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Petitions out for charter amendment

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

People About Reserving Kids Space will move ahead with a petition drive for a city charter amendment that could lead to a ban on a golf course at the North Novi Park.

In late April, PARKS gave the Novi City Council a May 3 deadline to place a golf course question on the ballot, but an attempt to do so by Council Member Craig DeRoche was overruled in a four-to-three vote.

"We're not talking rewriting the constitution here, just a simple amendment," said PARKS leader Chuck Tindall during the council meeting's first audience participation session.

"Will council place it on the ballot or will we have to go ahead with our petitions?"

Mayor Kathleen McLallen answered that the council does not reply to speakers stepping forward for audience participation.

However, close to the meeting's end, DeRoche moved that the council ask the city clerk and city attorney to prepare language for a

November ballot question on the golf course. Following a heated debate, his request won the minority support of Council Member Laura Lorenzo and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford.

DeRoche explained that because the park was purchased with money from a voter-approved bond proposal, voters should have a say on how the 500 acres are used.

"It is clearly on the city council whether or not we're going to proceed. Are we going to handle it at this bench or get input from the citizens?," DeRoche asked his colleagues.

"I don't think it's showing a tremendous respect for people who have supported this to say thank you buying this for us, now it's free land."

Crawford, who said that in the past he didn't favor putting the golf course concept on the ballot, swung around and backed DeRoche's resolution.

"I think it's become such an issue that it probably should be

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Disner's employees Norma Lefever, left, and Kelly Tipton gather a few handfuls of Jumbo geranium blooms, at \$3.95 per pot.

Spring uncoiled

When the weather outside is delightful

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

At long last, the weather's warm and the natives are getting restless and rambunctious at A Growing Place, Inc. nursery school.

"They are so delighted to be shed of their winter things, they literally cheer," said Director Korine Jett.

"The day Mrs. Sandra says 'boys and girls, it's 70 degrees out and you don't need boots, you don't need hats,' there is a huge shout of joy."

Layering on snow pants and boots and mittens becomes troublesome for her three- to five-year-old charges, Jett explained. The winter days of "little dripping noses" are also past, she added, and kite-flying has begun.

"They're just ready to cut loose. A couple of them said, 'Mrs. Korine, can we get the sprinkler out?'" Jett said last week.

It's spring and people are walking again, up and down the Taft Road safety path with their dogs and/or kids. Lawn mowers were revving up all weekend, cars were hosed down in driveways, backyard decks were scrubbed.

For Tom Disner, an owner of the 100-year old family business, Disner's Flowers and Greenhouse on Wixom Road, two types of green come to mind.

"In spring, I think of flowers, I really do, and not just because I'm in the business," Disner said.

But if his eyes and cash register are being delighted by tulips, lilies and geraniums, Disner's really yearning for something else.

"I think that the main thing with warm weather is I'm waiting for the golf courses to open," he explained.

Others find this a time to really enjoy observing the antics of their neighbors, neighbors of the wild

kingdom variety, that it.

About 30 adult swans are gracing the waters of Walled Lake, although area resident Sarah Gray says she's hasn't seen their young yet. Typically, the swans show up again in mid-February, as soon as some of the lake has thawed.

"In our area, the first sign that spring is here is the swans are back. It's been getting earlier and earlier," Gray said.

"They go south somewhere. It's all genetic imprinting, they always come back."

Other critters provide the true harbinger to Gray that fairer weather is here to stay, including the swooping of bats over north end backyards.

"I like the fact that when it's still cool, I can have the window open and hear the tree peepers at night and the frogs," she said.

"It's better than a lullaby. You

can lie there and listen to them and fall asleep."

May flowers are the first thing that comes to mind for Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch when she contemplates the season's glory.

"I spend so much time at the kitchen sink. Andrew (her son) has a garden outside and he's got so many things that pop up in the spring," she said.

While daffodils poke their heads out first in the Mutch garden, Andrew Mutch, a Novi planning commissioner of Scots descent, has planted a flower more unusual to this area.

"He's got heather. He's had to kind of baby it along, but with our heritage, it seems appropriate," added Mutch.

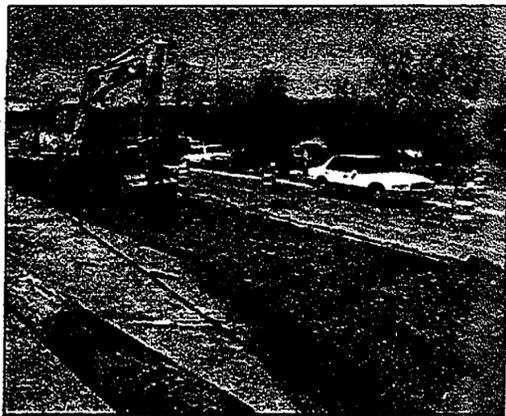


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Men and machines are at work on Nine Mile and Novi roads.

A new look is just

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Drivers on Novi Road will have about 50 more days of road construction as they travel through the Nine Mile Road intersection.

Once they enter this area, drivers are greeted by plenty of orange construction barrels on both sides of the road, a speed limit of 35 mph and can no longer take a left turn from any direction at the intersection.

Anthony Nowicki, Director of

Public Services for Novi, said the intersection is being widened to five lanes in each direction to meet the needs of traffic and help ease congestion at that intersection.

Plus, the city is installing new "nostalgic mast-arm supported" traffic signals as part of a city council plan to upgrade some of the major roads in Novi, Nowicki said.

Portions of Twelve Mile Road at the intersection.

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Cheryl Miller and her daughter, Chelsea at their Novi home.

TV show features life-saving 'miracle'

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Chelsea Miller, 10, is eager to show off the rock collection she carefully hordes in two plastic boxes.

The chatty Orchard Hills fourth grader enjoys hip hop dancing, playing games and Beanie Babies. She hardly seems like a one in a million child.

Yet her survival today is in part due to a strange set of circumstances her mother, Cheryl Miller, is convinced was nothing short of miraculous.

Viewers of the TV show "It's A Miracle" can decide for themselves on May 9, when the family's story will be broadcasted at 9 p.m. on PAX TV, WXPB Channel 21. The program will include an interview with Miller and her family, as well as a reenactment of the event.

Most of their neighbors in Chase Farms subdivision have not yet heard the dramatic story.

"I'm not sure anybody knows she had a problem. I don't want her to wear this on her sleeve, aren't I special, because I almost died as a baby," Miller said.

"It's pretty inspirational, so I

like to share it with people."

Chelsea was born with severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome (SCIDS), a rare genetic disorder that left her deprived of an immune system. An accidental meeting with Miller's long-lost first cousin helped place the desperately ill baby girl on the path to health.

Chelsea seemed normal at birth. At four months old, photos show her as a plump, happy baby. By five months old, her tiny body was withering. A case of salmonella sent her to the hospital. Then, she stopped eating.

At the time, the family was living in Arizona and Chelsea was admitted at the University Medical Center in Tucson.

The remote possibility that a child would have SCIDS made a diagnosis at first difficult. The doctors instantly assumed Chelsea had AIDS, Miller said.

"It kind of boggled our mind. A one in a million chance," Miller said.

"SCIDS is universally fatal by age three if not treated...Many of

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Community Calendar

Community Calendar contains regular meetings or special events. Community Calendar send information to Community Calendar, 210 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, May 6
Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbrecht at 380-6500.

OPPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse, Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. at 348-2167.

Sunday, May 9
Mother's Day
The Novi Library will be closed. Happy Mother's Day.

Monday, May 10
Library Board
The Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

Tuesday, May 11
Novi Concert Band rehearsal
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Novi Air Patrol
The Novi Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 10200 Fair Rd., from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-8200.

Beautification Commission
The Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information call 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, 344-1269 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 Civic Center.

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

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

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

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

Thursday, May 13
Parks meeting
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Petitions available
The Novi Civic Center has several petitions available for signature.

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

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

Monday, May 17
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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A Novi firefighter clears still-smoldering wood from the recent fire that destroyed the Fuerst Barn. Investigators have ruled the fire an arson and are offering a \$5,000 reward.

\$5,000 reward offered for arrest of Fuerst arsonist

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer
An award as high as \$5,000 is offered for any information on who burned down the Fuerst Farm barn. So far, no answers are out there, said Oakland County Sheriff's Department Detective Art Schraff. "It's kind of at a standstill. I don't have any leads or any suspects," Schraff said. Arson was ruled as the cause not long after the charred remains of the historic structure were extinguished. For a tip that leads to an arrest, up to \$5,000 in award money is available from the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, a private organization funded largely by the insurance industry. "If I get good information that leads to an arrest warrant, they pay out," Schraff said. He added that he could not release information on how the fire was set while the investigation continues. "The cost is more in all the labor, volunteers created those wonderful sets," she added. "We aren't terribly hurting. Naturally, we feel very bad that anything had to be lost." Wickert estimated that ten to 15 percent of the company's sets were lost in the blaze. "This barn had a lot of leaks. We had known for a long time that the kids had access to it," Wickert said. "We would find indications that kids were using the area for little love nests."

Three council seats and mayor up for reelection

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer
If you tune into public access Channel 13 every other Monday night around 7:30 p.m. and find yourself thinking, "I could do that," here's your chance. June 3 is the last date for candidates to turn in petitions for one of three four-year terms up for election on the Novi City Council. In addition, the job of mayor is up for grabs. The term is two years. So far, only former planning commissioner Michelle Bononi and West Road resident Brooks Decker have collected petitions at the Novi City Clerk's office. Open council slots are those currently filled by Council Members Kathy Match, Craig DeRoche and Bob Schmid. McLallen could not be reached for comment by press-time. Much said she'll seek a second term to work on pet projects not yet completed, such as the Fuerst Farm preservation and pedestrian pathways. "It's enjoyable, it's rewarding, it's frustrating and sometimes, it's disappointing," she said of the city council. "The nice thing about being on council is just about anybody with the right interest and commitment to being prepared can do this. It doesn't take a degree in nuclear physics to do a good job." DeRoche and Schmid as of this week were undecided. DeRoche said he may have an answer next week. Schmid, who by November will have served 16 years on the council and four years as mayor of Novi, said he would "probably" run again. "But I haven't made a final decision. It's been a long haul. We'll just have to wait and see. It's a lot of time commitment," he added. "It's tough not to be involved, because sometimes things happen. I've had people want me to run for mayor, but that's still an open question." Decker, an industrial and commercial painting contractor, who has never held public office, said he's interested in jumping on the bandwagon because he is opposed to government offering "for profit" businesses such as a golf course or community pool. His opposition to a golf course on the North Novi Park "galvanized" him to seek a spot on council, Decker added. "The impression that the current administration and council give is not looking after the interests of the wallets of the taxpayers of Novi. It appears to me they are on a spending spree," Decker said. "The only way to make sense of the whole thing is to roll your sleeves up and get involved." Bononi, an environmental planner for the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, served on Novi's planning commission for two and a half years. She said she's disappointed at the quality of some of the developments coming into Novi. "As a planning commissioner, I saw a lot of policy issues that I thought I could contribute to at the council level," she said. "We do a lot of things very well, but we do a lot of things we can't improve. I'm interested in efficient, professional, cost-effective city management." Bononi was on the city's original 20/20 Future group and says she is sorry that the project has apparently fizzled out. "There was a lot of excellent information that the city didn't make the most of," Bononi added. To run for council or mayor, a candidate must either return a petition filled with 100 signatures to the Novi City Clerk's office or pay \$100.

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Man threatens to kill Americans

A 24-year-old man living in Battle Creek told a representative from General Motors if the car company did not stop calling him he would go to Jamaica and kill an American.

According to police, the man talked to a representative from GM in January and had not made arrangements to extend the lease.

A representative called the man in a effort to recover the vehicle, but the man said it was parked in an unknown Chicago parking lot.

The man said he went to Chicago to talk to the FBI and they arrested him. After he got out of jail, he could not remember where he parked the vehicle.

He further told the representative not to call him or any of his relatives any more.

The man said if GM does, he will go to Jamaica and kill an American. He added since both of his parents are dead, he really does not care.

BACK HOE STOLEN

An unknown suspect stole a \$59,000 yellow CAT Back Hoe sometime between March 11 and April 29 as it was parked at Michigan Tractor on Novi Road.

According to the yard gate was locked and there were no signs of a forced entry.

POT BUST

A 29-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested around 1:30 a.m., May 3 for possession of mar-

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juana near the intersection of Ten Mile and Berk roads.

An officer observed the man's vehicle speeding and pulled it over. On contact with the driver, the officer could smell an odor of intoxicants and noticed the driver's eyes were red and glassy.

The driver said he had three beers earlier that night. He successfully passed the sobriety test.

The officer then asked the man if he had any marijuana on him or in his vehicle. The man said he did not and allowed the officer to search his vehicle.

During this search, the officer found a small bag of marijuana under the driver's seat and had a drug-sniffing dog search the rest of the vehicle.

The officer arrested the man and seized \$200 in cash the man had in his wallet as forfeiture.

PARTY POOPERS

A 17-year-old Farmington Hill girl reported her vehicle was damaged between 2 and 2:30 a.m., May 2 while she was at a party near the intersection of Thirteen Mile and Haggerty roads.

The girl said while she was at the party a light broke out, forcing her and her friends to flee.

They jumped into her vehicle and drove away, but as they did, sever-

al party-goers came outside and started throwing bottles and other objects at her car.

The objects busted her vehicle's front and rear windows and made a large dent in the front fender.

She did not know the cost to repair the vehicle.

GARBAGE DUMPERS

Police are looking for three vehicles whose occupants were seen dumping garbage in the woods around 11:30 p.m., April 30 on the western side of Davis Amoco on Twelve Mile Road.

Employees of the gas station spotted three vehicles parked next to the woods whose occupants were dumping garbage from inside their vehicles to the woods.

The employees confronted the suspects. The suspects became verbally abusive to the employees and left the station in three different directions.

Employees were able to get a license plate number off one of the vehicles, a white Oldsmobile, that was last seen traveling north on Novi Road.

The vehicle was registered to a Detroit address.

WOMAN ASSAULTED AT MCDONALD'S

A 30-year-old Westland woman

was assaulted April 28 while waiting in line at a McDonald's restaurant on Twelve Mile Road.

The woman entered the restaurant and waited in line to order, but discovered her line was closed. So, the woman moved to another register.

Before she could order, three African American females cut in front of her.

The woman told them she was next and a verbal altercation ensued.

The woman then walked over to a beverage dispenser when one of the females confronted her.

She pointed her finger in the Westland woman's face and assaulted her on the face area with her finger.

Another one of the females also confronted the Westland woman and slapped her in the head area.

The three attackers then left the restaurant in a black Blazer.

The suspects remain unidentified at this time.

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

Novi Briefs

Cutting the carpet

If you love line dancing, Saturday night is the time and the Novi Civic Center is the place for a Country/Western Dance. Sponsored by Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the shindig will run from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with a lesson at 7:30 p.m.

Beverages and munchies will be on sale, but no alcoholic beverages, please.

The woman then walked over to a beverage dispenser when one of the females confronted her.

The Master Plan will go before the Novi City Council for final approval. The master plan is only voted upon by the Novi Planning Commission and does not need council approval.

Correction

An article on page 12-A in last week's edition of the Novi News entitled "Updated Master Plan Presented to Commission" incorrectly stated the Master Plan will go before the Novi City Council for final approval.

The Master Plan is only voted upon by the Novi Planning Commission and does not need council approval.

Mail fire

A trash compactor ignited on April 30 at Lord & Taylor, closely down the store briefly in the morning.

The Novi Fire Department was called to the scene at 9:40 a.m. and the store remained closed until 11 a.m.

Due to smoke, employees were evacuated from the not-yet-open Twelve Oaks Mall store.

The compactor was at the store's rear loading dock, near the north entrance. The fire department had a repair crew at the store cut a hole into the compactor, so firefighters could get in and extinguish the flames.

OUIL arrests for last week in teens

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Drunk drivers kept Novi police officers busy last week.

While temperatures began to rise in Novi, so did the number of drunk drivers. Between April 27 and May 3, Novi Police officers made 15 drunk driving arrests.

Many of those arrests were of drunk drivers whose blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit.

The following are some of the drunk driving arrests made by Novi police that week:

A 47-year-old Redford man was arrested around 12:30 a.m., April 27 near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road.

An officer patrolling the area was advised to be on the lookout for a possible drunk driver. The officer observed the vehicle driven by the suspected intoxicated driver speeding and driving left of the center line.

The officer followed the man's vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. On contact with the driver, the officer noticed the man was swaying in his seat and had slurred speech.

The officer ordered the man out of his vehicle and further noticed the man could not walk in a straight line.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was given a Chemical Breath Test. The test indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.21 percent.

This is twice the legal limit.

A 26-year-old Utca man was arrested around 2 a.m., May 3 near the intersection of I-696 and Haggerty Road.

An officer observed the man's vehicle speeding and tailgating another vehicle in front of it.

Because of this, the officer stopped the vehicle. On contact with the driver, the officer smelled an odor of intoxicants.

The man was given a sobriety test.

The officer also searched the man's vehicle and found a baggy of marijuana and a marijuana pipe.

The man was arrested for drunk driving and possession of marijuana.

He was transported to the Novi police department where he was given a Chemical Breath Test. This test indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.19 percent.

A 35-year-old Troy man was arrested around 2:30 a.m., May 2 near the intersection of Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

An officer on patrol, after observing the man's vehicle cross the center line four times, conducted a traffic stop.

On contact with the driver, the officer learned he had no idea what city he was in.

The officer also smelled a strong odor of intoxicants.

The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department and given a Chemical Breath Test. This test indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.18 percent.

This is almost twice the legal limit.

A 45-year-old West Bloomfield woman was arrested around midnight, May 2 on Novi Road.

An officer observed the woman's vehicle turn onto Novi Road from Grand River Avenue during a red light, even though a posted sign clearly stated it was prohibited.

The vehicle continued on Novi Road, passing cars and changing lanes frequently.

The officer stopped the woman's vehicle and on speaking to the driver, smelled an odor of alcohol on the woman's breath.

She was given a sobriety test and arrested.

The officer transported her to the Novi Police Department where she was given a Chemical Breath Test.

This test indicated she had a blood alcohol level of 0.12 percent.

A 48-year-old Northville man was arrested around 10 p.m. near the intersection of Novi and Old Novi roads.

While on patrol, an officer observed a woman, who was a passenger in the man's vehicle, sitting on the curb near the intersection.

The woman had minor cuts and was not paying attention to the road on the curb as well.

According to the driver of the car, who was the woman's husband, he was driving south on Old Novi Road while taking to his wife and not paying attention to the road.

The driver did not see the curb and his vehicle left the roadway, skidding up onto the curb and striking a sign post.

The officer followed and watched the man's speech was slurred and smelled an odor of intoxicants on his breath.

He was given a sobriety test and arrested.

The man was transported to the Novi Police Department and given a Chemical Breath Test that indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.23 percent.

This is over twice the legal limit.

A 28-year-old Westland man was arrested around 2:30 a.m., April 28 near the intersection of Novi and Old Novi roads with a blood alcohol level almost three times the legal limit.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle weaving in and out of its lane, make an abrupt lane change and pass all of the other vehicles in its lane.

The officer followed and watched as the vehicle squealed its tires and made a left turn lane to Old Novi Road.

The officer initiated a traffic stop. On contact with the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants and noticed the driver's balance was iffy and he had slurred speech.

The man said he had five beers and some lemon drop drinks before getting into his vehicle.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department, where he was given a Chemical Breath Test.

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SWOCC and Time Warner come to table for renewal

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A team of negotiators from the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will get together with Time Warner Cable representatives on May 10 to thrash out a renewal of the 15-year-old cable TV contract.

"We both have received each other's proposals. Hopefully, this will get this off on the right foot," said Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, who represents Novi on the three-city commission.

"We'll meet without consultants and attorneys to see what we can accomplish at that level."

For two years, the commission and cable company have been attempting to reach a consensus on an agreement; the original franchise expired in May 1997.

In February, citing a breakdown of informal negotiations, the Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills

city councils issued a formal request for a proposal to Time Warner. The cable company then had 60 days to respond.

Last week, Time Warner submitted its proposal to SWOCC. The firm has vowed to expand its service offerings to include digital cable television and high-speed Internet access within two years' renewal of the franchise.

"We spent a great deal of time listening to the public in focus groups and surveys to understand what they want. We are confident that our proposal satisfies public demand without unnecessary expense," said Tom Bjorklund, Time Warner's Vice President and Regional Manager.

SWOCC now has 120 days to respond to Time Warner's offer. Among the services SWOCC is seeking are upgraded public access studios, parental control devices,

universal accessibility to the service and interactive cable TV.

Time Warner is offering to spend \$1.7 million on new public access studios and equipment and says it will upgrade and expand the municipal institutional Network (i-Net).

The cable provider also said it will maintain the six existing local access channels and split some of them to provide area-specific programming for each community and school district.

In addition, Time Warner says it will continue capital investment in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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Living Science brings the rainforest to Novi Woods

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Guests dressed in their best slime, scales, feathers and fur visited Novi Woods Elementary School students in their classrooms Thursday.

These guests were actually animals from the rainforest brought to the school by the Plymouth-based Living Science Foundation.

Through the foundation, students were able to get up close and personal with a variety of tree frogs and toads, a tarantula, a boa constrictor and several other species of animals found in the rainforest.

Erin Gallay, science interpreter for Living Science, said the group brought about 16 critters with them. This was just enough for the presenters to introduce five different animals to four different classes at the same time.

In addition to showing Novi Woods students the animals, Living Science talks about six to eight schools a week in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, said Carey Chapel, another science interpreter for the group.

Chapel, who has been with Living Science Foundation for a little over a year, said she became involved because she loves science and kids.

It is a chance to give an educational explanation to the kids about animals from around the

"This is something the kids remember for months."

Janet Cross,
Novi Woods Parent Teacher Organization member

world, she said.

She added presenters for Living Science must have a science or education degree and the job is full-time.

In addition to having animals from the rainforest, Living Science also has a traveling aquarium, complete with a shark-petting tank.

Chapel said all of the animals are obtained through various breeders. As for student reaction to the animals brought by the group, Living Science's Gallay said she was very impressed with the Novi Woods students.

"These kids are being so great and they know so much," she said. "This is something the kids remember for months," added Janet Cross, Novi Woods Parent Teacher Organization member.

Cross said students who have seen the presentation before recall the animals in vivid detail.

She related a story of a young student, who upon seeing a certain tree frog before it was presented,

proceeded to tell Cross all about the frog, based entirely on what he had learned from the same presentation a year before.

Jackie Lawrence, principal of Novi Woods, said the presentation by Living Science is part of a kickoff for the school's yearly "Our Earth, Our Home" theme.

As part of the theme, students learn about other countries and cultures in the world.

Along this theme, students and parents were also able to visit one of the many "ethnic rooms" at the school's annual "Fun Fair" Friday night. Each of these rooms were decorated to represent a country and ethnic group.

Lawrence said there were Taiwan/Japanese, African-American, Indian, Irish and Italian rooms. Students who visited those rooms saw the national dress, traditional food and favorite games played by the people of those cultures.



Living Science Foundation Presenter Erin Gallay Wraps a red-tailed Boa Constrictor around the neck of Novi Woods Elementary School teacher Roberta Lazar.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Obituaries

AUDREY N. (COMPTON) BREVIK

Audrey N. (Compton) Brevik, 77, of Novi died April 27 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

She was born April 20, 1922, in Frog Jump, Tenn.

Mrs. Brevik was employed at Burroughs Co.

She is survived by a son, Michael (Cindy); sister, Martha Silvernail; and two grandchildren, Meghan Jo Lynn and Shelby Neil.

Mrs. Brevik was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Services were conducted on Friday, April 30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield. The Rev. Roland C. Troike officiated. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 23425 Lasher Road, Southfield, MI 48034 or the Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 would be appreciated.

MARILYN ANN CORBETT

Marilyn Ann Corbett, 62, of Novi died April 28 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born Jan. 23, 1937.

Since 1985, Mrs. Corbett was a teacher and development director at Mercy High School. She was a 1959 graduate of the University of Detroit, from where she also received her master's degree in education in 1963.

Mrs. Corbett loved her family, the Detroit Red Wings and traveling. She was an active member in Holy Family Church.

Mrs. Corbett is survived by a daughter, Theresa (Mark) Wherrett; sons, Patrick and Brian; sisters, Phyllis (Jim) Mulholland and Carolyn (Ray) Wedenbach; one brother, Fred (Sharon) Schultz; and two grandchildren, Megan and Connor.

Mrs. Corbett was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald.

Services were conducted on Monday, May 3 at Holy Family Church. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery of Southfield.

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

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Mercy High School would be appreciated.

Board aims to protect activities

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi school board is stepping up its efforts to keep extra-curricular activities in Novi open only to Novi students.

The board unanimously approved a resolution April 29 that condemns a proposed state bill that would open public school extra-curricular activities to students in non-public schools, charter schools and home school students.

"Our job is to foster and represent public education. This (bill) goes against public education constitutionally and morally," said Trustee John Strett.

According to the resolution adopted by the board, House Bill 4204 would provide no net gains in participation opportunities for public school students and actually take away opportunities, provide disincentive for schools to maintain existing sports teams and other activities, invite circumvention of academic standards, invite circumvention of transfer rules.

create a management nightmare due to varying school calendars and it will not provide any funding to cover the costs incurred from nonpublic students taking part in public school activities.

Board Secretary Carol Elfring added this bill also creates a security problem for public schools in the wake of increasing school violence.

"We are talking about inviting other kids inside our schools that we are not aware of," she said. If this bill passes, an unknown amount of students from non-public schools will be roaming the halls of public schools, thus creating a safety problem for the public school students, Elfring said.

Elfring said she has also spoken with State House Representative Nancy Cassis of Novi and State Senator Bill Bullard about this bill.

According to Elfring, Bullard said he is against the bill and Cassis said she would take Elfring's comments into "consideration."

Bullard confirmed he is voting against the extra-curricular portion

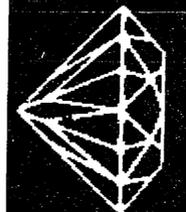
of the bill Monday. He stressed this issue is in a package of about five others that make up House Bill 4204 and he believes the extra-curricular portion will be taken out of the bill during House debate.

If it does make it through the house still in House Bill 4204, Bullard said he will make an amendment to remove it from the bill.

"I think overall my view is, if you choose a charter school or home school you have to take the whole package and part of that package with charter school or home school is you may not have extra-curricular activities like in regular school," Bullard said.

Through its resolution, the Novi school board is urging legislators to not change the current law on public school extra-curricular activities and vote down House Bill 4204.

The resolution is being sent to school boards in Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties, local and state PTA/PTO organizations, all elected officials and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.



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Book addresses school violence

Two common statements are heard after every high-profile case of school violence: "We never thought it would happen here" and "There is nothing you can do to prevent such incidents." Recent school-related murders have caused small, rural and predominantly white communities to re-examine their attitudes. Being histories of high-profile violence and extensive crime rates, the reality is that some school violence happens, and the probability of it occurring should be taken to reduce the risk of the tragedies occurring and to prepare to minimize losses should they unfortunately occur.

Seneca Brumby, author of the book "Crisis in the Classroom: Security, Crisis Management for Schools and School Boards," to reduce those

risks, school officials should pay attention to early warning signs and take threats seriously. They should establish procedures for reporting security concerns and from all school staff in safety procedures and strategies. And they should have their security assessed by professionals.

But first they must change their mind set. Security is not just metal detectors and guards. Trump stated in "Crisis in the Classroom: Can Your Schools' Security Pass the Exam?" an article in the National School Boards Association's newsletter. Security can be improved inexpensively with crime prevention initiatives, security education, training and the adoption of a crisis management plan, he said.

That's just one bit of advice Michigan educators have dredged

up as they look for ways to prevent school violence in the wake of the shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

The article "Crisis in the Classroom" is now one of 20 links posted on the Michigan Association of School Boards' website, at <http://fame.miaa.org/>.

According to Gail Braverman, Communications Director for the MASH, school board members have been concerned about the rising trend of violence in schools for several years. Columbine is only the most recent incident.

Along with providing school safety information on its website, the MASH plans to make violence the main topic of its Academy of Boardmanship, a training seminar for school board members from across Michigan scheduled for August,

she said.

Likewise, the State Board of Education is considering creating a school safety center in Michigan, essentially a clearinghouse for information about who local districts can make their schools safe, Braverman explained.

Lawmakers, too, are searching for solutions. Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Noti said she believes a new system for reporting threats may be needed. Police may not be able to act if a threat is only implied, rather than directly stated. But it would serve as an indicator, she said. She is considering a system, like Protective Services, in which suspects could be reported and an agency would review the report. A threatening student then might be referred to mental health agencies, rather than reported to police.

Tax group suing state for overpaid property taxes

A group of area taxpayers is asking the State Court of Appeals to force the state Department of Treasury to return \$172 million in property tax overpayments over two years.

The group contends that Treasury bulletins used an inflation rate of 2.7 percent instead of 1.7 percent as the amount of allowable increase in property assessments.

Among the plaintiffs are Stewart Oldford, Hartland resident and owner of lumber companies in Hartland and Northville; Dominick Vincentini, Oxford resident and chair of the Oakland County Taxpayers Association; Mary MacMaster, Orion resident and secretary of the Oakland taxpayers group; and Rose Bogert, Dearborn Heights

resident and chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association. Attorney is Jeffrey Meek of Livonia.

Here is where the budget administration erred, according to McMaster.

Proposal A of 1994 limits assessment (tax base) increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation in the consumer price index (CPI). The Treasury Department's notices to county equalization officers.

The CPI, measured year to year during January, is 1.7 percent. But Treasury calculated the rate by adding the monthly increases and dividing by 12, yielding assessment increases of 2.7 percent.

Northville man hopes to honor well-known flyer

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

With a name like "Eddie," you're destined to either be a pool hoser, a rock 'n' roll guitarist or a pilot. In the case of Northville's Eddie Stinson, the sky was his calling.

Stinson, a renowned barnstormer and savvy businessman for his time, was Northville's claim to fame in the air when he organized the Stinson Aircraft Corporation in May of 1926. The company has gone the way of the biplane, but the Stinson name lives on — particularly in the mind of Northville aviation buff Jim Lapham.

"Eddie Stinson just built a good, solid airplane," Lapham said. "He did some things that no one else had done to that point in time. Planes were just coming of age back then."

Lapham himself doesn't fly prototypes. Rather, he's an avid craftsman of radio-controlled models that he flies at the Motor City Radio Control field near Five Mile and Ridge Road. He's developed quite a collection of junior-sized airplanes in his days, but before he calls it quits from the hobby, Lapham said he wants to build a model Stinson.

"They were beautiful airplanes — there's a charm to them that you can't help but like," Lapham said. "There's not a lot known about

Eddie Stinson in his pre-flying years. Records about the local legend in aviation have disappeared over time. But in terms of his business, sources suggest Eddie Stinson first made his first real cent in the plane industry when orders flooded in for his Stinson Detroit SB-1 back in May of 1926. Money needed to get the fledgling company some working capital was raised by members of the Detroit Athletic Club.

Stinson planes had gained a reputation on the national scene for breaking records for altitude, speed and longevity in the air. Lapham said. As advancements in technology progressed, records continued falling, one after the other.

Lapham said that Northville may not have been the home of the Stinson Aircraft Company, but it had been one of Stinson Aircraft's corporate directors owned an old industrial building which had been sitting vacant for a number of years.

That building, Lapham said, was the structure now occupied by Belanger, Inc. within the village limits. Planes were constructed in that building and were then hauled by Model T's to the airfield at Six Mile and Beck roads. Lapham's grandfather, Charles Ponsford, owned the land that Stinson used to test his

new creations.

"People would see these giant planes being dragged through town on the way out to the landing field," Lapham said. "I heard it was quite a sight to see."

Lapham said Stinson planes were sold to wealthy private owners, corporations and the U.S. Postal Service, as "air mail" was in its infant days.

Stinson eventually moved the bulk of his business operations further south into the city of Wayne, but continued using the Six Mile / Beck field as his testing area.

Such tests were risky. Planes were largely constructed of wood, and the people who flew them needed to be gutsy. That description, Lapham said, fit Eddie Stinson to a T.



Northville resident Jim Lapham poses with his WWII-era Black Widow radio controlled plane. Lapham wants to build a model of a Stinson aircraft.

Park. Lapham said that while performing a stunt, Stinson's plane slammed into a flagpole.

He was dead at the scene, and the airplane business he'd built into a small empire followed a few years later.

It was the challenge of it all that got Eddie going," Lapham said. "He wanted to fly higher. He wanted to fly longer. If there was something else that could be done to one-

of the other guy, Eddie Stinson would do it."

Stinson's name has been preserved, though. An authentic Stinson airplane is on display at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, but the item is currently on loan to another museum in New England.

Similarly, a book is being written on Eddie Stinson's life and his company.

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One million creepy little legs

Novi Woods elementary school student Manami Suzuki gets a hands-on experience with a rainforest millipede during last week's visit from the Living Science Foundation. See page 6A for accompanying story.

Northville to begin renting out city parks for a profit

By ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

Money-making events are coming to a park near you due to a ruling by the Northville city council. The council ruled a fee structure will be put in place for renting Northville parks for profit-making events. The rates become effective July 1.

Northville Parks and Recreation will propose a similar rate structure to the Northville Township board of trustees in May.

"We've increasingly been getting requests from non-residents and organizations that want to use our parks for fund raisers," said Tracy Sirocock, director of Northville Parks and Recreation. "But we didn't have a mechanism in place to offset the costs on our resources."

Examples of groups that have requested to use the parks are churches from Plymouth Township.

The rate schedule for the parks would only apply to non-residents and profit-making business events. Residents don't have to pay to use the parks. Sirocock said, and the parks would be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. League events such as youth baseball and youth soccer would have precedent over all other reservations.

The rate schedule would be as follows: \$25 per baseball diamond for the first two hours with no field preparation and an additional \$60 for a prepared field at Fish Hatchery Park and Ford Field; \$30 per soccer field for the first two hours with no field preparation and an additional \$60 for a prepared field at both parks; \$10 per tennis court for the first two hours at Fish Hatchery Park with a maximum of three courts at a time; \$25 per picnic shelter per day at Fish Hatchery Park; \$80 for use of lights at Ford Field. Additional hours may be rented for \$10 per hour.

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The Log Book

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MONDAY, APRIL 26
Medical, 1301 Mariga, 3:41 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:11 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 31130 Walden, 7:41 a.m., Squad 2.
Wires down, Heartwood and Brentwood, 8:43 a.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, car fire, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Beck Road, 1:48 p.m., Squad 4.
Fuel spill, 43407 Grand River, 4:48 p.m., Engine 1.
Car fire, 23870 Greening, 7:14 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
Service, 2213 Austin, 5:42 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 41216 Vincent, 9:21 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Sears and Twelve Oaks, 12:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook, 12:45 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:29 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 7:53 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
Medical, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:34 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 1549 Ocker, 1:09 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 21204 Glen Haven, 1:27 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 22264 Novi Road, 5:15 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fuel spill, 39741 Twelve Mile Road, 6:52 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24231 Weatherlane, 11 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
Building fire, Eleven Mile and Wisnom Road, 12:25 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 22115 Siegal Court, 1:47 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 44933 Lightway, 7:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 41080 Ten Mile Road, 9:04 a.m., Squad 1.
Gas main leak, 2213 Austin, 11:01 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 12:13 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22661 Colony Court, 1:15 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Vincent, 3:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 6:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Fremont and Emerald Forest, 11:34 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
Investigation, 21007 Wheaton, 12:29 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 31125 Portside, 2:33 a.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 9:40 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Gas main leak, 2030 Austin, 9:58 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:25 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 46180 Nine Mile, 11:29 a.m., Squad 4.
Stand by, Station No. 1, 10:40 a.m., Engine 3, Squad 3.
Injury accident, Grand River and Market, 11:40 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 12:05 p.m., Squad 3.
Grass fire, 39575 Ten Mile Road, 3:07 p.m., Engine 3.
Brush fire, M-5 and I-275, 3:12 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:09 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 7:57 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, MAY 1
Medical, 27650 Novi Road, 2:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41735 Carousel, 5:22 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25660 Adams, 5:40 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29984 Montmorency, 8:20 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Old Novi and Sandstone, 10:04 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MAY 2
Medical, 23634 Stonehenge, 6:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 44743 North Hills, 11:25 p.m., Squad 4.

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Jaye backs up Peters to amend budget bill

By TIM RICHARD
 State Rep. Bill Jaye has backed up House Speaker Tom Peters' effort to amend the state budget bill to require a 20 percent increase in state spending and to require a 20 percent increase in state revenue.

Jaye has increasingly criticized "pro-poor" welfare in state spending and has been vocal in the GOP line in regulatory matters. Jaye's bill, which covers fiscal 2000 spending on the part of the State General, Civil Rights, Civil Service, Management & Budget, State and Treasury - was sent to the House. Here's how Peters' amendments fared:

- To require competitive bidding on all contracts for supplies and services over \$25,000
- To require contractors to list the names of all persons with greater than a 7.5 percent interest in the business - lost 15-21 with Jaye joining 14 Democrats in support.
- To require departments to publish a monthly newsletter or maintain an Internet website with notices of intentions to bid and request for proposals - adopted 38-0.
- In addition, Jaye and Sen. Dale Shauger, R-Portage, won approval of an amendment to restrict attorney billing for covered state employees. It was an unrecorded voice vote.
- Peters said his amendment to require notices of bids "will at least give small businesses a slightly better chance. It will still appear to restrict that big political donors win big state contracts."

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Northville students fare well in Regional Science Olympiad

BY ANDREW DIETZNER
 Northville High School students fared well in the latest Olympiad - the state's Regional Science Olympiad that is. Northville High School's team finished first in division C. Additionally, Northville's Our Lady of Victory finished second in division B with 153 points while Meads Mill Middle School finished fourth with 122 points and Cooke Middle School finished fifth with 114 points.

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Fire disaster avoided

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
 What could have been a major disaster was avoided Tuesday when Northville Township fire officials extinguished a car fire near the Meijer gas station, at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. Fire chief Bill Zimendak said that crews were sent to the station at around 7 a.m. after receiving a call of a vehicle on fire in close proximity to the gas pumps. At the time, the car was said to be about one-third engulfed in flames. "By the time we got there, it was completely engulfed," Zimendak said. "Being close to gasoline pumps is probably one of the worst places you can have a fire."

Zimendak said crews encountered difficulty in getting to the accident because of heavy traffic near the gas station. "You'd think people would speed up to get away from something like that, but they don't - they were actually slowing down to look at what was happening." On his drive from his home in Taylor, the man told firefighters he detected something wrong with the car and pulled off I-96 at the Meijer location. He began pumping gas into the vehicle and immediately noticed the underside of the car was in flames. The man pushed the car away from the immediate vicinity of the main gasoline pumps. No injuries were sustained in the incident, but Zimendak said the car charred a portion of the asphalt at the gas station. Evacuations were only necessary in the service station, and the scene was cleared by 7:45. The car was completely destroyed in the accident and was towed away on a flatbed truck.

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A bit of Broadway, a bite of lunch

By JAN JEFFRES

Who says you can't hit a high C after 60? Recently, the Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series wowed a crowd of their peers with "Lunch With Loesser."

Best of all, they had fun getting up on stage. Now, Novi Theatres is seeking for new recruits for a September senior variety show.

Frank Loesser was the Broadway composer whose five musical plays included "Guys & Dolls," "Greenwillow," and "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying."

Led by new music director George Giese, a chorus of 42 belted out Loesser notables such as "Standing On The Corner," "Once In Love With Amy" and "Anywhere I Wander." Thirteen of the singers also doubled as hoofers at the Novi Civic Center performance.

"It went very well," said Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine.

"We're already starting practice for the fall show." "Lunch With Loesser" was staged by Linda Wickert, with choreography by Carrie Wickert. Accompanists were Margaret Thibideau on piano and James Melrod on saxophone.

Performers were: Melu Aeltern, Mary Behe, Dhamline Brennan, Eleanor Bulloch,

Kathy Crawford, Shirley DiGirolamo, Irene Fedorka, George Giese, Jean Hoerle, Mary Kelly, Wayne Lee, Helene Mackris, Jan McAlpine, Anne Okonski, Eleanor Pappas, Ed Russell, Peggy Steinbel, Sue Trafalino, Bert Weening, Anna Weizer and Thyda Whitlow.

Also, Florence Baptist, Glynda Berend, Helen Brooks, Marjorie Cowan, Suzanne Davis, Mary Drafa, Caroline Giese, Agnes Hay, Arline Jacobs, Kay Krupka, Jacqueline Livingston, Steven Magyari, Janet McBride, Virginia Opaleski, Iris Rehnlund, Ruth Simer, Gerry Stupp, Laurie Thompson, Alison Welsh, Virginia Whiting and John Lanton.

Anyone who loves to sing and/or dance is encouraged to get involved with the Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series. The next show is "Stars & Swipes Forever," to be on stage Sept. 15-19.

Singers can range from fantastic to struggling to find the notes, McAlpine said.

"We'd enjoy having them come out and join us. It's a lot of fun. We just have a good time and it's a neat group," she added.

The Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series singers wowed a crowd of their peers with "Lunch With Loesser" last week.

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PARKS seeks charter change banning golf course

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on the ballot," he said.

Crawford said that it was preferable for the council to place the question on the ballot than risk a city charter amendment. He added that he remains 100 percent behind the idea of an 18-hole golf course in the North Novi Park.

"I look forward to a pleasant battle, because I'll be out there promoting it. I think it has a chance of prevailing," he said.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen and Council Members Kathy Mutch, Ed Kramer and Bob Schmid did not support placing the ballot question

before voters at this time.

Kramer explained that a golf course is a legitimate use of park land, similar to soccer and ball fields. Beyond that, he, Mutch and McAllen agreed that the city hasn't fully explored the possible uses of the park and has yet nothing concrete to show voters.

"I don't think it's wise to say 'do you want a golf course or don't you want a golf course,'" Mutch said.

"What if they say yes and then we find out it's not feasible?"

The golf course is included in a draft Parks and Recreation master plan, but city officials have said further research is needed.

Schmid called DeRoche's resolution "a disservice to this council."

"When this was a ballot issue, it was strictly to develop park land, to suggest that the city tried to fool the citizens, that the city did something that was illegal..." Schmid said.

"I think it's election time, I think he's worried. I think the City of Novi is situated that we should have a golf course."

Schmid added that citizen input on the golf course plan is welcomed, but not at the ballot box.

Novi resident Bob Wilkins jumped into the debate from the audience. Part of the problem, he

contended, is the public hasn't had an opportunity to join the golf course discussion.

"I feel for you, you're backing yourselves into a corner," Wilkins said.

"What you need is citizen involvement in a proper discussion."

The council's decision will likely result in the petition to change the charter. Crawford warned the council.

"I think it's going in a negative direction," he added.

In anticipation that the council would not meet their demand, PARKS met before Monday's coun-

cil meeting to begin passing out petitions. In the first attempt to amend Novi's 30-year-old city charter since the 1980s, PARKS would need the signatures of 1,600, which is five percent of Novi's voters, to place the question before voters in November.

Language for the charter amendment is: "Development of City Property: No property owned by the city as of Nov. 2 may be used for the purpose of a golf course and/or a banquet facility. The city may develop a golf course and/or banquet facility only on property acquired after Nov. 2, 1999, specifically for such purpose after voter

approval at a general city election."

"I am not opposed to golf courses and I'm personally not opposed to the city having a municipal golf course," Tindall said.

"What I'm opposed to is asking voters to raise their taxes to buy property for park land and then be left out of the decision-making process on how the property is used."

For information on the PARKS petition drive, contact Chuck Tindall at 669-9716 or Angie Bruder at 926-9856.

Passionately, she signed the book

Local author Shelly Thacker takes romance out west in her latest historical paperback novel "Into The Sunset," but her fans will have the chance to meet her closer to home.

The novella will be at Read It Again. Books in Novi on Friday, May 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thacker, who has traversed several other time periods - including the future - in her romances, takes

her readers back to 1878 Indian Territory where she introduces them to Lucas McKenna, a U.S. Marshal who always gets his man. And in this instance, his woman.

The lady in question is Annie Sutton, who has been charged with murder, but even the hard-hearted marshal can soon see she's just too tender-hearted to have killed a man.

Thacker is popular with her cus-

tomers, said Mary Mansour, owner of Read It Again. Books.

"Once again, Shelly Thacker has penned a powerful, emotional story of two strong, stubborn people on opposite sides of a conflict," Mansour said.

"Her writing resonates with real feelings and situations that keep readers turning the pages...If you want to escape on a mini-vacation without leaving the room, do your-

self a favor and pick up Shelly's book."

Read It Again Books will provide a warm welcome for Thacker fans, along with some home-made goodies. There will also be an opportunity for guests to win a gift basket.

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(5-6-99 NFNN 896872)

VILLAGE OF MILFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 231-020
CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF MILFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 84, PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 84-48, RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, SUBSECTION (A), TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD TO BE COMPRISED OF AN INCREASED TOTAL OF NINE MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH MAY BE MILFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE LIMITS.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication following adoption by the Village Council.

This ordinance was adopted by the Village Council at a regular meeting held on May 3, 1999 and can be inspected any day during regular business hours at the Village Office.

DEBORAH S. FRAZER, CMC
MILFORD VILLAGE CLERK
(5-6-99 MF 896751)

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 14, 1999 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Community Clubs of Novi, Economic Development Corporation, Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission and Planning Commission.

If you are interested in serving on a City board of commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 347-0456. Please submit your application by Thursday, June 10, 1999 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

TONY L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK
(5-6-99 NF 896862)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
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TUP 99-019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oakland Plumbing is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a storage trailer on the project site for Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 Eleven Mile Road, from May 12, 1999 through November 30, 1999.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 12, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 12, 1999.

GERRIE HUBBS
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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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ADDENDUM
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Lamp lights' glow

Mast arms bring charm to 9 Mile/Novi roads

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Grand River Avenue will also have the new supports installed.

Novi added another new mast arm to the intersection in Novi. The mast arm will be installed on the new road, which will be a two-lane road.

As for the Nine Mile and Novi Road, construction started Sept. 10 and the estimated cost for the mast arms is \$100,000.

He added, construction is going fairly well and, so far, neither Nine Mile Road or Novi Road will need any more mast arms in the near future.

The total cost for the project is about \$1.2 million, part of which will be paid for by a \$500,000 grant from the state.

Funding for the project will be coming out of the Novi Road Road Program approved by city voters.

As a bonus for the city, Novick said the project has been turning out

He added the area is being patrolled very vigorously and he is reminding drivers that fines are doubled in construction zones.

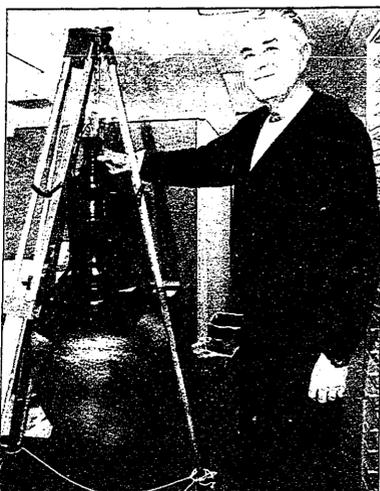
According to Tim Kirk, owner and doctor at Town and Country Eyecare located near the Nine Mile and Novi Road intersection, traffic is actually moving pretty smooth through the intersection. He added, the construction is really is not too bad, either.

He said it only adds about another five minutes a day to his drive. Because people cannot turn left at that corner, Kirk said, traffic does not get too backed up.

Kirk added most of his customers complain more about construction work along I-275 than they do the Nine Mile and Novi Road work.

The only downside, he said, is several trees on the northeast corner of the intersection have been taken down for the road expansion.

"But the intersection will benefit from better flow," Kirk added.



Construction coordinator Haim Schlick with intersection lamp.

Drumming up dollars for refugees

Five bucks for every resident of this city is what the Novi Rotary hopes to raise to assist the refugee Albanians of Kosovo.

That's over \$250,000, a huge sum, but club members say they think Novi citizens are willing to dig into their wallets to assist the victims of this humanitarian crisis.

The money will go to the non-profit Novi Rotary Foundation, to be sent to the International Rotary for distribution to the refugees through the Red Cross. Every cent will get to those in need, Limbright said.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Those who donate \$100 or more will be listed in "The Novi News."

Donors are asked to write checks to the Novi Rotary Foundation and mail them to the Rotary Kosovo Relief Fund, in care of The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

All of the funds will be placed in a special fund earmarked for the Kosovo relief at the NBD on Grand River in Novi.

Novi families' experiences filmed for show on miracles

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these facts the before they're diagnosed.

Miller and her husband, Lane, were stunned to learn they were both carriers of SCIDS, because there was no known family history of the condition.

"It's the lack of just one little enzyme receptor. So in a tiny little thing, it's essential to screw up every thing," she said.

The last thing the Millers wanted was for their daughter to live a life like that, so they decided to have the first child diagnosed with SCIDS. "The Day in The Plastic Bubble."

At the hospital, Chelsea was placed in isolation, but as a surprise, her mother tracked a marriage-based family Bible into her crib. The Bible had belonged to her own grandmother, Hanna Dillon.

Dillon died when Miller was 13 years old and the worn, 90-year-old book had been briefly placed in her crib at the funeral. Miller's mother removed the Bible and gave it to her young daughter.

The funeral had been a difficult

time for the family. Miller's mother Virginia, departed with her brother, Howard Dillon, because of the rift, a tombstone was never placed on the grandmother's grave.

Miller hadn't seen her uncle and his daughter, Judy, for many years. Not so much as a Christmas card was exchanged.

Now, Miller hoped the Bible would help as she prayed for a miracle for her daughter.

Fortunately for Chelsea, she had a better chance than a brief lifespan suggested in isolation. A bone marrow transplant offered at least a 50 percent chance for a full life for the baby.

Her parents learned that those odds jumped to 70 percent at the New York Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The challenge was transferring the baby from Arizona to New York. The family's insurance company would not pay for a \$150,000 medical flight.

Without the transplant, her parents and the Arizona doctors knew she could die at any time.

Driving Chelsea to New York was out of the question, because she was kept alive by IV's, a feeding

tube and heart catheter. Flying on a commercial airliner could be even more dangerous, because exposure to even the common cold could kill the baby.

"I just remember being so scared and terrified. My husband and I were at wit's end," Miller said.

She contacted Corporate Angels, a group of major corporations willing to fly cancer patients on corporate jets. But a flight to New York was only available from Denver.

The trick then was getting Chelsea on a short EMS flight from Tucson to Denver. Miller phoned a medical evacuation flight service and spoke to a paramedic named Judy Barrie, who said her husband, Jim, could fly Chelsea to Denver for \$6,000. The price was still too high for the family's strained finances.

Barrie offered to look around for a better deal. A short while later, her husband called back with the offer of a free flight on a plane a friend was flying empty to Denver.

"It seemed too good to be true. He said we'd just like to meet the girl we're helping," Miller said.

"I thought it was odd. I kind of wondered about it at the time."

Judy and Jim Barrie came to the hospital and briefly looked at Chelsea.

"She talked to Chelsea and then she started to walk down the hall. She turned around and came back and said, 'by the way, where do you come from?'" Miller said.

The two women discovered they were both from Carnegie, Pennsylvania, but the meeting would become more eerie.

"She stared at me the longest

time and said 'my father was Howard Dillon,'" Miller said.

"It was my first cousin Judy. I didn't recognize her. I hadn't seen her for 18 years."

For Judy Barrie, it was the old Bible that caused her to turn back and speak to Miller.

"She says she felt compelled to turn around. We like to think my grandmother or some guardian angel was looking after us," Miller said.

"Maybe it's crazy. I really felt like she was watching over us. I had such a sense of relief when I realized Judy was my cousin. It was the first time I realized that everything might be okay."

Chelsea was nine months old when bone marrow from both of her parents was transferred to her. After a six months in Sloan-Kettering, she was home free, literally. Chelsea's health is no longer a concern, she is, her mother said, a "normal, smart alecky ten year old."

Chelsea now has a younger brother and three sisters, none with SCIDS. She agrees with her mother that what happened to her

in the Tucson hospital was a miracle.

"I think it was my grandmother, yes, I think it was," she said.

"I guess I'm pretty lucky. It's kind of scary, though, because if I hadn't gone on that flight, I probably wouldn't be here."

Judy Barrie now lives in Washington, PA. Chelsea's illness brought the whole family together, ending the silence between Miller's mother and uncle.

"She (Judy) gets uncomfortable when asked why she did it. She did all this out of the goodness of her heart," Miller said.

"It healed a lot of wounds in the family. It was either the most remarkable coincidence in the world or supernatural."

Miller, a former newspaper editor, penned the story herself in 1993 for "The Guidepost," a non-denominational religious magazine founded by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

With the money from the article, she bought a tombstone for her grandmother's grave.

"I just thought it had a nice signature to it," Miller said.

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-Makeover for Mother Contest Results-

Choosing winner a difficult task

CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The results of the "Makeover for Mother" contest are in. It wasn't easy. All the respondents mentioned that their mother seem to pay more attention to the needs of the family, often putting themselves last. Mothers hold down full or part time jobs, volunteer, chauffeur, and still see to the endless chores and duties of running a household. That's what makes Mother's Day so special. When lives are so chock full of responsibilities, this is a day when families can stop and say, "Hey Mom, you're the greatest." Whether it's making breakfast this Sunday, or going out to brunch at an area restaurant or hotel, giving a book of coupons for chores around the house or handing her flowers and a card, whatever you decide to do for your mother, give her a big hug. Our congratulations go out to the first place winner, Bonnie Allen of Livonia, whose story was submitted by her daughter and Novi resident Kolleen O'Leary. Second place went to Susan Schanne of Northville, who was nominated by her daughter Kathleen Schanne. Our third place winner is Christina Mitchell, whose mother, Dianne Mitchell of Novi sent in the entry.



Bonnie Allen before her makeover, above, and after, right.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Queen For A Day

Livonia resident and mother of four gets her wish courtesy of Gerald's Salon

Bonnie Allen always wanted to feel like a queen, if only for a day. "When I was little, one of my favorite shows was 'Queen for a Day,'" she said. "I was so disappointed it went of the air." Allen won the newspaper's "Makeover for Mother" contest. "This is my Queen for a Day," said Allen of the afternoon she spent at Gerald's Salon in Plymouth as their guest, her prize for winning the contest. She received a makeover, which included a manicure, pedicure, facial, make up, hair cut, color and style. "Gerald, himself, was so kind and compassionate," she said. "He knew I had a very busy life and didn't want to spend a lot of time on my hair." She said she has been able to keep her new coiffure "in the same ballpark" as Gerald intended it to be. Allen said for the first 50 odd years of her life, her hair was bone straight and dishwasher blonde. Since being diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago and undergoing chemotherapy, her hair came in very curly with the front lighter than the back.



Bonnie Allen's makeover afternoon included a manicure, pedicure, facial, make up and haircut, color and style.

"(The prize) came at a great time. I didn't know what to do with curly hair," Allen said. "After you haven't had any (hair) at all, you don't care what color it is." Allen said she thought she was

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Second and Third Place Winners

Northville mother of four keeps busy schedule

Susan Schanne will receive a complimentary hair cut and color from Gina Agosta Hair Color and Design in Novi for becoming the second place winner in the "Makeover for Mother Contest."

Schanne went from single career woman to mother of three in the summer of 1992 when she married Fred Schanne.

A widower, Fred's children Joel, Scott, and Kathleen were 6, 8, and 10, respectively.

Susan left her career as a technical recruiter in the engineering and data processing field, packed her possession in boxes and moved into the Schanne household in Northville.

Blending households and family has worked out for the couple.

"It has never been a problem for us," Susan said. "It has worked out quite nicely."

She said her old stuff wasn't appropriate for a house with children and his was ready to be replaced.

"Instead of a yours and mine style it became an our style," she said. "Pretty quickly it became a home."

A couple of years later, they had a son, Andrew. "He was a great addition," she said. "There's nothing like a baby to make you a family."

Because they married in the summer, she was home with the children and they had an opportunity to do a lot of things.

"They went back to school in September. It was very hard. I went from working, being with kids, to being home all day, all alone. That was harder than jumping into kids," she said.

So she went back to work part time at Eastern Michigan University teaching human resources and business communications.

"To fill a hole in my life," she said.

With Kathleen's high school graduation nearing, Susan has been busy painting and wallpapering in preparation for the upcoming graduation party season.

Susan and the children spend time at the family's cottage during the summer.

She learned how to juggle a whole different set of activities.

"There's softball, tennis, you name it, we're somehow doing it," she said.

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Mother nominates daughter



Christina Mitchell

care of her daughter, according to Dianne.

Christina Mitchell was voted third place winner in the "Makeover for Mother Contest," and will receive a gift of hair care products donated by Balardi Hair & Nail Salon in Northville. Christina has a 14-month-old daughter, Madison.

The single working mother was nominated by her mother, Dianne Mitchell, of Novi.

After working a full time job, Christina comes home and takes

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Dancers trying to bring hip hop to Northville High School



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Under the direction of Tania Garrant, the hip hop dance group goes through its paces at Piazza Dance Company.

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

Jennifer Chiroyan has danced for 12 years and doesn't plan to give it up anytime soon.

But at the same time, as she heads into high school she wants to be involved in school activities. As a result, Chiroyan is one of a group of students from the Northville area interested in starting a dance club at Northville High School.

"Northville has a lot of dancers," said Tania Garrant, coach of the dance team Nemesis, which currently operates at Piazza Dance Co. "They want to get involved in the school but still do what they love doing."

Garrant said the dance club would be different than the pom pon and cheerleading teams.

"This focuses on dancers who have had technical training," she said. "They are actually utilizing their dancing skills that they've trained for."

The club would be hip-hop based, much like dance clubs at Walled Lake Western High School and Walled Lake Central High School.

To get a club going interested parties have to meet with

school administrators to discuss the purpose of the club and the kinds of activities it would participate in, said Dennis Colligan, assistant principal at Northville High School.

For example, the High Adventure club takes part in exposing club members to adventures such as whitewater rafting and luging.

"We want to see what they're going to do so they don't spill over into other similar activities," he said.

Colligan said having a club also would require a faculty advisor from the school staff who would meet with the club on a regular basis.

Garrant said the dance club ideally would perform at some basketball games that would meet once or twice a week to practice. There would be a captain, two co-captains and two assistants, she said.

The team would be open to boys and girls in the ninth through 12th grade.

Garrant said by participating on a high school club team, stu-

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Newcomers elect new officers, plan installation

JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Notice to all readers: The annual Parks and Recreation All-Ohio Spring Clean-up is for Saturday, May 8, has been canceled.

Information is available to those wanting to participate in the groups and raise Hudson's Volunteer Shoppers. Volunteers will be needed for May 8, just before Mother's Day, and the Daisy Sale during the first week of June. The Volunteer Shoppers program gives the NYS \$6 for each hour a volunteer works. The volunteer receives five 20 percent coupons for four hours of service or ten coupons for six hours. Volunteers will be doing simple tasks such as folding and hanging up clothes, etc.

Interest groups continuing throughout the summer include the Book Club, Tuesday and Saturday bowling leagues, Evening Cafe, Euchre, Ladies Night Out at the Movies, and Couples Prochlo. With the Botanical Dinner Group finishing up in June until next fall. Many groups will be returning in the fall with new ones added. However, chairpersons are needed.

THE GRAND COURT

Spring is a busy time for the residents as activity director Carrie Chrzan always has something planned.

Participating at the annual Easter Egg Hunt were approximately 150 children from the area along with the many grandchildren and great grandchildren of the residents.

Also in April was guest speaker Sylvia Ruback who spoke of her personal experiences entitled "Life Can Be More Fun at Any Age." The 72-year-old speaker was well received and enjoyed by all.

Edward Bardyga entertained with his accordion on a return visit last month. The residents welcomed back Bardyga since he hadn't been at the residence for some time.

Novi Highlights

NOVI METHODIST CHURCH

During May, Novi United Methodist and Holy Family Catholic Church are co-sponsoring a series entitled "Aging - Dealing With It in Yourself and Others." Presenting this informative program will be Sherry Webb RN, who holds a bachelor's degree in gerontology. The schedule is as follows:

- "Young at Heart - Slightly Older in Other Parts," May 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and repeated on May 13 from 7-9 p.m.
- "When Is Forgetting A Problem?" May 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; May 20 from 7-9 p.m.
- "Are You Listening?" May 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; May 27 from 7-9 p.m.

There will be no charge for the series to be held in Holy Family Church. However, pre-registration is appreciated. For additional information, call 849-8847.

A special event will take place at Novi United on Sunday, June 17 - the celebration of their 30th Anniversary/Homecoming. The church is compiling a mailing list of former members and friends for invitation to the event. The program will include worship service; a memorial garden dedication and social gathering; a noon picnic on the grounds along with a special program; and concluded by an ice cream social at the end of the day.

Another Way's mission is to reach out to teens and adult women facing unplanned pregnancies as well as to anyone with a pregnancy concern. They help in a number of ways: pregnancy tests,

Longtime residents may recall the merging of the Methodist ministry and Willowbrook Community EUB Church on May 25, 1968. The Methodist ministry has been in Novi for 160 years and the Willowbrook Community for 50 years.

Anyone with information regarding this occasion is asked to call the church office at 249-2852. Pat Wilkins is general coordinator of this research project and is compiling information for the church family and friends. If Pat is not in the office to accept your call, leave a message on the phone recorder.

ANOTHER WAY CENTER

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for Another Way Pregnancy Center was recently held at Hope Lutheran Church, with 20 representatives present from various churches around the area. The program included a "getting to know you" type game that was enjoyed by all. Special music was presented by Victory Bells, a belt choir from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Board President Brett Comstock thanked everyone present for their help in the ministry at which time lunch followed. Katie Rowland, director of Interim Client Services shared a brief message entitled "It's No Mistake" completing the program was more special music provided by the Victory Bells Choir.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

Church Notes

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present HeartSong, a musical ensemble on Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

HeartSong is a group of 25 Central Bible Church students from Springfield, Mo. There are 16 vocalists and 10 instrumentalists, including keyboard, percussion, violin, flute, bass guitar, trumpets and piano. The group combines traditional and contemporary gospel music into a worship experience in churches, youth meetings, and conventions across the nation.

The group is under the direction of Bonnie Jenkins, who along with her husband Doug, has been involved in music ministry in the United States and Canada, traveling to churches and appearing on Christian television.

The public is cordially invited to participate in this concert. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will hold the 15th annual Eagle Run Classic at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 8. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, and live entertainment. The church will also provide a picnic lunch for an additional \$2. Eagle Run is not just for singles and runners, so bring the family and friends for a day of fun. Net proceeds will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Five weeks of Daycamp for children entering grades 1-6 will be held from June 28 to July 30. Children may be registered for one or more weeks at a rate of \$90 per week. Activities include two weekly field trips, Friday "fun lunches," recreation, stories and crafts. Field trips will include Greenfield Village, Trout Farm, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Putt-putt golfing, Four Bears Water Park, and trips to the library. Daycamp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., extended care is available. Registration and information is available by calling the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

For more information, call (248) 374-5978.

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Kudos

ARTHUR R. LENAGHAN, 1975 graduate of Madonna University, will receive the distinguished alumnus award at the 52nd commencement of the university on May 8 for his generous support and devotion to the university and higher education.

Lenaghan, a Novi resident, was instrumental in setting up the fire protection and occupational safety degree program at Madonna.

The Fire Chief for the City of Novi for the past 21 years, Lenaghan's leadership abilities were recognized early in his career when he was named Livonia's "Fireman of the Year" in 1974, receiving a special tribute from the State of Michigan.

While attending Madonna as a part-time student in the early 70s, he was invited to assist in developing the fire protection major. He then was hired as the director of the program, a position he held for five years.

The Walled Lake City Library conducted a Design-A-Bookmark Contest; students from the Walled Lake School District were to submit designs which included the phrase "Spring Into Art."

The first and second place winners received a certificate and had their bookmarks printed, which are now available at the library. Selected as first and second place winners for each category were:

- Kindergarten - First Grade
- First Place: **MARLEE SILVERSTEIN**, kindergarten, Pleasant Lake Elementary.
- Second Place: **MORGAN BREAUEN**, kindergarten, Mary Helen Guest Elementary.
- Second and Third Grade
- First Place: **ZAC COLEY**, second grade, Loon Lake Elementary.
- Second Place: **GAREK NG**, third grade, Maple Elementary.
- Fourth and Fifth Grade
- First Place: **BRIDGET RENWICK**, fourth grade, Mary Helen Guest Elementary.
- Second Place: **AYAKA MORI**, fourth grade, Pleasant Lake Elementary.

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Arthur Lenaghan

three weeks learning about the government, economy, and culture of the countries they will visit through activities such as briefings at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and trade officials, site visits to the headquarters of international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs. Delegations will receive an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance. The delegation will travel to London, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Lillehammer, Sogndjord, and Oslo.

The student ambassadors will have home visits with host families. Host families include their American guests in everyday activities, enabling the student ambassadors to gain a firsthand understanding of the ways people live and work in other cultures. Each student ambassador is selected on the basis of recommendations, including school references and personal interviews with members of a screening committee in their local community.

Once students are accepted into the program, they prepare for their overseas project by attending orientation meetings in their own area and studying background material on the countries and organizations they will visit.

The Student Ambassador Program is operated under the auspices of People to People International, a non-political, private-sector organization founded in 1958 and Norway this summer. They will spend approximately

Student writes poem as a wake up call

By **JEREMY MCBAIN**
Staff Writer

Eleven-year-old Novi Meadows elementary student Chelsea Thorpe is hoping her dark poem inspired by the recent school shooting in Colorado will "wake up" people.

"I wrote it so everyone would wake up and see this isn't the only place it could happen," Chelsea said. "This wasn't the first time and it isn't going to be the last time."

Chelsea wrote the poem, titled "A Shade Darker," a day after the Colorado school massacre that left 15 people dead.

Her class talked about the shooting and was assigned the task of writing a poem or story about the massacre. Within 10 minutes, Chelsea said she had completed her dark poem.

The poem was not intentionally written to be dark and sorrowful, Chelsea said. "It was thoughtful, it is the subject that makes it dark," she said.

Chelsea added most of her fellow students are unsure how to take the poem, especially since it does not rhyme. But, she said she is not daunted by this and wants to write more poems in the non-rhyming form.

While this poem may have gained attention in her elementary school for its thought-provoking message, Chelsea said it was not her first creative piece of work and will not be her last.

According to her mother, Marcia, Chelsea is very interested in anything artistic and submerges herself into all sorts of art forms such as drawing, writing and music.

"This is not a surprise. It is never a surprise when she finds another avenue for her creativity," Marcia said.

Part of the reason for Chelsea's creativity, Marcia said, is because she has been exposed to the arts from a very young age through her mother and father, Ronald Moses, who is an artist in Texas and, according to Chelsea, is frequently her inspiration.

Nine months after her birth, Marcia said Chelsea was exposed to art in museums and art fairs.

"She had a chance to sit at a potter's wheel at the age of two," Marcia said.

Marcia also takes her daughter to the Michigan Renaissance Fair every year, where she loves to hang out with artists that show their wares and talents.

Chelsea said she loves the

A Shade Darker

by Chelsea Thorpe
Novi Meadows
Fifth Grade

They all say
That the world will get better
Most would love to agree
but never take it seriously
but deep down inside
we all know the day
of death and violence and slay
will soon by today
and look,
it already is.

Everyone thinks
that when I get older
the world will be happy all day
and you smile as you think
the world will change for me.
But it's only the beginning
only the start
of what the future has to offer
and it's not always
for the better.

And as I look outside
my second story window,
the world is a shade darker
than before.

Renaissance Festival because each of the people there have such vivid stories behind their characters and the artwork she sees is fantastic.

Marcia added Chelsea wastes no time in talking to the artists and the artists seem comfortable with her, so comfortable that they soon start revealing secrets of their trades.

"They forget she is a child and they talk to her like she is a peer," Marcia said.

As for her daughter's writing, Marcia said it has just become evident this year and she attributes that to the Novi school system and especially Chelsea's teacher Jeanne Dial.

Chelsea agreed saying the Novi Meadows really encourages creative writing and her teacher, Dial, supports her work.

"Mrs. Dial is really encouraging me with this poem. She encourages me with most of my writing," Chelsea said. "I think I have done my most important things in the arts in the Novi school system."

Perhaps thanks to this encouragement, Chelsea wants to continue refining her creativity after she reaches adulthood.

"When I grow up I think there are a lot of things I could do. Write



Photo by JEREMY MCBAIN

Chelsea Thorpe wrote the poem "A Shade Darker."

ing is definitely in there," she said. Part of this includes writing a novel with illustrations that are drawn by her.

"No one has ever done a novel with pictures well, except 'The Hobbit,' but this is the only cool one," Chelsea said. In the meantime, Marcia said

she wants to continue to help Chelsea foster her creativity by sending her to a fine arts camp this summer near Muskegon.

Usually the camp does not allow 11-year-olds to take part, Marcia said, but because of Chelsea's work they made an exception and even awarded her a scholarship.

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Novi artist is hooked on letter art

CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

It's a good thing Linda McVicar is not a child or else she might hear the frequent "don't write on the walls" admonition.

McVicar, a Novi resident since 1978, is currently doing her first one-woman show at the Gate VI Gallery in Novi through May 14.

McVicar said she got serious about calligraphy about 15 years ago and started taking classes.

"I got hooked on letter art," she said. "I use it in almost every thing I do."

McVicar uses permanent pens and brushes, but does have some pieces in the show that are sandblasted and set in wood or glass. She also has a few high-abrasive pieces entitled "To Be Together In Love."

"That was an interesting piece to do," she said. "I had never tried anything like that. I like to experiment with different things to see what I can do with them."

McVicar tries to match up the feeling of the words with the medium and the meaning of the word with the materials.

McVicar said it is not difficult to find subjects.

"I have a huge life of things that mean something to me," she said. "I'm always adding things."

She may read a quote out of the newspaper that is profound or that strikes her fancy and likes it away in the hope that one day she will get to use it.

She has worked with acrylics on canvas and paper.

Parental figures are exceptionally nice to work on, she said. She has sandblasted on glass, wood, and ceramic tile and acid etched on glass.

McVicar currently has work hanging at the Michigan Association of Calligraphers show at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She also has just had two pieces accepted into the traveling



Linda McVicar's exhibit at the Gate VI Gallery continues through May 14.

show "Alpha Mark" which will open in Alberta, Canada. Other stops include South Bend, Indiana and Germany.

Although McVicar said she prett much does calligraphy full time, she tries to stay flexible so as to spend time with her retired husband James, their four children and six grandchildren.

McVicar has taught through community education departments in Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington,

as well as Novi, but prefers to teach semi-private lessons now.

The Novi resident has won numerous awards over the last few years including an outstanding merit award at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville in 1998, honorable mention at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia in 1996, juror's acknowledgment at the Oakland County Gallery in 1996, juror's award at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association in 1996, and an honorable mention at the Livonia Civic Center

Gallery in 1995.

McVicar's one-woman show continues at the Gate VI Gallery through May 14.

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

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Forces of good and evil face off in showdown

Evil spirits will find work for idle hands to do ... so what happens when they go on the prowl for a partner in crime and end up with an utterly clueless 17-year-old slacker?

The result is a lot more morose than demons in the raunchy, irreverent and totally outrageous comedy "Idle Hands." Anton (Devon Sawa) wakes up Halloween morning to discover — after doing a little channel surfing and perusing the contents of the fridge, oblivious to the pool of blood on the floor — that his lovable dad (Fred Willard) and mom (Connie Ray) have been turned into a couple of headless Halloween decorations.

A prime candidate for America's Most Wanted, Anton steals some pocket money and heads over to visit his equally irresponsible friends, Mick (Seth Green) and Pub (Elden Henson).

On the way, he catches a tasty glimpse of Molly (Jessica Alba), the girl next door who has been the love of his life.

Hanging out with Mick and Pub, Anton — who generally opts for MTV over the evening news — learns of several recent

murders that have their home-town of Bolan scratching its head and shaking in its boot. As they piece together clues, Anton discovers that he may be responsible — apparently his right hand has a very bloodthirsty mind of its own, and it's hell-bent on wreaking deadly havoc with or without him.

Meanwhile, while Anton has been arm wrestling with his possessed limb, Deb (Vivica A. Fox) has been racing across the country following a trail of suspicious events ... leading right to northern California and the town of Bolan.

The forces of good and evil face off in a showdown full of cool comedy with an offbeat edge in "Idle Hands," a Columbia Pictures presentation directed by Rodman Flender and produced by Team Todd partners Suzanne and Jennifer Todd.

Andrew Licht and Jeffrey A. Mueller are also producers on the film. Executive producer is Jeffrey Sudin. Written by Terri Hughes and Ron Milbauer.

"Idle Hands" now playing in theaters runs 92 minutes and is rated "R."



Anton, a 17-year-old slacker, wrestles with his possessed right hand (top), which he can't seem to keep from misbehaving.

Popular cartoon character comes to life

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Based on the popular cartoon character of the same name, "Inspector Gadget" is a wild and quirky adventure comedy about a somewhat-naïve security guard who is literally blown to pieces by the nefarious Dr. Claw.

A sexy scientist named Brenda Bradford rebuilds him into a man of many talents and accessories.

Using his vast array of grafted-on gizmos to bust bad guys, Gadget is out to fulfill his dream of becoming the world's top detective.

As he penetrates Riverton City's darkest underworld, he unwittingly discovers that the man who blew him apart also happens to be the villain who murdered Brenda's father!

The often-clueless Inspector Gadget must use all his common sense and robotic parts to crack the case — and save not only his good name, but the world.

"Inspector Gadget" is set for release July 16.

The cast includes Matthew Broderick as Inspector Gadget, Rupert Everett, Joely Fisher, Michelle Trachtenberg and Dabney Coleman.

Directed by Jordan Kellogg. Produced by Jordan Kerner, Roger Birnbaum, Andy Heyward. Written by Jeff Breyer, Kerry Ehrin. Distributed by Walt Disney Pictures.

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AUDITIONS

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for "Jack & the Beanstalk ... a parody" and "Beauty & the Beast" will be held on May 6 at 4 p.m. for actors ages seven to college-aged. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast.

Performances of "Jack & the Beanstalk ... a parody" will be July 9, 10 and 11. "Beauty & the Beast" will be performed on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1.

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 347-0400.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopynick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1999 concert season. Rehearsals will be held on May 11,

and 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Band Room. Rehearsal will be held at Novi Meadows, 25549 Taft Road, at 7:30 p.m. on May 25. There are no auditions. Call (248) 932-9244.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FLY CASTING CLASSES: Bueter's Outdoors is offering spring and summer fly casting classes. Individuals, families and corporate groups are welcome. Trips to Colorado, Idaho and West Yellowstone, Mont. are being planned.

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NOVI CHORALAIRES: Jan Wasilak will direct retro songs of the 20th century during "WWW.NOVI.CHORALAIRES.COM" on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Fuest Auditorium in Novi High School.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Novi Parks

and Recreation at (248) 347-0400. 1666.

COOKING CLASSES: Chefs who have been invited to give a Spring cooking class at Kitchen Witch include: Chef Bill Collins, Washenaw Country Club, Appetizers for the Patio, May 11; Chef Marcus Height, The Lark, New Ideas from a Michigan Classic. All classes begin at 7 p.m.

Kitchen Witch is located at 134 Main Street in Northville. For prices, to enroll or for more information, call (248) 348-0488.

ANASTASIA: The Center Stage Dance Co. will present the ballet "Anastasia" at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville for one show only on Saturday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m.

The ballet includes "Journey to the Past," "Rumor in St. Petersburg," "Paris Holds the Key," and "Once Upon a December."

Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the Marquis Theatre or at the Center Stage Dance Co., 131 E. Cady Street in Northville. Call Center Street at (248) 380-

1666.

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 May 11 when Ann Arbor poets Joe Matusak and Josie Kearns will be the featured readers. Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. Call (248) 348-0609.

THEATER

RAPUNZEL: Performances of the musical "Rapunzel" will be held at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street in Northville, on May 7 at 7 p.m. and on May 8, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, and June 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all general performances are \$6.

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 Friendly, outgoing, attractive, physically fit and family-oriented DWPF, a youthful 45, with brown eyes, enjoys sports, music, movies, children and quiet times. She seeks a SWPM, who is genuine, romantic and fun-loving. Ad# 1181

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MINUTES AWAY
 Reserved, never-married SWF, 22, 54", who enjoys dancing, movies and traveling, is looking for a SM, 21-30, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1822

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 Sincere, SW mom, 36, who enjoys camping, movies and cooking, wants to share friendship and fun with a kind, caring SWM, 35-42, N/S. Ad# 1110

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 Outgoing SWF, 33, 58", who enjoys reading, sports, auto racing and volunteer work, is looking for a humorous, smart SWM. Ad# 4117

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SONG BIRD
 Outgoing, Catholic SWF, 48, is looking for a SWM, 40-52, to share music, cooking, the outdoors and the arts. Ad# 9500

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

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 Humorous Catholic SWPF, 26, 54", with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys music, working out, sporting events, skiing, camping and more, would like to share good times with a humorous SWM, 25-35, who has similar interests. Ad# 2603

LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR...
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 Dining out, outdoor sports and dancing are interests of this delightful, Catholic SWF, 23, 56", 105lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. She's looking for that special someone, an outgoing, Catholic SWM, 21-27. Ad# 3178

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

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 Loving, caring DACF, 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# 8140

TRULY BLESSED
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SHARE LIFE WITH ME
 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# 2124

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

INDEPENDENT
 Healthy DW mom, 32, 5'5", 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, secure SWM, 31-45. Ad# 2730

PAGING MR. RIGHT
 Attractive SWCPF, 25, 5'11", 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# 4833

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
 Pretty, feminine DW mother of one, 33, 5'8", 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

ALLURING PERSONALITY
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TIKED OF BEING ALONE
 Affectionate DWCF, 50, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening and cooking. She would like to meet a fun-loving SWCM, age unimportant. Ad# 1147

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

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

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GET TO KNOW ME
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ALL THAT & CUTE, TOO!
 Don't miss your chance to meet this SWCF, 23, 56", who likes movies, reading, fishing, boating and more, and being with friends. She's patiently waiting for a call from a SWCM, 24-30, for fun times. Ad# 7588

FOR YOUR LOVE
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AFFECTIONATE
 Active, professional DW mom, 39, 57", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining out, skiing and fishing, is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4098

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
 Never-married, Catholic SWF, 26, 51", who enjoys dancing, movies, music and dining out, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-31, N/S. Ad# 4444

GENUINE INTENTIONS
 Attractive, outgoing, Catholic SWF, 28, 53", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, exercise, the outdoors, quiet conversation and more. She seeks a humorous, confident, Catholic SM, 28-34. Ad# 2570

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

BE A FRIEND
 Blue-eyed blonde DWCF, 60, 5'7", who enjoys walking, dancing, bowling and playing cards, would like to meet a SWCM, who loves life. Ad# 3693

GENUINE INTENTIONS
 Friendly, attractive WWCWF, 57, 5'5", is looking for a SWM, 57-62, for good times. She enjoys gardening, music and nature. Ad# 2868

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JUST THE TWO OF US
 Retired SWM, 55, 5'10", is looking for companionship with a SWF, age unimportant. His interests include the outdoors, gardening, dining out, dancing and traveling. Ad# 7590

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CALL IF INTERESTED
 DWCM, 30, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes and a mustache, seeks a Catholic SF, without children, who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. Ad# 7731

COMPANIONSHIP
 Outgoing, retired, Catholic SWM, 66, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys world travel, golf, dining out and more, is seeking an attractive, Catholic SWF, over 46, to spend time with. Ad# 1579

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
 Retired WWCWF, 65, 5'2", 155lbs., N/S, who enjoys traveling, walking, canoeing and RV travel, would like to meet a compatible DWCF, 55-66. Ad# 1213

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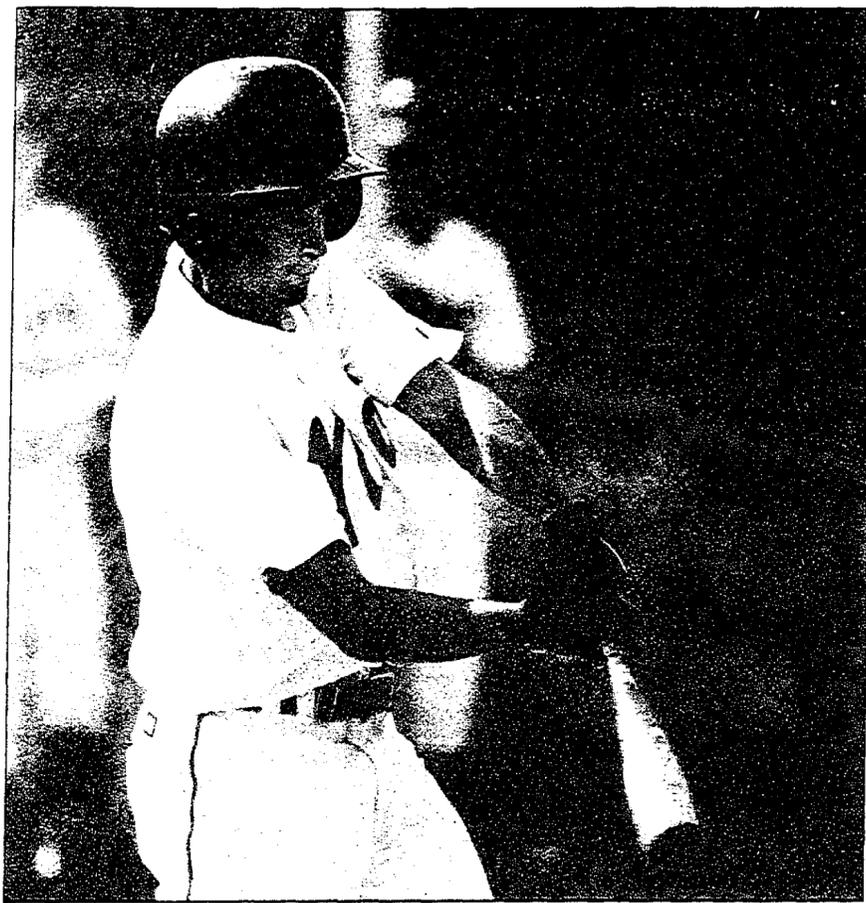
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Novi senior Derek Ornekian and his Novi teammates have struggled to a 5-7 record this season.

Novi splits with
Northville, Rowe
pitches one-hitterBy DAN KITTLE
Special writer

This past week, Brendan Hadley busted out of a season-long power drought with three home runs in a doubleheader against Northville. A.J. Rowe came within three outs of a perfect game in by far his best pitching performance of the season, and Brendan Watson finally busted out of his pitching slump with a complete game victory against the Mustangs.

Even with all these great individual performances, the baseball team currently stands at a dismal 5-7 on the season and 3-5 in the KVC. In a rocky, roller coaster season, Novi has seen its share of highs in the early going, but it has been mostly disappointment thus far for this young ball club.

The week began on a high note as Rowe was all but untouchable against South Lyon. The junior fireballer left the visiting Lions swinging and coming up with nothing but air all afternoon in the first game of a home doubleheader.

Fanning 15 of the 21 batters he faced, Rowe had a perfect game going until he surrendered a double in the top of the seventh to break up the gem. Retiring the last three hitters, he ended up only allowing one batter to reach base all game long, and Novi cruised to a 6-0 victory.

"I just felt good when I went out there," commented Rowe. "It felt like the whole game, I was in control. I controlled the tempo."

Hadley and junior Jon Cervi led the offense with three hits apiece. Hadley finished 3-3

with three RBI's, while Cervi went 3-4, driving in two runs.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Rusty Herbst had his best outing of the year, going the distance and striking out eight opposing batters. He only allowed one earned run and three hits in a 5-1 Wildcat victory.

Despite the momentum they gained from the two convincing wins over South Lyon, Novi ran into a tough Hartland team and added another squandered opportunity or two to its steadily increasing list of miscues. "It was a frustrating day," said coach Brian Howard.

In game one, the Wildcats fell, 6-5, to the Eagles on four unearned runs by the opposition. Game two saw the team drop another due to lackluster play in the field, 3-2, as Hartland failed to tally an earned run in the game. Four errors contributed to all three of the Eagles runs.

"The pitching was good in both games," said Howard, "but we didn't have very good defense in the first game."

Following the pair of frustrating losses at Hartland, the team traveled a mile down the road and pounded Northville in the first game. Behind Hadley's pair of two-run bombs, his first two shots of the season, in the fourth and sixth innings, the Wildcats cruised to a 9-4 victory. Cervi and junior catcher Mitch Maier also hit longballs to lead a very productive Novi offense.

Watson was finally able to pick up an elusive victory, going the distance against the

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New section front is here!

Jason
Schmitt

Much like this new section front may come as a surprise to all of you readers, it was also a pleasant surprise to me as well.

Beginning with today's issue, the sports section will have its own front page and separate section. As far as the size of the section, there will be little change for the time being. In the future I

would like to add pages to the section and offer a wider variety of sporting events and topics.

Having been informed of this change very recently, I haven't had time to sit down and organize a plan of attack for our new section. But in due time, I will, and will need the help of all of my readers to ensure that as many soccer games, as many high school sporting events and as many other sports related topics are covered as possible.

These changes will allow me to explore and discover new ways to present sporting news to our readers, and hopefully better ways.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Lacrosse team splits two

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi lacrosse team has found itself in many close situations this season.

The team owns a 5-3 record, 2-3 in Division I, and played two one-goal games last week. The Wildcats fell to Orchard Lake St. Mary 12-11 Saturday, despite leading 11-9 after three quarters. The Eaglets scored the only three goals of the fourth quarter.

"We just ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," coach Stan Zajdel said. "We couldn't get the ball upfield that easy and when we did we didn't take advantage of our chances."

Novi was also hampered by penalties. The team committed just seven the entire game, but five of the seven came in the fourth quarter and four of those

five were in the final 1 1/2 minutes of the game.

St. Mary led 4-2 after the first quarter and 8-6 at the half. The 'Cats outscored the Eaglets 5-1 in the third.

"Our attackmen played great, and we were playing well in transition," Zajdel said.

Aaron Marion and Kyle Harbin each had four goals and an assist to lead Novi offensively. Matt Cook had a goal and two assists and Ken Winters and Andy Christopherson each added a goal.

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The Wildcats almost let this one slip away. The Cubs trailed 6-3 until they scored three goals in a two minute, 10 second span of the fourth quarter. They tied it up at 6-6 with 1:30 left to send it to

overtime.

In the sudden-death period, Matt Cook made a nice move around a defender and scored the game winner. It was the senior's second tie of the game.

The scoring was limited thanks in part to Jesuits' goalie and the defensive play of Novi's Joel Duneske, Mike O'Doherty, Adam Hersberger and Dale Parker. Zajdel was also quick to praise the play of middies Travis and Jesse Posey, or the workhorses as he says.

"We're not a high-scoring team to begin with and they've got a pretty good goalie," the coach said.

Cook also had an assist in the game, and Marion and Aaron Harbin added two goals each. Pat Muston scored the team's other goal.



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Novi goalie Sarah Clark makes one of several key saves in last Friday's 1-1 tie with Northville.

Golfers 11th at Oakland

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Never backing down from tough competition, the Novi golfers saw a lot of it this past week on the links.

Novi dropped a league match to South Lyon last Thursday 182-214 at Downing Farms, just two days after hanging tough at the Oakland County Meet. The Wildcats finished 11th in the A group, which consisted of the top 14 placing teams of a year ago.

In the dual against the Lions, Novi posted a season-best team round, despite missing its top golfer Tara Stevens. Carolyn Vermeulen led a solid corps of golfers with a team-best round of 49. Sarah Wilson had a 53 and Kellie Noble and Rebecca Chan added a 55 and 57 respectively.

"They were really excited about it," coach Deb Harris said. "Carolyn was excited to be the medalist and I was really happy with the way everyone played. Sarah has been a nice surprise for us. I knew she'd develop, but not this fast."

"I don't look at what our team does as much as I do the individuals."

At Oakland County Stevens was in the lineup and shot a 97, which tied her for 15th overall. Ver-

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Deb Harris
Novi golf coach

meulen and Noble carded career-best 18-hole rounds. Vermeulen had a 105 and Noble added a 114. Sarah Ehlers had a 123 for the team's final score.

Farmington Hills Mercy won the meet, placing five of its six golfers among the top 10 in the county. As a team, South Lyon was third and Milford 10th overall.

"I would have liked to place ahead of Milford," Harris said. "Just to show some progress with our position in the league. I'm hoping we can move up a little bit."

Novi plays Milford tonight away and hosts Walled Lake Western next Tuesday at Pebble Creek.

Clark saves Novi in 1-1 tie

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In what has become one of the fiercest rivalries between Northville and Novi, the two school's soccer teams played to a 1-1 tie last Friday night at Northville High School.

Northville was able to shut down Kristi Arrington offensively the entire game, but senior Jill Gibson scored off a direct shot with 15:48 remaining in the game to tie the score at 1-1 and give the Wildcats their second tie of the year.

The play was setup after Northville was called for a foul on Sarah Corless. Gibson took the shot from about 35 yards out and placed the ball in the upper right hand corner for Novi's first goal of the game.

"At first we thought we might set up a play, but then I told Jill to shoot it at the goal," Novi coach Larry Christoff said. "She had a terrific shot, just in the right spot over the goalies' head."

The goal came at a point when it looked like Novi may lose the game 1-0 despite several golden opportunities to score. Novi hit the posts twice and just missed the crossbar high once in the first half.

"I think it was satisfying for both teams to tie," Christoff said. "They outshot us, but we had more good scoring opportunities."

Both teams were able to neutralize the others' top offensive threats. Christoff said he moved Gibson to

the stopper position last week, and that paid off in the Northville tie. Northville's top scoring threat, Brigid Bowdell, was held scoreless.

"Sarah Clark made some nice saves in goal and our defense played exceptionally well for us," Christoff said. "Nichole Angelocci, Kristin Shea and Angie Pantaleo all did a great job for us."

"The kids just played a great game." Northville opened up the scoring with 11:42 left in the first half on a goal by Angela Malle.

"I thought we needed to score another goal to win the game," Northville coach Doug Lyon said. "But we had trouble holding onto the ball in the offensive half of the field. They certainly played well against us defensively. Their goalie did a phenomenal job against us. Of all the goalies I've seen from their league, she's the best."

The tie leaves Novi 5-2-2 overall.

NOVI 6, MILFORD 1

Arrington scored four of Novi's six goals in this Kensington Valley Conference win. She picked up three of her goals in the second half, after the 'Cats had built a 3-1 lead.

Starting things off for Novi was Sarah Corless, who put back a deflected shot for a 1-0 lead. Gibson had taken a direct kick, which went off the goalie and

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Novi senior foreign-exchange student David Casarrubio returns a shot in a recent match at first singles.

Novi takes third in own tourney

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor
With four matches and a tournament in six days, the Novi tennis team had little time to practice last week.
But after the team's results in those five scheduled dates, who needs practice?
Novi won four league matches by a combined score of 11-1 and went on to take third place in its own tournament Saturday morning and afternoon.
The Wildcat netters received points from every flight and five of eight flights won two matches in the eight-team tournament. North Farmington edged out Rochester 19-18 for the championship. Novi (13 points) was followed by Northville (12), Flint Powers (12), Southfield (11), Grosse Pointe North (8) and Farmington Hills (Harrison) (3).
David Casarrubio and Glenn Gabriel, playing first and second singles for Novi, both finished in third place after sequential losses. Casarrubio beat Grosse Pointe North 6-0, 6-3 to begin the day, but lost to Harrison's Ryan Shade 3-6, 0-6 in the semis. He came back to beat Flint Powers 6-0, 6-2 in the consolation finals.

Gabriel took the same route, defeating Harrison 6-0, 6-0 in the first round before falling to North Farmington 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in the semis. He then came back to beat Grosse Pointe North's Paul Kaye 6-3, 6-1 in the consolation final.
At second doubles, Tom Messink and Clayton Perry reached the finals after beating Flint Powers 6-0, 6-0 and Grosse Pointe North 6-3, 7-6 in the semis. In the finals, North Farmington was too much for them to handle. The Raiders won the match 6-4, 6-3.
Another team to reach the finals was the fourth-doubles team of Jack Fischer and Yuta Ito. The duo beat Grosse Pointe North 6-2, 6-2 to open the day and came back to top Northville 6-2, 6-4. They then dropped a tough third set 1-6, 7-6, 3-6 to North Farmington.
At first doubles, Amit Nagar and Tim Torosian lost to Seaborn to begin with and couldn't finish any higher than fifth place. And that's exactly what they did. The pair beat Powers 6-2, 6-2 and Grosse Pointe North 6-0, 6-3.
"I was very pleased with how the kids

played," coach Jim Hanson said. "Those teams were not as strong as the teams in this tournament. It's nice to see where you stack up against teams like this."
In four league matches last week, Novi had it easy and difficult depending on the day. The Cats gave up just three games total in all flights and were never challenged by the Highlanders.
In its second match, Novi topped South Lyon 8-0 with just one match being closely decided. Jack Fischer moved up to play No. 1 singles and won 7-5, 7-6.
Late last week, Novi beat Lakeland 7-1 and Brighton 8-0. Against the Bulldogs, Casarrubio scored three sets to get by Dusty Whitman 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. The third doubles team of Sean Henderson and Geoff Wang also needed three sets, winning 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Gabriel, Brandon Bear and Ryan Rose all picked up straight-set wins in singles and Nagar and Torosian, Messink and Perry and Fischer and Ito all won in straight sets.

Hadley cracks three homers

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Mustangs. The junior southpaw allowed two earned runs on ten hits, while striking out eight and only issuing two free passes to opposing hitters.
"He hadn't pitched that well, but he just came out and started throwing strikes and he kept the ball down," Howard remarked.
"Actually, the team played very well in the game," he continued. "They hustled, they hit the ball, and everybody played well in the first game."
The second game was an entirely different story. With Rowe and Herbst sidelined with sore arms, and the team playing its fourth

game in two days, Howard was forced to turn to players who don't normally pitch to take a turn on the mound.
Needless to say, the team found themselves on the wrong side of the final score, dropping the second game of the doubleheader to the Mustangs, 16-6. Hadley went yard again, smashing a solo home run in the fifth for his third blast of the day. "They finally started throwing me over the plate, and they paid for it," said the all-state third baseman.
The losses to Northville and Hartland once again left the team searching for a toumnet to stop the bleeding that has left this team reeling. With a 3-7 record,

the ball club is playing well below its own lofty expectations.
"We need to come together as a team and start playing harder," said a frustrated Rowe. "We blew our chance at winning the league. We just gotta look ahead to districts. I guess we just need to get as a team."
"We still have very good potential," stated Howard. "and, although we're probably out of the league picture, we could mess up some other teams."
Watson added, "Even though some of us individually have broken out of slumps, we need to come together and get and work as a team to win some ball games."
Hadley also remains optimistic about the rest of the season. "We need to play better defense and get more timely hitting, and we'll be all right," he said.
With the season still less than halfway complete, there is still a great deal of hope floating around Wildcat country. The team's road back to the top began at Lakeland on Wednesday after the Novi News went to press. Novi will take on Milford in a home doubleheader Friday.
"I think we'll do fine the rest of the season," said Howard. "I'll guarantee you, they won't quit."

Redskins, judges snub Wildcats

Poor judgements leave Novi team looking for answers to a larger problem in track

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor
Track is a pretty straight-forward sport. Either you win a race, or you don't.
It's not that often that mistakes are made in determining a winner of a race, especially in a dual meet. But in last week's loss to Milford, the Novi boys team feels like it was cheated out of a win, or at least a chance at a win. In at least three different races, there were problems determining just who was the winner. Novi coach Bob Smith said Milford was wrongly awarded wins in the 100 meter dash, the 300 hurdles and the 400 relay.
"Yasuaki Goto crossed the finish line two or three yards ahead of the next guy, and they gave him sixth place," Smith said. "I don't know how they could have missed him. I had a lot of people tell me that after the race, how they didn't see him."
Goto ended up receiving a second-place finish, but Novi still lost the meet 96-41. Goto's mix up was just the beginning of the debacle. Justin Sterett finished runnerup in the 300 hurdles, but was given third place. The 400 relay team evidently won their race, but were given second place.
Another error occurred on the official scoresheet. Novi finished first and second in the 3,200 and outscored the Redskins 8-1 in the event. But the scoresheet shows that Milford received the eight points instead of Novi.
So the actual score of the meet should have been 88-45.
"We should have had at least 60 points right there, and then it would have been a different story. I would have ran some of our big guys the last four events," Smith said. "I'm not blaming Milford for this. It's the way the area schools view track and field. They are in the same dilemma that we're all in. But the thing I'm upset about is that there's no recourse for those mistakes. There's nothing we can do about it."
Because there is only one official at a track meet, that official must be at the starting line. Parents or other volunteers keep track of the places and times.
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Pitching holding up 'Cats

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor
As the Kensington Valley Conference softball season reaches the halfway point, it's still hard to say who will be the league crown.

Brighton is the perennial powerhouse, but the Bulldogs have lost three conference games and still have to face the two teams that beat it again. Lakeland was the last of the unbeaten in the KVC, but have lost two games heading into yesterday's doubleheader against Novi (after "The Novi News" deadline).
The Wildcats, at 9-1, look to be the favorites, but have to face Lakeland four times and Brighton in another doubleheader May 24.
Last Friday the Wildcats relied on solid defense and stellar pitching from junior Joelle Frantz to squeak out a sweep of Hartland. Novi grabbed the first game 3-2, scoring the winning run in the top of the seventh inning. With one out, Katie Cameron reached base on an error by the left fielder to start things off. She advanced to second on Adrienne Farrell's groundout and scored on a two-out RBI single by Frantz.
Neither team could put together any rallies and Novi had just five hits in the winning effort. Frantz pitched a complete-game four hitter. She struck out eight and walked one.
In the second game, Frantz dominated the Eagles. She pitched a complete-game one hitter, striking out nine batters without issuing a walk in Novi's 2-0 win. Novi mustered up a run in both the fourth and fifth innings. Frantz scored the winning run in the fourth on an error by Hartland. Cameron had a RBI triple in the fifth, scoring Megan Colligan with an insurance

run.
"It was very exciting, especially the first game," coach Carol Diglio said. "We didn't have many hits, but we pieced some things together."
Colligan was 2 for 3 with a double and a run scored. Frantz pulled something in her leg, and was unable to pitch over the weekend for Novi.
NOVI FINISHES 1-2 AT RICHMOND
Without its star player, Novi struggled a bit at the plate and did not place at the Richmond Tournament Saturday.
The Wildcats did, however, get some good pitching out of backup Cameron and sophomore pick up Erica Briesacher. Briesacher pitched a complete-game two-hitter in Novi's first game win over Port Huron 15-1. She struck out nine batters and allowed just one walk in her first varsity appearance.
Cameron led a potent hitting attack that scored five runs in each the fourth and fifth innings. She finished the game 4 for 4 with a double, home run, four runs scored and three RBI.
The rest of the day was sour for Novi. The "Cats" stacks couldn't find the ball against Regina. Regina shut out Novi 4-0 despite the pitching efforts of Cameron and Briesacher.
"It was just a matter of two good ball clubs playing against each other," Diglio said. "Our bats were just quiet that game." Novi had just four hits.
In the team's final game of the day, Briesacher started and struggled early. Novi eventually fell 9-2 to Romeo. Cameron was 2 for 4 with another homerun.



Skaters Win National Championship...

Representing the Detroit Skating Club, Team Eilan (Juvenile Division) won the National Precision Skating Championship in Tampa in March. The team finished undefeated in all of its competitions this year. Only 12 teams from the entire country qualified for the Nationals. Novi resident Meredith Gatt is a member of the gold-winning team.

Kickers shut out Hartland

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right to Corless. Arrington made it 2-0 with 24 minutes left and Gibson added a third goal 12 minutes later off another direct shot.
Angeloeci, Megan Parker and Sarah Corless each picked up assists on Arrington's second-half goals.

"We really took advantage of dead-ball opportunities," the coach said. "And we played a great technical game."
NOVI 4, HARTLAND 0
Clark started the game in goal, but Michelle played the majority of the game and earned the shutout.
Arrington scored all four goals for Novi (5-2-2), who moved to 3-1 in the KVC. Three of her goals came in the first half off a pair of passes from Gibson and an assist by Corless. Gibson also assisted on the second-half goal, which came with 18 minutes left in the game.



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Health Column

Most ulcers can be eliminated

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nationwide, 25 million Americans suffer

from ulcers. Ulcers exact not only a painful physical toll, but an economic one as well. The price tag for treatment, lost work and reduced productivity is nearly \$6 billion, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. That's why Fendrick believes it's critical to test people with ulcers for H. pylori rather than see them continue to spend money on temporary solutions to ease their pain.

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

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

"This discovery of H. pylori makes it easy to diagnose, easy to treat and may help patients in a large majority of cases get off chronic medication. A real neat part of it is that in these patients it actually saves money in the long run," Fendrick said. "So it works for the hospital system, it works for the patients and it works for the physicians."

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

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

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

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

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

Ulcer and H. pylori facts:

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

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

Health Notes

Circuit Training

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

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

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

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

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

To register, call 1-800-966-5595.

Cancer Support Group

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

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

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

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

Diabetes Education

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

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

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

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

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

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Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Child Health Clinics

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

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

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield; (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake; (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may

show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

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

Blood pressure checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

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

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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

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Menopause Support Group

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

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

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

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