng Shui (The Art of Placement)" on April 29, May 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 in advance or \$9 at the door. Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 500 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help you in your single life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation including Unique Single for never been married, New Start for widows and widowers, Grief Support for those experiencing loss from death or divorce, and a People Active in Christian Study, a study group.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. on April 9. Aggie Richards will give a humorous talk on "Life: Tragedy or Comedy." There will be a free will offering and free child care.

The Walking Club will meet on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. beginning April 21 in the hospitality area in front of the library. "Where Do We Go From Here" seminar will be held on April 16 and 17 in rooms C307/C308. Dick Bont 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.

Healthy Day will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. Free snacks will be provided. For more information, call Single Point at (734) 374-5920.

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On Campus



Jason Christopher Kirk

JASON CHRISTOPHER KIRK was one of 12 applicants accepted into the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan last fall out of a field of 300 applicants.

Along with the graduate program, Jason was offered the Colby Fellowship which included appointments as a course assistant in the upper-level literature courses, and in his second year, teaching an undergraduate course. Jason graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in English from U-M with a sub concentration in creative writing and is a 1993 graduate of Catholic Central High School in Redford.

Jason was also a winner in U-M's Poetry Contest and the recipient of the Hopwood Award in the Minor Poetry category last year. Jason is the son of Richard and Norma Kirk, formerly of Novi, and the grandson of Ann Z. Caruntu and the late Albert A. Caruntu Jr.

LINDSAY DRURY, a student at Kalamazoo College, will spend spring term studying in Oaxaca, Mexico. Drury departs for Oaxaca in April.

Study abroad is part of the college's K-Plan, a unique curriculum that combines rigorous liberal arts coursework, career internships, a master's-level thesis called the Senior Individualized Project, and the study abroad option.

Drury is a Novi high school graduate.

The following Novi students at Northwood University were named to the Dean's List for winter term: NICHOLE BORASZKO, senior; JEANNA M. STEWART, junior; and ERIC C. VOGEL, senior.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Boraszko is the daughter of Donald and Kathleen Boraszko; Stewart is the daughter of Thomas and Debra Stewart; and Vogel is the daughter of Richard and Shannon Vogel.

SARA ELFRING of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at

the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the fall semester. Elfring maintained a grade point average of 3.4 or better during the past semester.

Elfring is the daughter of Herb and Carol Elfring and a 1998 graduate of Novi High School.

She is in the university's First Year of Studies Program.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn named CHRISTINE OKDIE and JENNIFER LAROSE to the fall '98 Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters.

Both students are from Novi. Okdie is a senior majoring in English. Larose, a sophomore, is a mathematics major.

Students on the Dean's List earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

SARA BOYCE of Novi participated in the annual art student exhibit at Western Michigan University, which concluded April 3.

This juried exhibition provides an opportunity to see work produced by students who are currently enrolled in the university's Art Department classes.

Boyce was awarded the Bookstore Merit Award for her woodcut, "Didymus." She also received the Best of Show Award for her oil painting titled, "Saint Anthony's."

Madonna holds scholarship dinner/auction

Madonna University will hold its 11th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction" on Friday, April 16 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, located at 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship opportunities for Madonna University students and will support other projects, making higher education accessible to diverse student body. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. The goal for this year's auction is to raise in excess of \$280,000.

The general admission ticket price is \$75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle seating tickets are available for \$125 and allow special seating near the center stage.

Well-known auctioneer, Dan Stall Jr. of Birmingham will conduct the bidding. A sampling of the items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental U.S.; weekend getaways to the Stratford Festival in Ontario and the "Somewhere in

Time Weekend" on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel; a weekend sailing trip on the award winning "Charisma" from Mackinac Island to Beaver Island; a cruise aboard the new "Infinity" yacht; and several Florida vacations. Also featured are dinner for 40 at Under the Eagle Restaurant; a 20-person suite with food and drinks for a Red Wings playoff game; and signed sports memorabilia from Ted Lindsay, L. Little, Alex Delvecchio, Adam Oats, and John Salley, among others. The auction will also include a wide selection of retired Bonnie Babies.

Livonia's own Laura Frances Welling, the reigning 1998 Miss Michigan and Ladywood High School graduate, will attend the auction.

One lucky raffle ticket winner will be the proud owner of a 1999 Don Massey Cadillac Sedan DeVille. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at \$200 each.

The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kmart Printers Inc., and Al Long Ford Inc.

For tickets or more information, call (734) 432-5588 or 432-5421.

Birth

Dr. John and Kristin Halmaght of West Bloomfield announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Claire, born Aug. 13, 1998. In Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Baby Jessica has a brother, Brandon, age 2.

Her grandparents are William N. and Doris White of Novi, formerly of Northville and Dr. Victor and Mariana Halmaght of Bloomfield Hills. Elena Halmaght of Dearborn is Jessica's great grandmother.

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.

There is no charge.

Women's Show back at Expo Center

One year for the past four years, there's been a place in Michigan where women can go to take a break from the daily grind and explore other aspects of their lives in an exciting and enjoyable atmosphere. A place where you're treated to things like informative seminars, free recipes and coupons, makeovers, delicious food sampling, free health screenings, fashion shows, entertainment and lots of great shopping.

That place is the Michigan International Women's Show and it returns April 29-May 2 to the Novi Expo Center.

The 1999 show returns with past favorites and exciting new features:

- Country music stars Aaron Tippin and Lila McCann will be at this year's show. Tippin will be signing autographs on Thursday, April 29, from 4-6 p.m. and McCann will be performing Friday, April 30 at 6 p.m.
- Dana Mills from "At Home With Dana Mills" on WOMC will be speaking at the show and guests can register to win a Back Yard Bonanza from WOMC that includes a designer patio set, gazebo and customized landscaping.
- For women on the go, the show offers a variety of locally and nationally known chefs cooking quick, delicious and nutritious dishes. You can watch Rick Rodgers, author of "Fried and True," Chef Jimmy Schmidt from the Rattlesnake Club, Joy Martin—the Alaska Fishwoman, Wayne Cormier from the Frankmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge and nutritionists from Kroger—Tina Miller and Diane Reynolds. Plus, Tyson Holly Farms and Uncle Ben's are teaming up to bring you recipes for chicken and rice dishes that cook in 30 minutes or less. You'll find

them all at the Kroger Celebrity Cooking Theater.

- Friday, April 30, from 9-9 p.m. is Singles' Night, sponsored by Farmington Hills Singles. You can win exciting door prizes, enjoy refreshments and network with other singles.
- ChildLife Children's Center is providing free childcare at the show so you can enjoy the show while your kids play in a supervised area.
- Stop by the Avon booth to get a free makeover and see the latest in makeup and skin care innovations. Plus, register to win \$100 worth of Avon products.
- There will be a variety of health screenings available from vision tests to bone density screenings and you'll be able to talk with the medical professionals from the University of Michigan Medical Center, Henry Ford, St. Mary's and Providence Hospital.
- You can see the latest spring fashions at the daily fashion shows featuring fashions from Nicole's Revival, Lorana, Valentina's and more.
- The Kroger Food Pavilion returns with over 124 different vendors, thousands of food sampling, free recipes and coupons.

You'll find these special features all at one time, in one place at the 1999 Michigan International Women's Show presented by The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press and Southern Shows Inc. Sponsored by WXYZ Channel 7 and Kroger. Show hours: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$7 at the door, \$6 in advance at Kroger stores, \$5.50 for groups of 30 or more. Youth 4-12: \$3, under 4 free.

For additional information, call 1-800-849-0248.

Church Notes

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 23893 Beck Road in Novi, will present the free concert "New Life" on Saturday, April 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. An afterglow will begin at 9 p.m. The community is welcome to attend. For more information, call (248) 348-2748.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present "So You're Having a Baby" on Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 317-319.

The workshop is intended to prepare parents-to-be for the many life changes that accompany the birth of a child. Couples will learn how to balance protecting and nurturing their relationship with meeting the emotional and physical needs of their baby. Workshop presenter will be Janice VanderBok, a licensed marriage and family therapist. Materials fee is \$7.50 per couple. For more information, call (248) 374-5978.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, 770 Thayer in Northville, will present three concerts in celebration of the great 50 days of Easter. On Friday, April 9, the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. On Sunday, May 2, Our Lady of Victory Ministry of Music with Frances N. Brockington will perform at 7 p.m. The third and final per-

formance will be on Sunday, May 16, with harpist Christa Grix at 7 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception will follow each concert. Tickets are \$5 for each concert or \$10 for all three. Family admission is \$10 each or \$25 for the series. Call the church at (248) 349-2621 for details.

Adult Christian Education at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main Street in Northville, will present "Christianity and Contemporary Ethical Problems" in April with Dr. Jim Tubbs, professor of ethics and religion at University of Detroit Mercy. Tubbs will present the three week series including "Genetic and Reproductive Technology" on April 12, "Abortion" on April 19 and "Assisted Suicide" on April 26.

All are held in the Forum Room at 7 p.m. Childcare will be available. For more information, call Sheri Landry at (248) 305-9600.

Arbor Hospice continues the five-session program at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, on the "Journey to the End of Life: Opportunities, Considerations and Decisions" on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 13 and 27, and May 11 and 25. All are invited to

attend. Reservations are needed by 8 p.m. on the Sunday before.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-1144.

The Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies at The Moms group at **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

The Semi-Annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 23 and 24. For more information or to register for either class, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST-UNITY, which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Sunday school and nursery are provided.

The Men's Group will meet on Thursday, April 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

Women in Unity will meet on April 24, May 1 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the Novi Library.

The Six and Under Group for those who have been members of the Church of Today West for six months or less will meet on Sunday, April 11, after service at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Call the church at (248) 449-8900.

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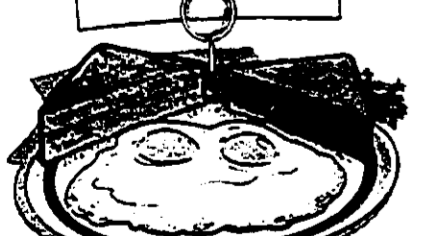
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Fly Fishing Workshop includes presentations, demonstrations

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became a sales manager with Scientific Anglers, well known for their fly fishing lines. Fraser was an instructor for the Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing School and continues to instruct throughout the United States. He also works as an independent guide.

John Buetter
Like many presenters at the Fly Fishing Workshop, John Buetter's introduction to fly fishing came at an early age - 13. Opening Buetter's Outdoors in Northville in September 1995 has given Buetter the opportunity to share his love of trout fishing with others and work full time in the business. His store offers everything needed by fly fishing advocates such as stream side equipment, fly tying tools and materials, speakers, and a library of books. Fly tying and casting classes as well as opportunities for fly fishing adventures are also offered.

Dan Gordon
One of the youngest presenters, Dan Gordon still has a dozen years of experience in fly fishing. When he was nine years old he convinced his parents and uncle to get him the basic equipment needed to go fishing, having been inspired by an L.L. Bean catalog showing fly fishing paraphernalia. His first fishing trip was with his dad to the Au Sable River's "Holy Water" (only catch and release water). After fishing until dark, he hooked two brook trout and was himself, hooked. He has now fished most of the major rivers in Michigan. While working for the Park Services in Montana for two years, he fished many of the prime trout waters. This past summer he worked for the Madison River Outfitters as a guide.

Al Haxton
Al Haxton became hooked on fly fishing 15 years ago and has been tying flies for over 13 years. Five years ago he began teaching fly tying, specializing in dry flies. In his classes he enjoys teaching beginners how to tie the North Branch Special since it incorporates deer hair in its wings and floats very well and he especially likes sparking the enthusiasm of younger people. Haxton is currently serving as president of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

John McLain
John McLain packs 35 years of experience into teaching advanced fly tying classes at Buetter's Outdoors in Northville.

He began tying when he was 10 years old and trout fishing two years later. He has literally tied thousands of dozens of flies, some commercially for Cal and Rusay Gates, proprietors of the Gates At Sable Lodge near Grayling, Mich.

McLain's attention to detail leads him to dye materials and blend dyes to create precise colors that will "match the hatch" as well as organizing his fly boxes that are second to none.

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson came on to the fly fishing scene just one year ago because she thought it would be a nice thing to do with her sister, Jennifer Nelson, who had been fishing for 25 years. Nelson is now pursuing the art of fly tying. When not fishing, her job as an environmental engineer keeps her close to the rivers and lakes sampling water quality for assessments.

Jennifer Nelson
Self taught, Jennifer Nelson took up fly fishing for bass three years ago. Last year she began fishing for trout, salmon, and steelhead. This past year she started tying her own flies. Like her sister and father, she is also an engineer, only a civil engineer and is aware how the landscape can affect the trout streams.

Dr. George Berquist
Ever since his first summer camp days at a YMCA camp in Oscoda, Mich. when he was nine years old, Dr. George Berquist has appreciated the beauty of nature. He continued this type of camping experience through dental school and while working as a water front director, met his wife Jane. His introduction to fly fishing came over 25 years ago.

Berquist has fished in Alaska, Montana, Nantucket, and most major rivers in Michigan, such as the Pine, Rifle, Tahquamenon, Manistee, Muskegon, and Pere Marquette. He has canoeed from Grayling to Lake Huron by way of the Au Sable River. Berquist averages over 60 days a year fly fishing.

Jennifer Bandurski
Growing up around lakes, Jennifer Bandurski has been fishing all her life, but started specifically fly fishing in 1996. It was then that she joined Flytigs of Michigan, Inc. which was founded the same year to provide fly fishing opportunities for women. The group regularly schedules fly fishing outings, mainly in Michigan, and periodically offers educational programs and workshops.

Last year, Bandurski founded the Red Quill Fly Fishing Company which organizes fly fishing workshops and teaches classes on fly fishing.

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The Metro Horn Quartet, seated left to right, Alice and James McHard; and standing left, Jerry Hampton and Frank Hussey will be featured at the annual Spring Concert of the Novi Concert Band on Sunday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Community Center on Ten Mile Road east of Taft Road. The concert will include a wonderful variety of band music from concert overture to "pop" and dixieland. The Novi Concert Band is directed by Jack Kopnick. The Metro Horn Quartet will play the "Concerto for Four Horns" by Heinrich Hubler. For more information, call (248) 932-9244.



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Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-9532.

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

U-M BRUNCH: The Northville Alumni Club will hold its 1999 Annual Meeting Brunch on Sunday, April 25, at noon in the Penitentiary Room of the Michigan Union. The brunch and short meeting will be followed by a tour of Schenckebier Hall at 2 p.m. The cost is \$16. Anyone is welcome to attend, not just club members.

Membership applications to the club will be available at the brunch. Membership is \$20 per year. Those wishing to make a tax deductible contribution, renew or become a member of the Northville Alumni Club, or make reservations for the brunch/tour, can call (248) 349-1079 or write to University of Michigan Club of Northville, Michigan, P.O. Box 453, Northville, MI 48167.

Deadline for reservations for the brunch/tour is April 10.

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) 948-5600 for recorded show information.

COOKING CLASSES: Chefs who have been invited to give a Spring cooking class at Kitchen Witch include: Greg Uphurst, Too Chee, Introduction to Macerotic Cooking, April 13; Greg Common, Common Grill, Midwestern Spring Time Menu, April 15; Bill Collins, Washburn Country Club, Light and Zesty Summer Menu, April 20; Karen Walker, baker at Brew-bakers, Bread Baking and Bread Dishes, April 21; Chef Ernie, Ernestos, Fish Entrees, April 27; and Shelly Buckman, gardener for Start Restaurant, April 29. 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) 948-0488.

NOVI THEATRE'S: "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 \$5 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.

LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW: The Catholic Central Mother's Club will present "An Enchanted Garden" luncheon and fashion show on Sunday, April 25, at the Riz Carlton in Dearborn.

The social hour will begin at 11 a.m. Fashion shows will be held April 9-12. Proceeds of golf ball purchases will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Prizes and golf holidays will be awarded. Entertainment will be by the Catholic Central Stage Band. There will be special appearances by Catholic Central mothers and sons.

For reservations or additional information, call Sue Daly at (734) 522-3893.

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

Open Mike Poetry Readings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series continues on April 13 with Linda Nemec Foster, "Living in the Fire-esc" and Barbara Drake, "Peace At Heart."

On May 11, Ann Arbor poets Joe Matsuka and Josie Kearns will be the featured readers. Scheduled for June 8 are the editors of "Eratic" magazine and on July 13, Herbert Scott, editor of News Press will be reading. Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. Call (248) 348-0609.

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 Bob's Comedy Wedding" Friday and Sunday.

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

MARQUIS: Performances of the classic tale of the "Velvetine Rabbit" will be held on April 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and April 8 and 9. All performances will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all general performances are \$7.

For group rates, birthdays, and special school performances and ticket prices, call (248) 349-8110. No children under the age of three will be admitted.

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

GENIUS'S: In their newest production, "Swingtime," the Genius'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 Couvelis" on WGNH. Home of the best jazz music and dance show on radio.

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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. 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. Tickets are 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 (610) 229-7303.

PERCUSSION CONCERT: The University of Michigan Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Michael Udow, will perform at 8 p.m. on April 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students/senior citizens and \$20 for families and are available in advance at Pro Percussion Center, Inc. 1102 West Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth and at the church office. Tickets will also be for sale at the door one-half hour before the concert.

CONCERT: A new concert series at Trinity House located at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia will feature Jan Krist, Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski on Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

Ticks are \$15, \$13 for members. Call (734) 464-8302.

FASHION SHOW: The Myasthenia Gravis Association's 23rd annual luncheon and fashion show "Carousol of Style" will be held April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Fashion will be featured from Twelve Oaks Mall. Featured speaker for the event will be Carolyn Clifford, Health Living Reporter for WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available by calling (248) 423-9700. Proceeds will benefit research and patient service programs for Myasthenia Gravis, a neuromuscular disease.

PARCELS COLORAZ: Elizabeth Parcels, Detroit coloratura soprano, will sing songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini and offer commentary on the music during a concert on Wednesday, April 14. The Music Club will present the free concert in the recital hall of the Forum Building of Schoolcraft College, 15600 Haggerty Road. Pianist Lawrence Picard will accompany Parcels at the piano.

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DREAM OR REALITY? Sci-fi thriller explores a virtual universe run entirely by computers

There are two realities: one that consists of the life we live every day — and one that lies behind it. One is a dream. The other is The Matrix.

Filmed on location in Australia, Warner Bros.' "The Matrix," was written and directed by the Wachowski brothers. The movie stars Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Hugo Weaving and Joe Pantoliano.

"The Matrix" takes place in a universe run by computers using human beings as batteries for bio-electrical energy. This "people power" fuels the artificial intelligence known as The Matrix, which has created a virtual reality to make its inhabitants think they are living happy, creative, productive lives. But in reality, they are only providing the energy that keeps The Matrix going. There are, however, a few human beings — including Morpheus (Fishburne) and Trinity (Moss) — who have broken free from The Matrix and are searching to destroy it, recruiting Neo (Reeves) along the way.

The comic-book graphic-novel culture has long examined the dramatic possibilities of alternate realities — places where the laws of physics, biology or time are made to be broken. Larry and Andy Wachowski grew up exploring ideas that challenge the current perceptions of reality, and they began their writing careers developing those ideas. "The Matrix" grew out of the unconventional literature that they read and wrote, as well as their long-time interest in and knowledge of classic mythology and legend.

"We believe passionately in the importance of mythology and the way it informs culture," the brothers said.

Their ideas were further refined through their exploration of the developing world of the Internet. For writers and filmmakers who have come of age after the emergence of personal computers, the online universe is both an exciting and fertile new avenue of creative expression, and a ubiquitous and somewhat sinister element of contemporary life. The Wachowskis explored both sides of the technological revolution when they created The Matrix.

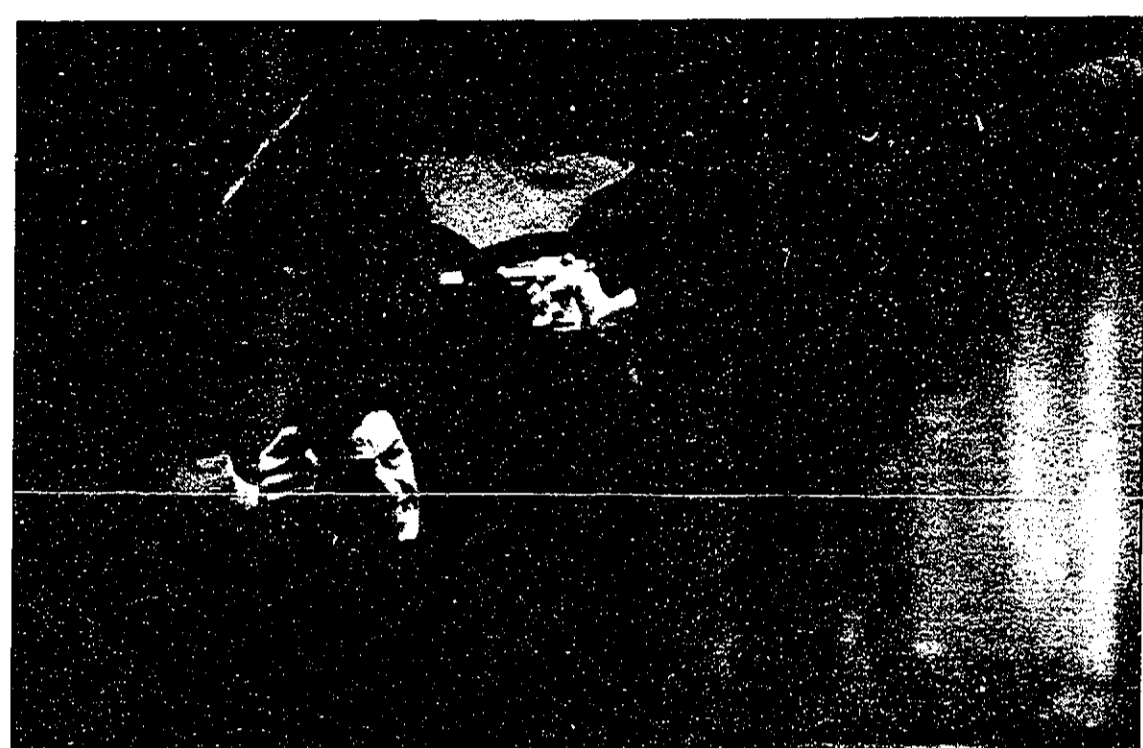
"We began with the premise that every single thing we believe in today and every single physical item is actually a total fabrication created by an electronic universe," they said.

The brothers developed this disturbing thought into an intricate story that blends action, stylish imagery and a complex consideration of what actually constitutes reality.

The Wachowskis said that throughout history there have been people who have sought deeper meaning from life and have come to astonishing revelations. In this story we wanted to show what happens to a small group of people who ask questions that have very shocking answers.

"We wanted their discoveries to be the beginning of the story, not the end; what interested us was what those people would do once their awareness was expanded by what they had learned," the brothers said.

Producer Joel Silver, who has explored alternative futures in



Neo (Keanu Reeves) battles it out with agent Smith (Hugo Weaving) in the futuristic action thriller "The Matrix," also starring Laurence Fishburne.

can accept and understand this story," Silver said. "Very rarely do you find filmmakers who know so exactly what they want and are decisive as these two guys."

"The Matrix" is rated "R" and is now playing in theaters.

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WELCOME TO MY LIFE: Friendly SWCF 47, 54, N.S. who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards, cooking, holding hands and church activities, seeks a kind SWCM, 45-60. Ad# 3755

FRIENDSHIP FIRST: Daring, outdoors sports and dancing are interests of this delightful, Catholic SWCF 23, 36, 105lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. She's looking for that special someone, an outgoing, Catholic SWM, 21-27. Ad# 3178

SHARE MY FAITH: Loving, caring DWCF 44, 52, wishes to share life with a friendly, outgoing SWCM. She enjoys going to church, long walks, reading the Bible and playing the guitar. Ad# 6140

FINE CHOICE: DWCF 51, 57, who enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, traveling and dining out, seeks a sincere, kind DWCM, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad# 6127

HIM WAITING ON YOU: What a lady! She's a SWCF 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

TRULY LONESOME: Educated DWCF 43, 51, 102lbs., with blonde hair, blue eyes, who enjoys cooking, camping out, movies and traveling, is ISO a humorous SWCM, 48-57, with children, who enjoys life. Ad# 4826

SHARE LIFE WITH YOU: Never-married SWCF 40, 55, 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# 2928

SINCERELY: Call this petite DWCF mom, 46, 53, because she's seeking a sincere and great times, her interests include dancing and living life to the fullest. Ad# 2488

HEAR ME OUT ROMEO: Never-married SWCF 26, 53, 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 SWCF 50, 55, 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 SWCF mom 35, 58, is looking for adult companionship and a sharing of mutual interests and activities. She seeks a friendly, outgoing SWM, 40-50, whose interests include movies, music, sports and dining out. Ad# 1103

INDEPENDENT: Healthy DWCF mom, 32, 55, with dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys exercising, family time, movies, dining out, camping and animals. She would like to share life with a family-oriented, sincere SWM, 31-45. Ad# 2730

PAGING MR. RIGHT: Attractive SWCF 25, 51, with blonde hair, is seeking a never-married, wholesome SWCM, 21-33 N.S., who shares her enjoyment of travel, movies, clubbing and more. Ad# 4633

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL: Friendly, feminine DWCF mom, 38, 58, with blonde hair and blue eyes, likes animals, 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

TIRED OF BEING ALONE: Affectionate DWCF 50, 56, with blonde hair and green eyes, N.S., non-drinker, enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening and cooking. She likes to meet a fun-loving SWCM, age appropriate. Ad# 1147

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CIRCLE THIS AD: Leave a message for this outgoing, friendly DW mom of two, 35, 55. She is looking for a humorous SWM, N.S., 30-40. Ad# 3471

DO NOT DELAY: Active and fit, this professional DWCM 47, 51, finds happiness in rock climbing, hiking and fine dining. He is looking forward to meeting a slender and attractive SWF, 30-40. So why not give him a ring now. Ad# 5017

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WORTH A TRY: Share a romantic evening with an handsome SWPM, 43, 61, 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

INTERESTED? This outgoing, Catholic DW dad, 39, 51, 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, 62, 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, 51, 150lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, movies, theater and dining out, would like to meet a petite 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# 1313

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TWO STEP WITH ME: Sensitive, never-married SWCM, 40, 6, 200lbs., who enjoys nature, classical music and dining out, seeks a never-married SWF, age appropriate, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7733

OUTSTANDING: Outgoing, employed DWM, 27, 64, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, biking and rollerblading, is seeking SWF, over 18. Ad# 9999

SHARE MY WORLD: Never-married SWCM, 29, 62, 280lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, the theater and dining out, is seeking a SWF, for conversation and friendship. Ad# 3489

LIKE TO MEET? Spontaneous DW dad, 36, 62, who enjoys water sports, snowmobiling, dining out, cultural events, the theater and quiet time at home, seeks a SWF, 27-40. Ad# 5252

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

FOLLOW YOUR HEART: Sincere DWM, young 58, 51, 165lbs., fit, active, and romantic, professional, enjoys golf, dancing and nature walks, seeking an intelligent, slender SWF, 40-50, with similar interests and a positive attitude. Ad# 8545

YOUR DREAM: SWM, 41, 58, friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passionate, fit, active, and romantic, young-at-heart, spontaneous, physically fit, seeks SWF, with similar interests in Brighton area. Ad# 2929

AWAITS YOUR CALL: Professional SWM, 34, 56, 230lbs., is searching for a SWF, over 23. Ad# 8915

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DESERVING: SWM, 20, 6, 200lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys going to movies, sports and listening to music. He is seeking a SWF, 24-34, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2019

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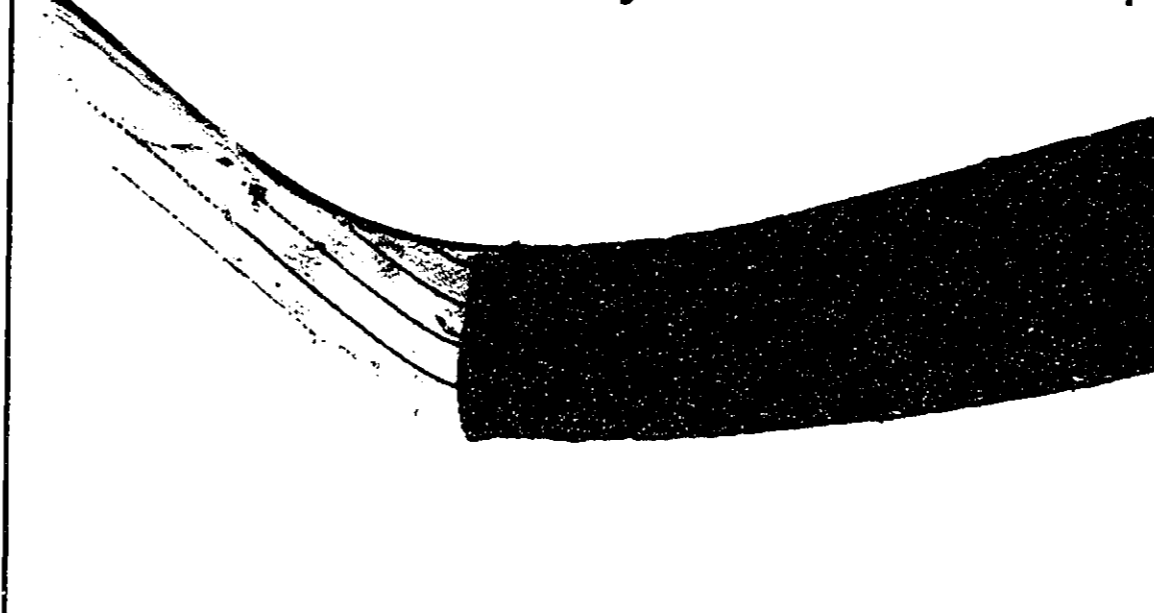
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Hot shots
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Cory O'Toole
Milford senior

Will there be room left on O'Toole's resume to include HomeTown Player of the year. He has already been named all-conference three times. An honorable mention selection as a junior, this year O'Toole was a member of the Class A all-state team. He recently earned a trout on the Michigan team (which is a real thing, unlike these honorary groups) which will play against the best high school hockey talent in America next week in the Chicago Showcase.

As a senior O'Toole was the KVC's leading scorer. He finished with 56 points overall — 31 goals, 25 assists. En route, he became Milford's all-time leading goal scorer, ending his career with 95. O'Toole is third on Milford's career scoring list with 153 points over his three-year career.

"He's quite a hockey player," said Milford coach Gary Johnson. *Continued*

A.J. Perrault
Milford junior

A two-time second-team KVC selection, Perrault moves up to the all-area first team after being named second-team as a sophomore.

"A.J.'s probably the most stay at home-type of our defenseman," Johnson said. "He moves the puck out of the zone and is solid on special teams."

Jason Mulligan
Milford junior

It didn't take long for the new kid to get acclimated. In his first start in goal — and the team's KVC opener, no less — Mulligan



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi junior forward Travis Malott (#4) receives a hug from a teammate after scoring one of his 13 goals this season.

came through in a 2-1 win over Harland. It was more of the same from there. Against his old school, Walled Lake Central, Mulligan gave up a mere goal. He shut out Howell and stopped 14 of 15 shots

against South Lyon. In league play Mulligan had a goals against average of 2.34, which was the second-best mark in the KVC. So it was no surprise when he was named second team All-KVC.



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Wolves are indoor North American champs...

The U-11 Michigan Wolves won the 1999 North American Indoor Soccer Championship March 5-7 at various locations around Metro Detroit. Novi members of the Wolves include A.W. Stanek, Marc Checchobelli, Jason Sierra, Justin Davis and Matt Crawford. The head coach of the Wolves is Pat Fredrick.

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Brandeau one of two goalies

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Olin played AA travel hockey last year.

Matt Masek
Milford senior

Johnson recalled a moment in Milford's regional game against Ann Arbor Pioneer when a Pioneer player thought he had Masek in a compromising position. Somebody should have told him.

"One-on-one, you can't beat him," Johnson said.

Johnson said Masek also did well moving the puck out of the zone.

Previously an honorable mention all-league pick, Masek earned second-team KVC honors as a senior.

Beau Brandeau
Novi junior

No one in the area faced more shots on goal than Brandeau, who saw anywhere from 30-40 shots per game for Novi this season. He allowed just 3.41 goals per game.

"If I only had 22 kids like him," Novi coach Dan Phelps said of Brandeau's character. "He's just a solid individual. He's a naturally talented player, and he works hard with the gifts he has. It's joy

to have him, and he's a picture-perfect kid."

He played in 20 games for Novi (9-16-1) this season and earned all Kennington Valley Conference honors in his team's first year on the ice.

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ments done with either easy to get dumbbells and/or tubing.

Rowing With Dumbbells
• Start by achieving a back safe position with the support of a bench or chair while bending forward to align the spine with the floor. Back safe involves bending the knees and supporting your weight with your legs not your back.

Pick up the dumbbell with either hand and while stabilizing your back and shoulder area, raise the weight closely along the side of your body. Raise the weight as high as you can while keeping control. Do not allow your shoulder to raise, keep the area stabilized.

Return the weight slowly and under control to the fully extended position and repeat for the desired repetitions.

As with all exercises the mind controls the movement. Visualize the back area lifting the weight, the arm is kind of going along for the ride. Squeeze the weight up with your back muscles.

Rowing With Tubing
• Wrap the tubing around a supported structure: table, basement pole, etc.

Achieve the same starting position as with the dumbbells.

While maintaining stabilization of the back and shoulder area, pull the tubing closely along the side of your body as far back as you can while maintaining control.

Let the tubing return to the starting, fully extended position and repeat for the desired repetitions.

Utilize the same mental control as with the dumbbells.

Start light until you can master the movement. Work your way up to two to three exercises, eight-ten total sets, for the upper back area using 12-15 repetitions each set, and waiting 30-90 seconds between sets. Make sure to rest that area after training for at least 48 hours.

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Health Column

Strength training is vital

This is our fourth column in a series of columns focused on the truths and techniques of strength training. The many benefits of strength training or impact of strength training have never been more apparent than today. Documented studies have confirmed we lose muscle rapidly as we age, around 10 percent of our muscle by 50 years of age and by the age of 80, we have lost about 40 percent muscle and about 50 percent of our strength. The pace continues at a rate of 1.5 percent per year. Old perceptions or paradigms on aging are being challenged and rightfully so. Study after study shows you can actually stop and reverse (at any age) this dangerous trend and enjoy a much improved quality of life. Better yet, these improvements can start in as little as four weeks or so. Our over 65 population is doubling in the next 35 years. Strength training is now vital in the preservation of a healthy and productive society.

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Lesley Grubb, a personal trainer at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, demonstrates the proper motion of a pair of back exercises which are explained in the column.



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U-13 Hawks take out Cleveland for indoor title...

The Michigan Hawks U-13 team beat the Internationals (Cleveland) 7-2 in the finals of the Indoor National Finals held at Total Soccer in Wixom March 7.

It marked the third-straight year the Hawks have made it to the finals, and it was their

second title in those three trips.

Novi members of the Hawks include Kelly McManis, Nikki Herman and Maureen Pawlak. Northville team members include Nicole Cauzillo, Whitney Guenther and Dee Kubas.

U-11 Hawks take indoor crown...

The U-11 Michigan Hawks girls' soccer team won the North American Indoor Soccer championship in February. The team began their championship run by winning the regional competition held in Wixom in early December.

The team then traveled to Cleveland to compete at the national tournament, where it compiled a 2-1 record in the preliminary round. The fourth-seeded Hawks then beat the No. 1 seeded Cleveland Internationals 2-1 in the semifinals, setting up a championship game against a Missouri team. After falling behind 2-0 in the first half, the Hawks rallied for a 3-2 and the championship.

Novi members of the Hawks are Jessica Barndt, Emily Esbrook, Jenna Kuhn, Lauren Marchioni, Sarah Schmitt and Erin Szczypka. Other team members include Jessica Cadwell, Sarah Danneels, Lauren Imsande, Joyce Rose, Ashley Temby, Amy Treloar, Sara Wilson, Megan Winter and Rebecca Young.

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Bids will be received until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 at A.J. Etkin Construction Co., 30445 Northeastern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061.

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