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AT&T won't hang up on monopole

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Regardless of its past experiences with the City of Novi, AT&T Wireless Communications will go forward in its bid to build a cellular tower near the Novi High School football field.

The Novi school board recently gave AT&T approval to lease space for the tower, but before the communications company could construct it, the City of Novi stepped in and the Novi City Council voted to force AT&T to get city zoning approval.

According to the lease, AT&T has the right to back out of the deal if the city claims jurisdiction. But, AT&T has said it will not back out.

Rackelene Hoff, external affairs

manager for AT&T Wireless Service, confirmed the cellular company's willingness to move ahead on its monopole plans for Novi. She said even through its original proposal to the city was denied, AT&T will continue to work with the city.

"We are hopeful it will result in an approval," she said.

Novi school officials have said they will not fight the issue. Last night, the plans went before the Novi Planning Commission last night for a special land use permit. However, the results of that meeting were not known by publication.

After receiving planning commission approval or disapproval.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pen pals Beatrice Summerlee (left) and Erica Sherwood meet.

Pen Pals take note of tenth anniversary

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Jessie Jones remembers how nervous she felt when she was really a kid, way back in 1989, performing on stage at the Novi Senior Center.

Jessie, an alumna of Darlene Grabowski's first grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School, was one of the original students to join a pen pal exchange with the

Novi Senior Center.

"Life goes by really fast. It seems as if yesterday we were the little kids on the stage, getting all the attention," said Jessie, now a sophomore at Novi High School.

On May 12, a ten-year anniversary party for the program was held at the Novi Civic Center. Novi Special Recreation Coordinator

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Retiring Novi children's librarian Jane Brown takes a moment to read to Pavan Rao, three.

Happy ending Children's librarian turns page

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

In Canada, May 24 is Victoria Day. In Great Britain, it's the annual spring holiday.

In Novi, May 24, 1999 will be declared Jane Brown Day, to honor the retiring librarian who over the past 20 years built the youth section at the local library.

"She will be extremely missed. She's been like a lifeblood for the community and the library," said Assistant Library Director Pauline Druschel.

"It hasn't been a job. This has been a lifetime commitment for her."

An open house for Brown will be held on Monday, May 24 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

As a mother of young daughters in 1967, Brown found her way to the Novi library as a volunteer

who took charge of the children's story hours.

"I started volunteering when my daughter was four and now my daughter is 36, so that's very scary," she said.

At that time, the library had three employees and the city's population was under 20,000. Today, Novi Public Library has a staff of 53 serving a city that is expected to soon number 50,000 people.

And Brown is going out as head of children's services and assistant library director.

"Jane's energy, vision and undaunted 'can do' spirit impressed head librarian Dorothy Flattery. She called Jane in 1978 and offered her a job, no application or interview necessary," Library Director Brenda Evans said.

A year later, and Brown set up the library's summer reading program, luring 50 kids in to experience the joy of books. Since then, some 13,000 young residents have participated in the program.

Along the way, a scholarship enabled her to earn her master's in library science at the University of Michigan. In 1992, her work with young adults was recognized by the Michigan Library Association.

But this is just a bare-bones blurb about Brown's career. The real contents are her dedication to introducing young people to literature, colleagues say.

Brown grew up in Farmington, where she loved to check out books from the library, especially stories about dogs and horses, such as "My Friend Flicka" and "Lad, A Dog." She earned a college degree in English, but hadn't set any career goals centered in a

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Squeezed by growth, residents contend

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

While the developers of Meadowbrook Commons office park got what they wanted from the Novi Planning Commission at its May 5 meeting, some residents near the site say they lose out.

This came about after Charles Dimaggio, of Barton Katzman Developing Company, brought a plan to turn an area of land on Meadowbrook Road north of I-96 into a five-building corporate park to the planning commission meeting.

City planning consultants gave positive approvals for the plan, citing very few problems and saying it was perfect for this Office Service and Technology (OST) district.

However, the resident living directly to the north of the property and the resident living directly to the south had a few concerns of their own.

Steve Reed, who lives to the north, informed the commission the development's plans call for a parking lot to be constructed only 20 feet from his driveway.

Plus, in order for the development to tap into the city's water main, Reed said a pipe would have to go right through his yard, meaning a portion of his yard would be torn up to accommodate the water needs of Meadowbrook Corporate Park.

Furthermore, he added, since the development would bring more traffic to the area, the city would have to widen Meadow-

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TOP KIDS' BOOKS

After 20 years as a children's librarian at the Novi library, here are Jane Brown's ten favorite youth books:

- "The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses" by Paul Goble
- "The Biggest Bear" by Lynn Ward
- "The Mitten" by Jan Brett
- "Paddle To The Sea" by Holling C. Holling
- "Carl's Birthday" by Alexandra Day
- "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babbitt
- "Blaze and the Gray Spotted Pony" by C.W. Anderson
- "Everybody Needs a Rock" by Byrd Baylor
- "Blueberries for Sal" by Robert McCloskey
- "Bridge To Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson

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Skaters glide into first ice arena show

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Some guys have it made. Take Marcus Michalske, all of ten and a fifth grader at Hickory Woods Elementary School.

He's the lone male among the 49 girls performing in the Novi Ice Arena's first figure skating show this weekend.

"I'll be the the only one, standing out in the whole crowd," he said. Marcus is in the group number, "Freeway of Love." Other kids might get stage fright, but not Marcus.

"I like to entertain the audience," he explained just before Monday night's dress rehearsal.

Skaters range from age four to their teens and come from either the ice arena's Learn To Skate classes or the figure skating program.



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

"Black Cats" show their cat style on blades for the Novi Ice Arena's first figure skating show.

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Community Calendar

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

Monday, May 24 City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Tuesday, May 25

Novi Concert Band rehearsals

The Novi Concert Band rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For information, call (248) 532-9244.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, Hotel Between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol

The Saxe Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2938.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39300 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, May 26

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Thursday, May 27

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 350-6500.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Friday, May 28

Dog licenses

Today is the last day to obtain 1999 county dog licenses from the Novi Treasury Department without a penalty.

Sunday, May 30

Memorial Day

The Novi Library will be closed for Memorial Day celebrations.

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Parade

Novi will host its annual Memorial Day Parade, starting at Main Street at 10 a.m. and proceeding to the Novi Civic Center.

Memorial Day

Novi city offices, and the library will be closed for Memorial Day celebrations.

School upgrades underway

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

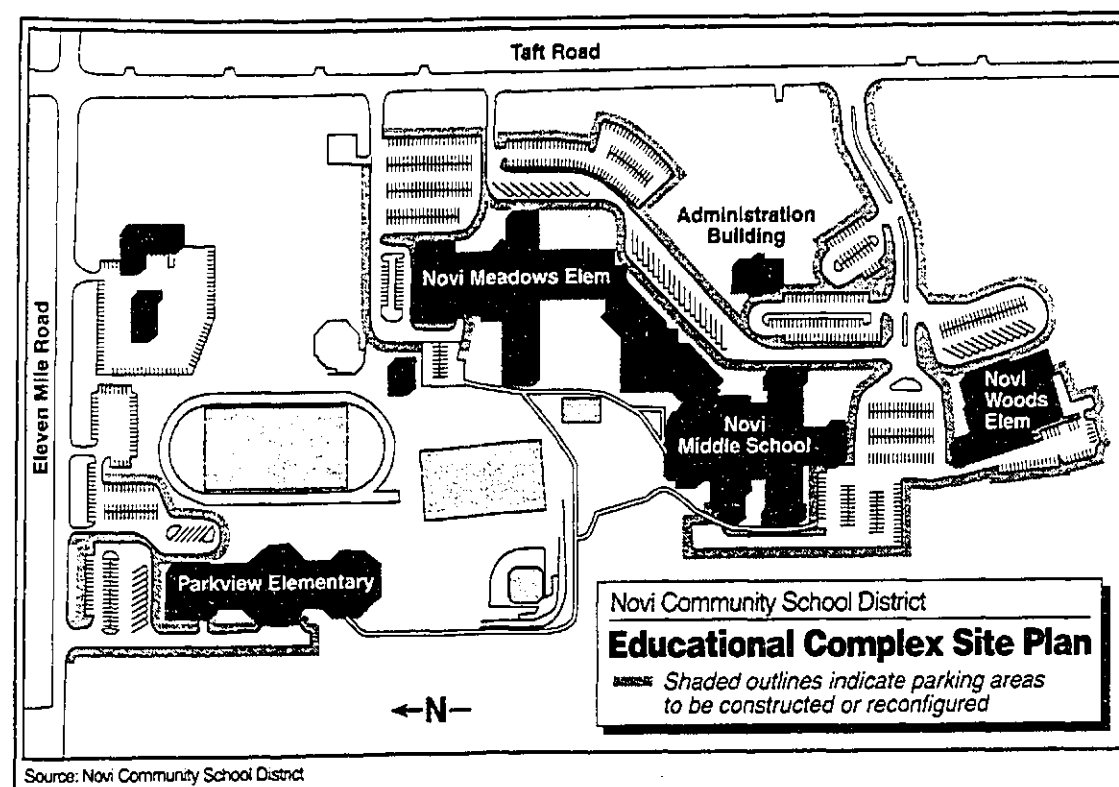
Visitors to Novi Education Complex on Taft Road north of Ten Mile Road will find a lot of construction activity to deal with this summer and during the next school year.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for Novi schools, said construction started around this complex May 17 with the erection to a temporary road built next to the regular entrance off Taft Road. Koster appealed to Novi parents dropping off their kids to be patient during all this school construction.

"When it is done it will be great," he said.

"We are just having one big pill to swallow and then it will all be done."

The temporary route at Taft Road will be for construction traffic traveling to the schools. Workers will be making several upgrades to the parking lots and schools, specifically Novi Meadows and the current Novi Middle School. The first of these upgrades, and the reason for the temporary road, is the parking lot in front of Novi Woods Elementary School. Koster said this parking lot has been blocked for about a week and will continue to be closed off until the middle of June. During this time, the parking lot will be repaved



Source: Novi Community School District

Plus, starting June 14, renovation will begin on the current Novi Middle School. The school will see many upgrades in preparation for its merger with Novi Meadows.

While improvements to the current middle school are expected to last into next school year, construction of the playground and parking lots at Parkview is expected to be completed around mid-August.

At that time, workers will place the finishing touches on their work. But construction will start back up again next February as renovation on the current Novi Middle School ends and Novi Meadows renovation work begins.

These cost for these projects are estimated at \$2.3 million. Koster said. Funding is being supplied by the 1998 Building and Site Fund for \$17.3 million.

The fund is also paying for a new football stadium at Novi High School and construction of a new elementary school by the new Novi Middle School near the intersection of Eleven Mile and Wixom roads.

Koster said these projects are all at or under budget and are expected to be completed on time.

"If we don't get some crazy weather," he added.

Area lights up from storms

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi was socked by severe thunderstorms and hail Monday night, leaving several trees down and some homes and businesses with lightning damage.

While the storms may have caused some havoc during this visit to Novi and kept police and fire crews busy, public safety officials confirmed no one was injured. There was only one report of serious damage.

"This was due in a tree that fell on a house on the 1300 block of East Lake Drive. Fire officials did not yet have an estimate of the damage

there. According to Lt. Tim McNamara, the Novi Police Department received 30 calls during the storm. Many of these concerned alarms going off, a few others involved from downed trees and wires. "All in all, it came pretty quickly," McNamara said.

"One advantage Novi has is the quickness of the storm surprised him to the point where he had to pull his vehicle to the side of the road because he could not see in front of him.

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In addition to the calls requiring help from the police, Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said 23 calls were received by the fire department. Most of those calls turned out to be nothing more than lightning strikes on homes and businesses that caused very little, if any, damage, he said.

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Improvements, Novi Youth Assistance, etc., \$74,000

- Department of Public Works Vehicles and Equipment, \$190,000
- Forestry vehicles and equipment, \$133,000
- Six replacement police vehicles, \$120,000
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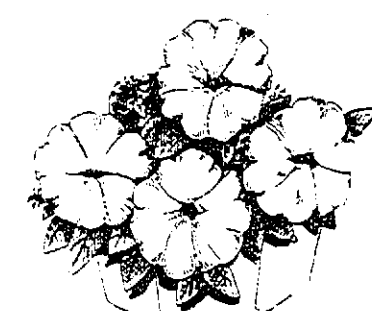
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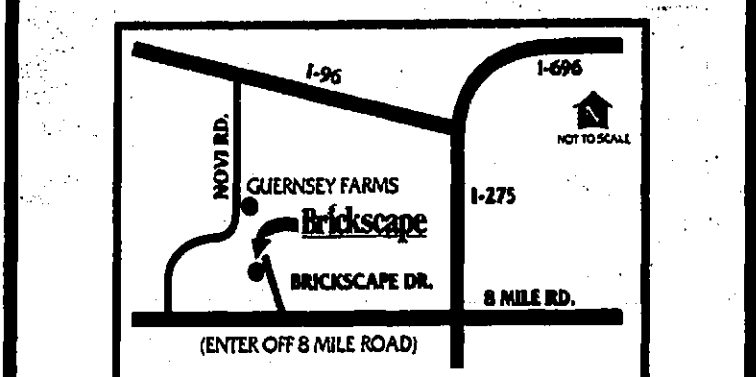
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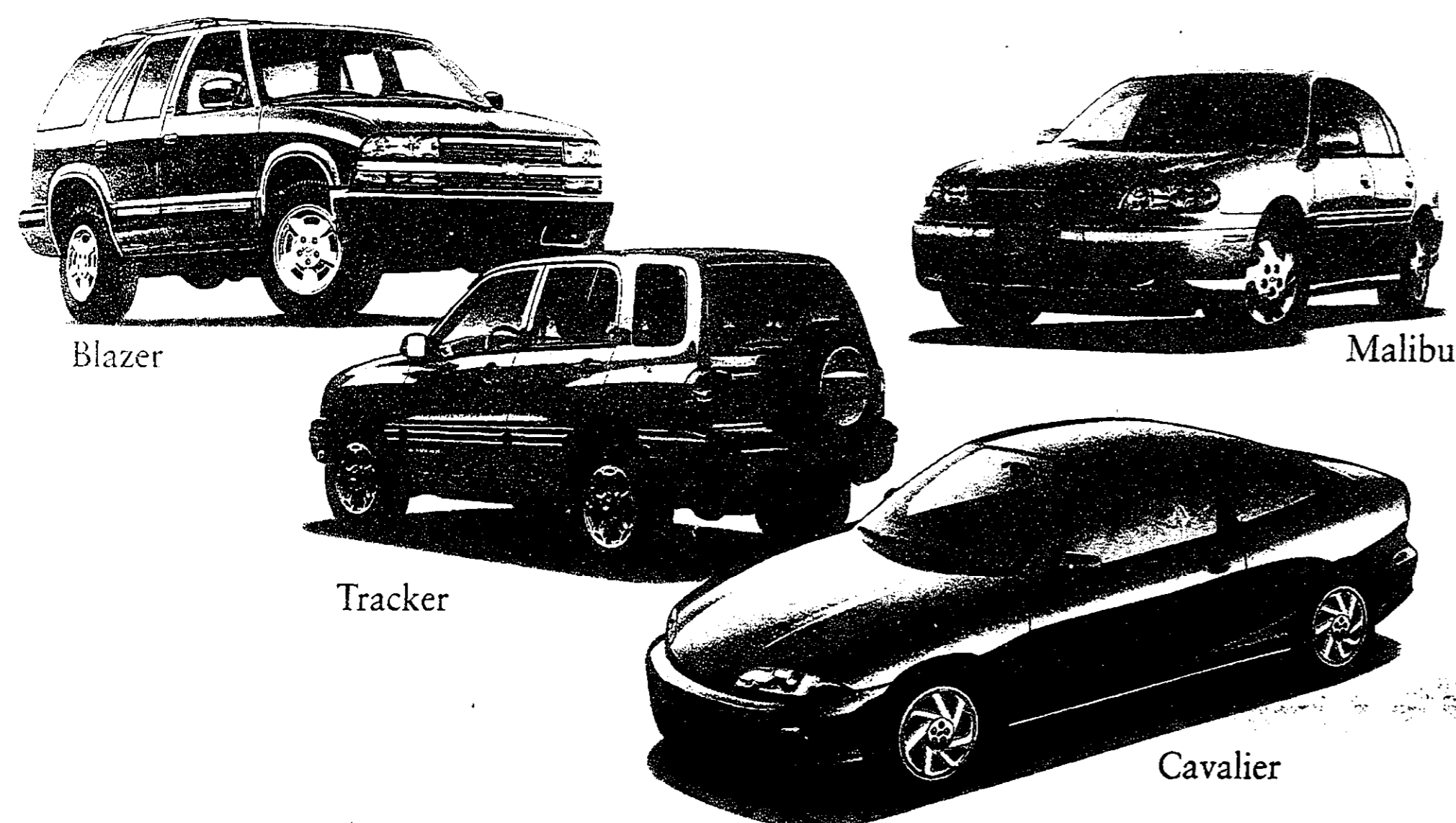
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MONDAY, MAY 10

Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:32 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 30655 Novi Road, 10 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43324 Eleven Mile Road, 1:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 41531 Eleven Mile Road, 1:47 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Wires down, 41169 Vincenti, 1:48 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 27775 Novi Road, 2:15 p.m., Squad 4.
Grass fire, I-96 and Novi Road, 2:26 p.m., Engine 1.
Wires down, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 3 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 3:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 22351 Connemara, 4:19 p.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 4:58 p.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Medical, 47601 Grand River, 12:42 p.m., Squad 4.

Electrical fire, 47310 Ten Mile Road, 2:04 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 42157 Pelston, 10:54 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Medical, 42131 Gladwin, 2:52 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24690 Bashian Court, 7:49 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 10:25 a.m., Squad 1.
Mutual aid, Wayne Fire Department, 10:51 a.m., Response 506.
Medical, 43453 Ten Mile Road, 2:35 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 27550 Novi Road, 3:13 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 43600 Gen-Mar, 3:44 p.m., Engines 3, 4.
Medical, 41480 Ten Mile Road, 5:11 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24909 Davenport, 5:34 p.m., Squad 4.
Vehicle fire, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 5:43 p.m., Engine 2.
Building fire, 41650 Gardenbrook, 6:01 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 20950 Woodland Glen, 8:20 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23642 Little Steles, 11:21 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:57 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 42051 Liberty, 3:40 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22480 Mill Road, 5:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40705 Thirteen Mile Road, 6:20 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23743 Pheasant Run, 6:54 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Gas leak, 25547 Clark St., 10:37 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Grand River and Beck Road, 10:41 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 21555 Haggerty, 12:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Parking, 1:59 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 7:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 21090 Haggerty, 10:52 p.m., Engine 3.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Wires down, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:10 p.m., Engine 3.
Chemical spill, Village Wood and Tallford, 1:35 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 4:19 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Fire alarm, 22011 Picaudilly, 12:43

a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 39884 Crosswinds, 2 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, 24468 Old Orchard, 11:23 a.m., Squad 1.
Public service, Kiddie Academy, 12:56 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 21420 Novi Road, 5:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22757 Beckenham, 7:09 p.m., Squad 4.
Fuel spill, 27500 Novi Road, 8:49 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22188 Worcester, 9:41 p.m., Squad 3.
Brush fire, 1305 Mariga, 10:27 p.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Grand River and Beck Road, 11:24 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Medical, 39415 Ten Mile Road, 1:30 a.m., Squad 3.
Dumpster fire, 24090 Tottenham Court, 10:17 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 44511 Copeland, 11:21 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 46309 Cordoba, 4:02 p.m., Squad 4.
House fire, 41046 Malott, 6:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Dumpster fire, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 7:18 p.m., Engine 2.

Novi Rotary plans to travel to Japan

"This is a unique exchange..."

Mike Rambus, Novi Rotary Club

Members of the Novi Rotary Club met last week with a Japanese counterpart to lay the foundation for a trip to that country in October.

Yoshimitsu Kanegae from the Hachinohe East Rotary Club, as well as his wife, Hetomi, got together May 5 to hash out the details with Rotary District Governor Nominee Victor Cassis, Past District Governor Dr. Max Sanghvi and Rotarian Steve Meyer, all of Novi, as well as Mike Rambus, past district governor.

Plans call for sending four educators who are not members of the club, along with one Rotary representative, to Japan to study the culture and the systems of government and education.

Local teachers aged 25 to 40 who would like to participate in the four-week trip are invited to contact the Novi Rotary. All expenses for the teachers will be paid by the Rotary.

"This is a unique exchange, as our team going to Japan will be all of the same profession. They will bring back to students in the U.S.

and Canada different ways that are used in Japan by teachers and administrators," Rambus said. Since the Rotary International began its Group Study Exchange Program to promote understanding among people of the world, over 25,000 non-Rotarians business and professional people have participated in the program.

As the upcoming Rotary District Governor for District 6380, Cassis will lead an area that ranges from southeastern Michigan to Kent to Ontario, Canada.

For information on the trip to Japan, call Dr. Max Sanghvi at 349-4726 or Steve Meyers at 349-0909.

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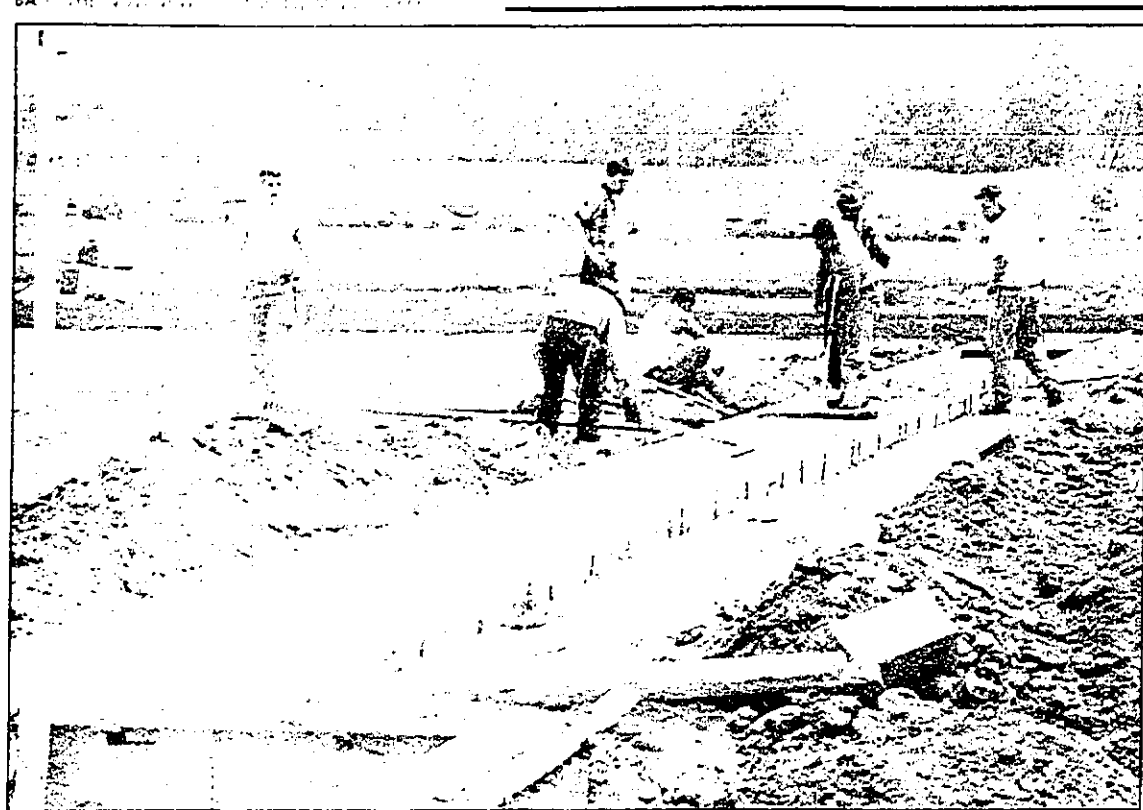


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dirty work

Workers prepare to put sod on the newly improved Novi High School football field. Construction is expected to be complete by next year's football season. Funding for the project came out of the 1998 Building and Site Fund for \$17.3 million.

State internet bills cruising through legislative process

By MIKE MALOTT Staff Writer

Criminals who use the Internet to solicit a minor, build a bomb or perpetrate other crimes will be subject to increased penalties under a package of bills finalized by the state senate last week. The five bills received strong support from senators and are on their way to the governor for a final signature. Among them were: House Bill 4197, by Rep. Nancy Gosses, R-Nowa, allows utilities to offer restricted access Internet services to minors. Adults would still be given unrestricted access. Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, which makes it a felony to use the Internet to solicit, abduct or assault a minor child. A first offense would get a criminal an additional two years in jail. Later offenses would bring an additional five years. Senate Bill 562, also by Rogers, adds a two-year penalty for a person who uses the Internet to build a bomb. Senate Bill 117, by Sen. Bev Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, prohibits the distribution of pornography to minors over the Internet. House Bill 4345, by Rep. Jim Howell, R-St. Charles, sets sentencing guidelines for crimes over the Internet involving minors. Rogers explained that use of the Internet is being targeted because of the access it provides to criminals who prey on children. "The Internet gives them access to our living rooms. We invite them into our homes. Many are using the Internet to increase their access to kids," he said. The main bill in the package, Senate Bill 7, was approved in a 32-0 vote Wednesday, May 12. Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, who represents Novi, voted yes on the bills.

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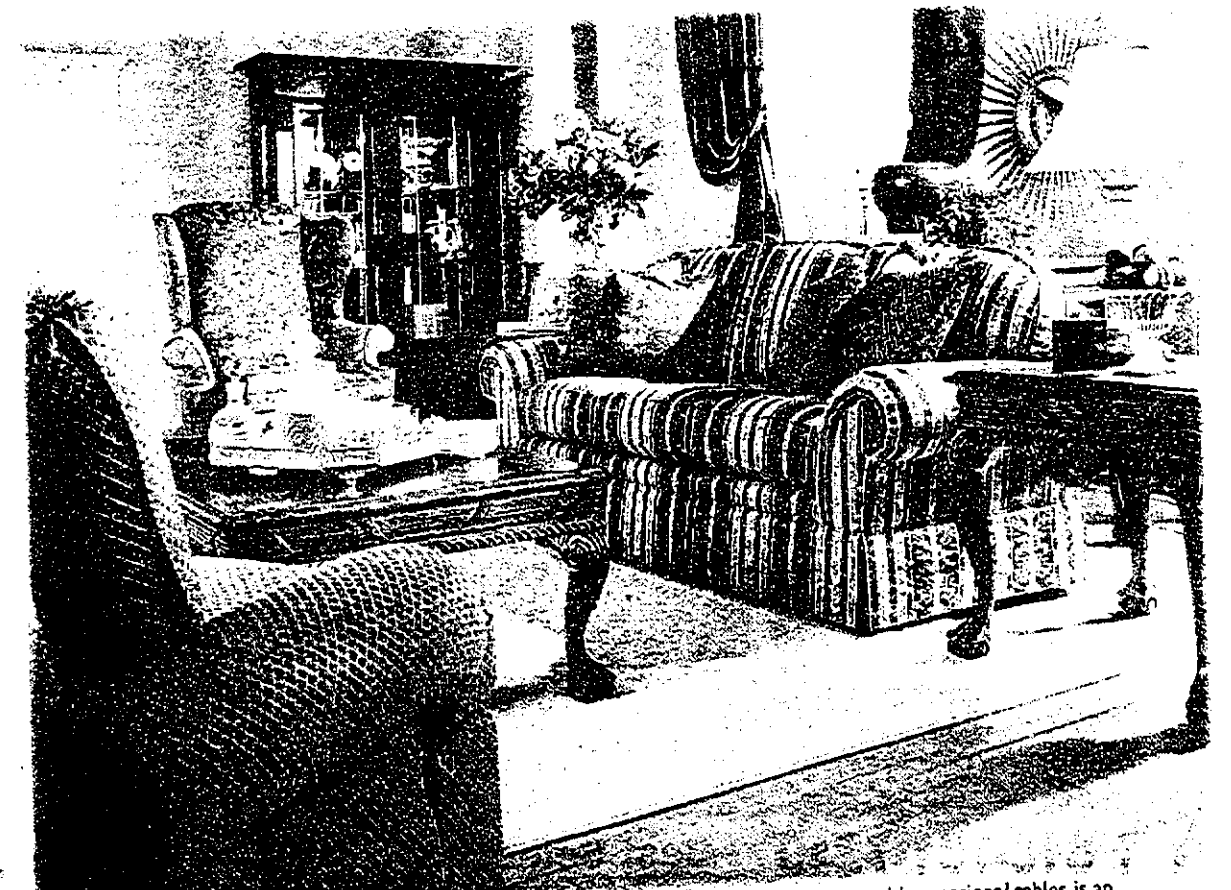
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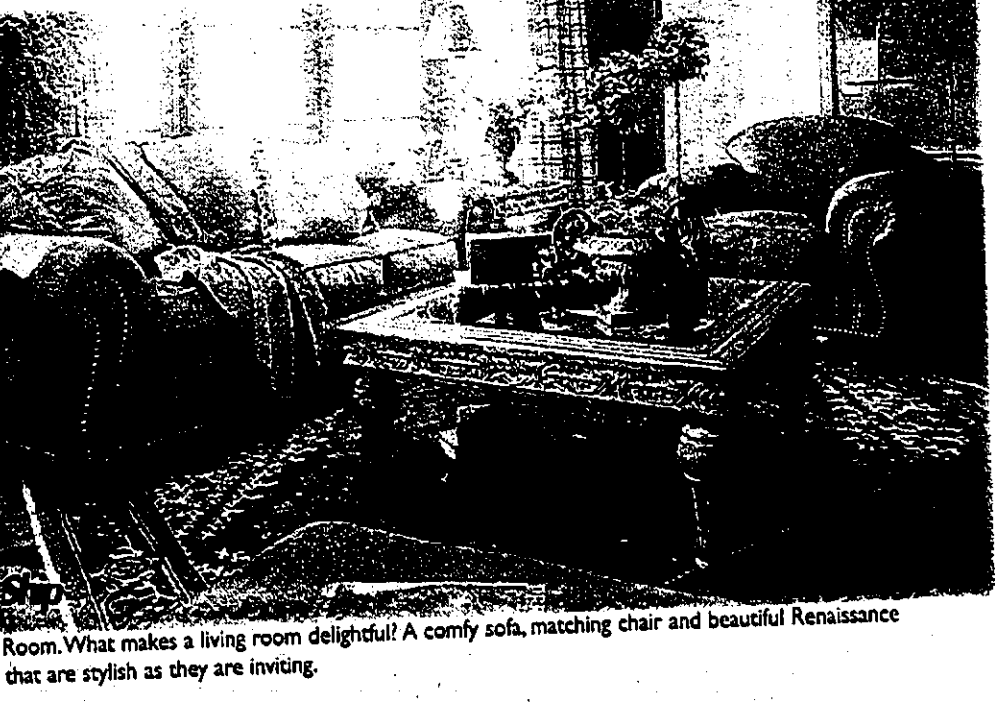
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Obituaries

LOUISE E. BINHAMMER

Louise E. Binhammer, 97, died May 16 at her Northville residence. She was born Jan. 28, 1902, in Detroit to Erwin and Bertha (Wheeler) Binhammer.

Mrs. Binhammer lived in the Northville area for the past 27 years. She was a homemaker and in later years a babysitter. Mrs. Binhammer was an active member in the Northville Lutheran Church of Nov.

She is survived by daughters, Charlotte Binhammer of Northville and Eleanor Hartfield of Boyce City, Texas; sisters, Vera Skuttler of Ann Arbor and Betty Pratherborn of Rush, N.Y.; brother, Paul Branson of Savannah, Ga.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Binhammer was preceded in death by her husband, Gerhard, in April 1970.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 20 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. with Pastor Mackenzie M. Moline, Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Memorials to Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 4070 Terry Mile Road, Nov., MI 48077, or Lutheran World Relief, 1233 S. Kirkwood, St. Louis, MO 63122 would be appreciated.

ROBERT W. DARROW

Robert W. Darrow, 65, of Com-

merce Lake died April 15 at Holmes Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 1, 1933 in Detroit.

Mr. Darrow was a 25-year resident of Northville before relocating to Commerce Lake six years ago. Before retirement, he was employed at Ford Motor Co. as an engineer.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Joan Darrow of Commerce Lake; daughters, Mary Ann Churekewicz of Canton, Diane Darrow of Duluth, Ga., and Laura Phillips of Birmingham, Mich.; sons, Robert W. III of Novi, Jeffrey of South Lyon, and Michael of Ann Arbor; mother, Ann Dabrowski of Redford; brother, Ken Dabrowski of West Bloomfield; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 15 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, West Bloomfield.

Strank Funeral Home, Vero Beach, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials to Mount Paran Church of God, note Missions, in memory of Robert W. Darrow, 2055 Mount Paran Road, Atlanta, GA 30327 would be appreciated by the family.

Services were held at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville with the Rev. James Keen officiating. Interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

LORRAINE V. MCKERNAN

Lorraine V. McKernan, 82, died May 11 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

She is survived by sons, David

(Sylvia), Michael (Ann), Howard (Nancy), John (Joan), Thomas, and Gregory (Kim); daughters, Judith (Harold) Rutilla, Ruth (James) Strand, Mary (Kirk) Herwin, Lorraine (Querman), and Rebecca (Michael) Waiserski; sister, Barbara (Charles) 23 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Friday, May 14 at St. James Church in Novi. Interment followed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 3704, Memphis, TN 38173-0704 would be appreciated.

MARY RAZIŁOWSKI
Mary Raziłowska, 96, died May 12 at her home in Novi. She was born in Detroit on July 27, 1902 to Stanley and Frances (Kaminski) Raziłowski.

Mrs. Raziłowska had worked in institutional kitchens. She is survived by sisters, Virginia and Rita, both of Novi; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville with the Rev. James Keen officiating. Interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Mayor goes for fourth term

By JAN JEFFRES

Mayor Kathleen McLallen announced at the Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday that she will seek a fourth term in office.

McLallen explained that she feels the city's got a good group working for it, including members of the business community, and she doesn't want to break the momentum.

"We're on the brink of a new millennium, why not go through it together?" she said.

"There's a lot of exciting things on the table. Let's go for it."

Candidates for the city council and mayor have until June 3 file for the November race at the Novi City Clerk's office.

As of Monday, five have picked up petitions for three spots on the Novi City Council row held by Council Members Bob Schmid, Kathleen Mutch and Craig DeRoche.

Mutch is the only incumbent with a petition in hand.

However, Council Member Craig DeRoche also announced Tuesday that he's in the running.

"I decided to do it because the issues that motivated me to run in 1997 remain unresolved," DeRoche said.

Other council job-seekers are current Planning Commissioner

Louis Csordas, Zoning Board of Appeals member and past council candidate Michael Meyer, former planning commissioner Michelle Bononi and newcomer to the local political scene, Brooks Decker.

Csordas and Decker are the only ones to return their petitions to the clerk's office.

So far, a primary's not in the cards for Novi.

A primary is triggered only if the number of candidates equals three times the number of positions open, plus one. For the council race, that would be ten candidates. For the mayoral race, four.

Council members are in office for a four-year haul, while the mayor's post has a two-year term.

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City officials welcome Troy mayor for 'Exchange Day'

By JAN JEFFRES

Novi hardly seems like the place for a rugged safari in the outdoors.

But when members of the Troy/Novi Mayor's Exchange Day contingent landed at the Husky Injection Molding Systems after a jeep tour of the North Novi Park, followed by a jaunt down the not-yet-open Haggerty Connector, they were brushing a substantial layer of dust off their clothes.

Troy's flock of officials came to Novi on Monday. Novi was headed for Troy on Wednesday.

"It's been exciting and informative. It's very different from our community," said Troy Mayor Jeanne Stine.

"They have so much open space here that it still is to be developed. We're pretty much built-out."

Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin was fretting that the overcast sky might provide the Mayor Exchange event with its first rainy day in many years. But the storms held out until the evening.

"It's fabulous. We're having great fun. It's beautiful weather," Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

The annual Michigan Week event offers municipal elected and administrative officials the chance

"It's a neat way to share experience and share helpful hints."

Jeanne Stine, Mayor of Troy

to swap tips about how to run a city.

"It's a neat way to share experience and share helpful hints," Stine explained.

Troy has a population of 85,000 and a city staff of 450. Novi, with its population pushing 50,000, has 245 on the civic payroll. That's one of the things Stine said impressed her about the community.

"I'd like to applaud the city manager for the fantastic job he does with a very small staff that covers a great deal of area," she said.

Stine already has a suggestion for Novi. Impressed by the hardwood forest in the North Novi Park, she saw the area as a great place for an outdoor education center for children, similar to one operating in Troy. Tap those maples to teach kids about the sugaring season, she suggested.

With the building up, but still

very much under construction, the Husky site was a bragging point for Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall.

"They're going to inject the whole car in a one-time operation. Husky is the fifth largest company in Canada," he said.

In Novi, local tour planners didn't fool around: the over 12-hour day came with one busy itinerary. Breakfast was at the Novi Civic Center with a stroll around the building, then a walk through the Novi Ice Arena and a tour of Main Street Village and Vie's World Class Market.

Following was lunch and a breather at Fifth Avenue Ballroom. Afterwards, it was on to the Novi Expo Center and the jeep tour, ending with a Michigan 50s Festival presentation at Don's of Traverse City.

Dinner was served at Steve and Rocky's.



The mayor of Troy, at right, visits the Husky building currently under construction during her visit to Novi.

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<p>MONDAY, MAY 24 10:00 a.m. — Community Comments: Melody Jaske 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Southfield City Council 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry 12:30 p.m. — (con't) 1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete 1:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: J. Marc Jones 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: SCORE 2:30 p.m. — Franklin versus Farmington: Baseball 3:00 p.m. — (con't) 3:30 p.m. — (con't) 4:00 p.m. — (con't) 4:30 p.m. — Library Writing Contest 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y 5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today 6:00 p.m. — Quest for Enlightenment 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal 8:00 p.m. — Tri-City Producers Association 8:30 p.m. — (con't) 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 9:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Middle Eastern Dancers TUESDAY, MAY 25 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum 10:30 a.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: First Aid 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom 11:30 a.m. — (con't) 12:00 p.m. — Summit University 12:30 p.m. — (con't) 1:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: Unauthorized 1:30 p.m. — (con't) 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 2:30 p.m. — Stage Door Canteen 3:00 p.m. — (con't) 3:30 p.m. — (con't) 4:00 p.m. — (con't) 4:30 p.m. — Library Writing Contest 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y 5:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today 6:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Too Chee 6:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life</p>	<p>5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: U.S. Census 6:00 p.m. — Wise Guys: Constructive Criticism 6:30 p.m. — Community Connection 7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: SCORE 8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Cosmetic Face Life 8:30 p.m. — (con't) 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Michael Bouchard 9:30 p.m. — (con't) WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 10:00 a.m. — Quest for Enlightenment 10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today 11:00 a.m. — Personal Safety in the Home: Home Security 11:30 a.m. — This is Racing in Michigan: The Life of a Jockey 12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking 12:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. — AMVETS 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now 2:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries 3:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Miss Michigan 3:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Middle Eastern Dancers 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection 4:30 p.m. — Community Connection 5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal 5:30 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: With Lisa 6:00 p.m. — Creature Feature: Science Alive 6:30 p.m. — (con't) 7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Southfield City Council 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y 9:00 p.m. — Community Comments: Melody Jaske 9:30 p.m. — Where Do We Go From Here: A Post Graduate Documentary THURSDAY, MAY 27 10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators:</p>	<p>Step Aerobics 10:30 a.m. — Novi Street Beat: Juvenile Investigation 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: U.S. Census 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy 12:30 p.m. — Watch What You Heat 1:00 p.m. — (con't) 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian 2:00 p.m. — Reading With Tautiana 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y 3:00 p.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days 3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom 4:30 p.m. — (con't) 5:00 p.m. — Sharye Zedek 5:30 p.m. — (con't) 6:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: —Charley's Grille— 6:30 p.m. — Battle of the Books 7:00 p.m. — Library Writing Contest 7:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: J. Marc Jones 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make</p>	<p>Things Happen: Joe Knollenberg 8:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries 9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom 9:30 p.m. — (con't) FRIDAY, MAY 28 10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks 10:30 a.m. — (con't) 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries 11:30 a.m. — Lumen Christi 12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced 4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators 4:30 p.m. — To Be Announced 6:00 p.m. — Community Connection 6:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove 7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies 7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen 8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy 8:30 p.m. — To Be Announced 9:00 p.m. — Law Talk 9:30 p.m. — (con't)</p>
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Julie Stevens, left, and Laura Phillips have entertained the crowds at "Joe Vision" with their tap dancing.

Ice Tapping

Novi girls perform at Joe Louis during Wings game

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old tap dancer Lara Phillips was a bit startled when she stepped onto the stage at the Joe Louis Arena and the crowd started yelling obscenities.

"At first, a lot of people booed us, but at the end, they really liked it," the Novi High School student said.

It's just that they take hockey seriously in this town and Lara was wearing a Colorado Avalanche jersey.

Lara was one of an ensemble from Dance Electric studio of Farmington Hills that performed at an audience of 6,000 at a recent JoeVision. The big screen TV event with live entertainment at the Joe Louis Arena happens when the Red Wings have an away game.

The Dance Electric dancers wear hockey uniforms and wield hockey sticks to the "I Want Stanley," ultimately, the Red Wings out tap the Avalanche.

"We sent in a tape to the Red Wings and they loved it," said Director Irene Dreyfus-Schleuing.

"Just like any good hockey game, it has a fight."

Novi Middle Schooler Julie Stevens, 13, didn't rile the crowd, because she was attired in Detroit Red Wings colors.

"I was nervous, but afterwards, I wanted to do it over and over again," she said.

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ten hours of dancing lessons a week.

Julie, a cheerleader and secretary of her class at Novi Middle School, hopes that dancing will help her in a future career.

"I want to be either on Broadway or famous on TV or a second grade teacher so I can teach cursive. I'm the cursive master in my school," she said.

A member of the Novi High School marching band, Lara aims to attend a college with a dance team. She's studied ballet for over 13 years, but is partial to hoofing with those little metal plates riveted to the soles of her shoes.

"Tap is fun. You can make all different sounds," Lara explained.

Northville High students suspended for making threats

By ANDREW DIETERICH
Staff Writer

All Northville High School to the ever growing list of the nation's schools, threatened with violence since the Columbine High shootings.

The messages "You all die 5-20-99" and "You pay \$24" along with swastikas were found in two different girls' restrooms last week. One of the messages was written in marker and another was written in pencil.

Two female students, a freshman and sophomore, admitted to the acts in one bathroom, but don't expect Northville school district officials to grant clemency on the students.

The two teen girls have been suspended automatically while school officials, along with Northville Police continue with their investigation.

"We take these threats quite seriously," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville public schools. "We would anyone, but with the recent violence in Littleton and other parts of the country we need to treat these threats extremely seriously."

Tom Johnson, principal of Northville High School, said a plainclothes officer and a uniformed officer will be on campus all day for the days listed on the graffiti.

"We don't want to create a lot of hysteria," Johnson said. "But at the same time we want to assure parents that we've maintained a high degree of vigilance where the safety and welfare of students are concerned and we'll continue to do that."

Johnson sent a letter to parents of Northville High School students explaining the graffiti and that the school investigation led officials to the two girls. The girls said they thought it would be "neat to get a day off from school," Johnson said in the letter.

Northville High School has been in a lock-down situation since two gunmen killed 12 students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. That means all of the school's doors are locked on the outside except for the main entrances to the school. Hall monitors have been on alert at all times and are using walkie talkies to communicate.

Faculty members, especially secretaries, have been trained on how to handle threats of violence.

Additionally, Rezmierski met with law officials May 14 from Northville and Northville Township to discuss crisis situation handling techniques.

"We haven't looked at these things with this much intensity in a couple of years," he said.

The group will meet again in a couple of weeks at which time the school district will be providing such items as maps of Northville schools to law enforcement officials. This will help, Rezmierski said, in any instance in which emergency units would be called to a specific location within a building, such as a biology room.

"If we don't protect this present generation, our future, indeed, will be bleak," Rezmierski said in the letter.

Parents of Northville school district students all received a letter from Rezmierski that informed them of the meetings between the police and fire departments and urged them to communicate effectively with their children among other things.

thing they need," he said.

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, Citizens Advisory Council 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 at 347-0456. Please submit your application by Thursday June 10, 1999 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 99-022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Crown Amusement is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to hold an outdoor amusement fair in the parking lot of the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Novi Expo Drive, from May 28, 1999 through May 31, 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 24, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 24, 1999.

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Attention: Robert J. Valesano, Project Manager
Proposals will be received at the office of A. J. Ekin Construction Co. for the following Bid Categories on this project until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 1999.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at

Administrative Offices
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On the day following the public opening, bid results will be posted in the A. J. Ekin Plan Room. Bidders shall not call Northville Public Schools for bid results.

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On or about Wednesday, May 12, 1999, bidding documents will be made available by the Construction Manager.

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Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager. Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set for a refundable deposit of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00). All bid documents remain the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date to receive refund. Check shall be made payable to Northville Public Schools.

BID FORM INFORMATION
Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate on forms identical to the forms included with the bidding documents.

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CITY OF NOVI

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. for West Road Reconstruction. The meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend this meeting to discuss questions and/or concerns with the project.

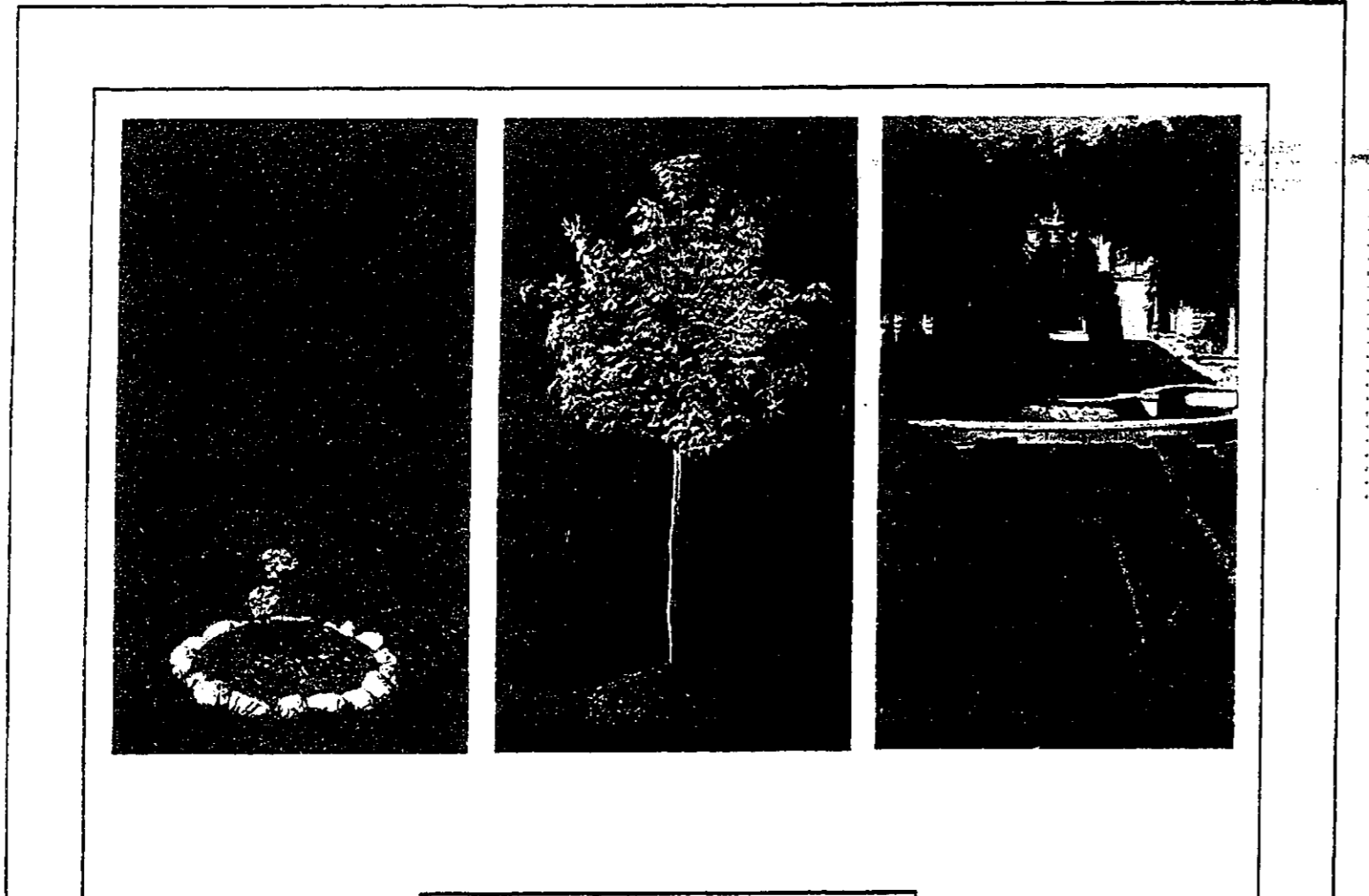
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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI COMMUNITY SPORTS PARKS RESTROOM/CONCESSION BUILDINGS

ADDENDUM #1:
Notice hereby given that the due date for the Community Sports Park Restroom/Concession Buildings bid is extended from 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Thursday, May 20, 1999 to 3:00 p.m., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1999.

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Plymouth golf course upgrades

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Okay, so it's not entirely in Northville Township. As a matter of fact, only about 13 acres of St. John's Golf Center actually are.

But that doesn't change the fact that a landmark facility in Plymouth Township is expanding and renovating, and a portion of that conversion does involve Northville Township.

A good portion of the work for the golf and family center is already underway and should be ready by mid-summer. Architect Bill Pulte said the completed product should make a lot of people very happy.

"There are probably a number of people out there who played the St. John's course once or twice and haven't been back in a while," he said. "We've really upgraded the course a great deal."

The focus point of the facility is an old brick building used as a seminary by the Diocese of Detroit up until the late 1970s. Closed down because of a smaller number of rising maintenance costs, church leaders made the decision to move ahead with a project to convert a portion of the facility into a youth and family center. Pulte

and other architects, as well as community leaders were called in to help master plan the large piece of property.

The result? A four-part complex that is now in the final phase of initial development.

"These are gorgeous buildings on the inside," Pulte said. "Plymouth Township has been very cooperative on this project. They wanted to maintain the old exterior magnificence of the buildings. We've done as little destruction as possible to the great architecture of the place."

The portions of the facility include:

- The youth and family center, which provides overnight accommodations for families and couples. Classes for adolescents, family life and tightening marital bonds are offered.

- An increase from 18 to 27 holes of public golf, now known as St. John's Golf Course. The new nine holes are located on the north side of Five Mile Road, in Northville Township. New restroom facilities and concession stands have been constructed on the course.

- The creation of St. John's World of Golf, a learning center complete with sheltered and unsheltered

driving ranges. Indoor driving nets and video cameras will allow pros to help master plan the large piece of property.

A pro shop, which Pulte said would offer an array of brands of golf clubs and accessories, many of which couldn't be purchased in most retail establishments.

A convention center — a building Pulte said is in high demand in the Western Wayne County area, but is difficult to locate.

The golf course and World of Golf facility will be opened by mid-summer. With the conference center ready to go by September of 2000, Pulte said. Additional projects being worked on include renovation of the seminary's chapel (which will be available for weddings) and the library (which will be converted into additional conference room/banquet space.)

A final element is still in the planning stages, that being a 100-room inn. The project is under consideration by the diocese and Plymouth Township leaders, Pulte said.



Volunteers honored

Governor John Engler and First Lady Michelle Engler were in Novi Monday to applaud 75 Michigan citizens at the Sixth Annual Governor's Service Awards at the Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road.

However, while the event was in Novi there were no Novi or Northville residents honored this year for their volunteer work, said Engler Spokesperson Susan Shafer.

Shafer said the event was brought to Novi because the governor likes to have it at different Michigan locations each year.

Last year it was in Lansing and the year before it was in Grand Rapids, she said.

The dinner is part of a push to encourage Michigan citizens to volunteer and get involved with their communities.

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Meadowbrook Road resident says he's crowded out

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Frank Road. To widen the road, he said, would mean the city would have to take away a portion of his front yard.

"You have already rezoned me. What's next?" Reed asked.

Before he received his answer, William Despot, the neighbor to the south, informed the commission of the rezoning. He has as a result of this development.

Despot asked the commission for a rezoning of the site to allow for running off vehicles at the development would affect his septic tank and wetlands.

He added that while the Meadowbrook Corporate Park has a connection to the city water main, he has well water and was concerned runoff from the development would pollute his water.

Even though they asked questions and brought their concerns to the commission, both men said they did not receive the answers they were looking for.

According to Reed, the only real answer he received was a "blank stare" from the commissioners.

But, commissioners did address some of their questions.

To meet Reed's concern over a parking lot next to his driveway and home, the developer agreed to build a berm next to the parking lot. This would give Reed a little privacy.

Due to Despot's questioning, commissioners learned all runoff on the property will be contained on site. According to City Engineer David Bluhm, grading and drainage on the site will protect Despot's land.



Linda and Ryan Reed on their land, while Steve Reed shows how close the parking lot of a new corporate park would be.

And if Despot's well or any other resident's well does become polluted...

ed. Commission Robert Churella requested that the resident receive a free hook-up to the city's water main.

But, city planners could not confirm that Churella's proposal could be done. However, Commissioner G. Brent Canup said if the wells on those properties are installed properly, the chances of contamination are very slim.

"I wouldn't consider that to be a problem," he said. The commission agreed and gave approval to the project in a unanimous decision.

While he believes he did not get all his questions answered, Reed said he is not surprised.

"At planning commission and city council all you have are developers, lawyers and real estate agents who don't answer your questions," he said.

Reed added if they did answer his questions he really doesn't think they would be right.

"I don't think anybody knows what they are talking about," he said of public officials.

In the meantime, Reed said he has put his home up for sale. Partly because Reed said his wife is tired of him coming home from city meetings with his blood pressure and anger up.

However, he added while he has put his home up for sale, he put it up as an "outrageous" price.

"If [the city] want me out, [the city] is going to pay me," Reed said.

Monopole plan moves ahead, despite new twist

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the matter will go before city council for final say.

To the network and the city, the tower is very important Hoff said, because it will provide needed cellular communication services.

While supplying communication, Hoff said the deal would also provide more money to the school district.

According to the lease contract

approved by the school board. AT&T must pay the school \$40,000 upon execution of the lease. An additional \$60,000 must be paid by July 1, and AT&T will also pay \$11,250 per year for the next five years for use of the tower.

Hoff said even though the deal must get zoning approval and a special land use permit from the city, the check to the school district for \$40,000 is already being processed.

AT&T is unsure at this point what action it would take if the deal were to be denied by the city. Hoff said, and it is unclear if AT&T would make the school district pay back the \$40,000.

"We would explore options," she said. "Right now we are focusing on this deal."

AT&T had brought a plan to city council last August requesting to place a similar tower on city property, but the request was denied.

Not to be daunted in its efforts to put a tower near that location, the company approached the Novi school board last fall with a similar plan for a site near Novi High School. This was about 300 yards away from the location AT&T proposed to the city.

But, after AT&T got approval from the school board, Novi Planning Commissioner Andrew

Mutch requested the city attorneys' opinions as to whether the city could force AT&T to get additional permission from the city.

In response, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson and Paul Weisberger sent a letter to the Novi City Council saying they believed there was precedent to make AT&T receive zoning approval.

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Jessie Jones (left) and Lindsay Barringer are former pen pals.

Once upon a time, a librarian gave 20 years to Novi

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library.

"You know how you never have a plan, you just kind of channel and go with the flow," Brown said.

When she showed up to offer her services to the Novi library, the collection was housed in an old building on Novi Road. After the library moved to its present Ten Mile Road site, half of the building was taken up by city offices and the youth collection was "just one little corner."

Using story hours, craft programs, puppet shows and music, Brown sought to develop a young population of "confirmed and happy library users."

Her long-range goal was always to "build generations of literate library users," Evans explained.

"The toddlers of her first story hours are now adults who may be

bringing their children to future library programs, thus keeping the cycle of learning and literacy alive in future families."

Story hours at the Novi library are held for tots as young as 18 months old.

"The point isn't that they understand the story, but that they enjoy the experience, the sound and the play of words," Brown explained.

"Our goal is to get kids used to coming to the library and used to the fun of reading and being read to."

Brown is practicing what she preaches with her own grandson, Logan Kucharek, age one.

"His attention span isn't very good, but that's okay. He just looks at the pictures at this point," she said.

Under Brown's leadership, the library's youth collection grew to

35,000 books, about a third of what the entire library offers.

"It's always exciting when the books come in and you unpack them. All of us do that. We say, 'wow look at this,' she said.

What kids read today has changed since Brown's own days of checking out books as a child. While the "Hardy Boys" series and "Nancy Drew" remain popular, the "Bobby's Twins" is passe and "Goosebumps" are hot. So is "The American Girl" series.

"I think books are probably dealing more with modern problems, divorce issues and family problem issues. They didn't as much," Brown said.

"I'm tended to be rosy. Now, they're much more realistic."

Young library patrons may love the internet but they still head for the books.

"I can't sit up at night and read the computer I bed. There isn't that close cuddly feeling with the computer," she said.

Brown especially enjoys finding a book that a boy may enjoy, because she finds that boys aren't as fond of reading as girls.

The value of Brown's summer reading program has been "incalculable," Evans said, because reading is the most important factor influencing a child's learning during those months away from school.

As Brown sees it, a librarian has a subtle, but very real influence on the raising of a community's youth.

"I like the feeling that you really are subconsciously helping someone," she said.

"It's not really like a teacher, but you hear them say, 'wow, I really liked that story,' you're just reaching them some way. You're really accomplishing something."

But for Brown, it's time to move on. A Milford resident, she will be busy with her three horses, two of them Tennessee Walking Horses, on Saturdays and Sundays. I just want to be off-schedule," she explained.

"I'm proud of my work here. I wanted to go out without a lot of hoopla, but think there will be more hoopla than I'm comfortable with."

Seniors, kids say it with snail mail

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Kathy Crawford estimates 800 pen pals have corresponded with one another since 1989.

This year, 80 students from both Grabowski's and Sharon Neal's classes at Orchard Hills scrawled their notes to the seniors, as well as to city employees.

Grabowski, then in her first year of teaching, ran into Crawford at a senior variety show and the two of them discussed ways to encourage interaction between the generations. So the pen pal program began.

"The seniors at first don't know what to write. I said, tell them about what you did when you were the same age," Crawford said.

"There's so much they have in common. A lot of times, the seniors have grandchildren who keep in touch with youngsters."

In these days of e-mail, something about a hand-written letter is more personal, more of a keepsake. The children and their adult correspondents exchange monthly greetings, often centering around holidays such as Valentine's Day and Halloween.

Before the big moment of the party - the introduction of secret pen pal to secret pal - the kids sang and did the chicken dance for the seniors.

Then, as names were called, each child shyly came down from the stage to meet his or her pen friend. For this solemn occasion, many of the little boys wore ties, while the girls were in party dresses.

For the first time, Matthew Breen, six, encountered June Breen, 74.

Matthew, who was a little bit timid about encountering his pen pal in person, presented Breen with a potted flower. She gave him a yo-yo.

"I wrote about things I do, how many children I have and where I grew up and where I went to school and what kind of school," explained Breen, who attended a one-room schoolhouse near Alpena.

Matthew's mother, Robin Dirck, was there to meet his new friend.

"I think it's wonderful. In different months, he kept constructing letters so the pen pals would learn about them and their families," said Matthew's mother, Robin Dirck.

"Now he can put a face to all the letters he's been writing."

Helen Brooks was united with Macaire Schaff, six.

"We wrote letters and talked about whatever we like and what we did in school. Every month, I'd get a letter from her," Brooks said.

"I'd send her a letter back and tell about things. I enjoyed it very much."

Elizabeth White's 83-year-old blue eyes met their match in the blue eyes of Shannon Maturi, seven. White has been involved in the pen pal exchange since the beginning.

"She's been giving me money all we did in school. Every month, I'd get a letter from her," Brooks said.

"I'd send her a letter back and tell about things. I enjoyed it very much."

White felt for Shannon, who was recovering from stage-fright.

"It's just that I'm not good at singing when people are looking at you," the first grader said.

"You've got to think positive, because you're a good singer." White reassured her.

Before the big day, Crawford visited the kids in their classroom and found they were excited to learn who their pen pals would be.

"They don't think of being a senior as age-related. It's whether they're retired or not. They'd say, 'My mom used to be a senior citizen, then she got a job,'" she explained.

The older pen pals may look forward to letter exchange almost more than kids.

"Most of them don't have stuff to hang up on the refrigerator any more," Crawford said.

While Matthew, Macaire and Shannon couldn't quite explain what they were feeling upon meeting their pen pals, Jessie Jones, relying on the vantage point of sixteen, understood their jitters.

"When you're that young, you don't know how to act. Do I treat them as my grandmother?" she said.

"When I found out she was giving presents, it took all my nervousness away."

Jessie and her friend, Lindsay Barringer, 16, also a Novi High sophomore, were first graders together in Mrs. Grabowski's class. They learned about the tenth anniversary party in a recent visit to their former teacher.

"I just hope we were as cute as they were at that age," Lindsay said.

DEAR FRIEND

When first graders write their pen pals, a picture really can say more than a thousand words.

June Breen, 74, saved every card, drawing and letter she got over the past year from her new buddy, Matthew Dirck, six.

Then, she presented him with the entire package.

"I know when he's 18 or 20 years old, he's going to love looking back on these," she explained.

Here's an example of Matthew's epistolographic style:

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As We See It

Ice arena in need of vigorous marketing

When looking at the current situation of the Novi Ice Arena, the old adage, "If you build it, they will come" springs to mind.

Yes, the arena was completed last summer and yes, they did come. Just not enough of them, apparently.

As the Novi City Council struggled through the city's latest budget, what pops out most is that the sharp decline of Novi's bond has a deficit of \$2,022,000. That sum is now being covered by the city's general fund. A 1997 feasibility study for the arena anticipated a net profit of \$749,000 the first year.

The money to construct the arena came from \$8.5 million in revenue bonds. The yearly payments on that principal and interest average about \$630,000.

With its full faith and credit, the city has backed these revenue bonds. The loan payments must be met, out of either the bank account of the ice arena or of the city's.

Properly, Novi officials have said the \$2,022,000 loan to the arena will not be forgiven.

Unfortunately, the ice arena has been plagued with several setbacks during this first year of operations. First, one of the building's walls mysteriously cracked during the opening and closing of the arena. This required a costly repair.

Most disturbing, the number of adults signing up for hockey was far below the levels projected in the feasibility study, leading to another financial hit for the arena.

We might faint dead away with shock at a consultant undertaking a feasibility study on any project ever came back to City of Novi officials and said, "don't do it, it won't work."

Students undertaking this municipality in past years have been uniformly successful.

In the case of the ice arena, the party preparing the feasibility study was essentially the same party that got the architectural contract to build the arena and the same party that got the management contract to run it, Center Ice Management, Inc.

allowing the Novi Fire Department to hire a council member's son as a paid-on-call firefighter. At that time, there was a demand for firefighters on the force and the individual hired was an asset to the city's emergency services.

Mayor Kathleen McCallan pointed out that Megan was seeking what she termed "a grunt position." The \$7 an hour job includes setting up chairs for meetings and fixing broken chairs at the events.

Council Member Laura Lorenzo was the only one not to vote in favor of the younger Mutch's job application. Lorenzo explained that she has a concern about nepotism. While her scruples may be respected, it really isn't much of an issue in this case.

It's not, as Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford pointed out, like making the city manager's brother the city's parks and recreation director.

If this were a recession and summer jobs and part-time jobs for young people were few and far between, the idea of putting a council member's child on the payroll at the Novi Civic Center might possibly seem troublesome. As it is, many local companies, from restaurants to stores, are begging for hourly workers.

When in some cases sixteen-year-olds are pulling down \$9 an hour wages, the city's offer of \$7 an hour isn't the best that's out there.

However, it's refreshing that the Novi City Charter requires this public discussion of the nepotism issue by the council before a family member of an official is hired.

That's the right way to handle what may seem on the face of it like a minor situation, but really isn't.

Several years ago, the council approved

Government

A little less inbreeding was in order here from the beginning. Those who conduct feasibility studies shouldn't be those who can benefit financially from a proposed project.

While the deficit offers a picture of doom, it's too early to add doom to the city's ownership of the facility into the equation. It's at the very least a year too early to write off the Novi Ice Arena as a loss and put it up for sale to the private sector.

In truth, the Novi Ice Arena is a beautiful facility offering wonderful recreation opportunities for kids and adults. Hundreds of youth hockey players have hit the ice here. This year's figure skating show is an exciting first time event for Novi, even if the number of children participating in it, 50, is disappointing.

To roll back the deficit, plans call for raising the fees for ice from \$165 an hour to perhaps as high as \$85 an hour. This is a tricky one, because if ice time sets too pricey, hockey teams and figure skaters will speed skate to another arena.

Hockey parents are expected to protest, loud. But while the city contemplates raising the charges to those who already use the place, an additional option can't be overlooked.

If you build it, they will come, maybe. But only if you advertise, market and whip up enthusiasm for the product. What the ice arena really needs is more skaters, more kids and adults in Learn To Skate classes, more adult hockey players. What is also in order here is some old P.T. Barnum-style promotion.

But if an aggressive marketing campaign fails, then maybe the market wasn't really there.

Car crashes into city clock



Bob Jackson

Northville firefighter Fred Swider just stared at the fractured clock in disbelief, his eyes looking at the wreckage, a mega-shopping center, along with other "village type" shopping centers.

"I can remember when my dad and I helped to put this clock up," he said remembering. "It was sometime in the fall, and I remember that it was raining."

Northville's clock, a downtown symbol for the past two decades, registered its last minute Tuesday night. The clock fell victim to a one car accident when a

local woman lost control of her car and crashed into the downtown landmark. When police and fire personnel got to the scene they found the car leaning on end against the long stem of the clock.

The clock read 11:20 p.m. Now many of us might not think this accident to be a big deal. Most of us don't remember the day the clock was erected, or what significance its placement had on Northville at the time.

But Fred Swider remembers. So does Fire Chief Jim Allen, and those of us who remember what Northville used to be like before Victorian Festivals and art shows drew thousands of people into our downtown.

And it almost seems fitting that our Century in Review feature on the front page talks about the rebirth of Northville, which began when MainStreet 78 was approved and rebuilding downtown Northville started in earnest.

The clock has been a symbol of that rebirth. The key-stone to the MainStreet 78 program, the clock was placed at its Main Street location in 1980. It symbolized the

rebirth of the city fathers that downtown Northville needed to be a more viable center of business and commerce. At the time, neighboring Novi was constructing Twelve Oaks Mall, a mega-shopping center, along with other "village type" shopping centers.

So Northville reinvented itself. We cleaned up our old buildings, put in new streetscape, and repackaged Northville into a quaint, appealing Victorian village. The transformation didn't happen overnight, and as a matter of fact, the transformation is still underway today.

But, the result of that planning and hard work can be seen today. Our downtown is visited by thousands each year, and the charm that is symbolized by that clock has grown to such an extent that cities like Novi and Plymouth have invested millions of dollars to build downtown centers in the very image of our wonderful downtown area.

Novi even went as far as erecting a clock to symbolize its "Main Street" area.

Irony can certainly make for interesting reading. That brings us back full circle to the clock, which now sits damaged and battered in the middle of a downtown that has seen its share of problems through the years. There should be no question in any of our city fathers' minds that this symbol needs to be repaired and restored.

Fred Swider and Jim Allen would be among the many stressing the clock's importance to our city.

And perhaps, with that restoration Northville should take a moment to focus on the challenges coming from the horizon, as well as the lessons of the past, as we continue to reinvent our community and move into the new millennium.

Robert Jackson is the managing editor of the Northville Record and Novi News.

In Focus

By John Heider



Walled Lake Western High School students go over their upcoming theatrical production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

More random thoughts on life



Chris Davis

There is no centralized database indicating where those people are from.

An I array for thinking that a small investment to create such a database wouldn't be a half-bad idea? As my dad used to say, there's a right way, a wrong way and a military way.

I've never asked this of a high school student at Northville or Novi, but what exactly do you yell out at pep rallies when it comes time for your graduating class to scream at the top of its lungs? Is it "DUH-BUL-OH DUH-BUL-OH!" Or do you go with some variation of "Two THOU-sand"?

Along those same lines, is there any way varsity jackets could have four small numbers instead of two big ones? Maybe it's just me, but seeing "01" on a shoulder is just tough getting used to.

Memorial Day is coming up. If you know a vet, remember to thank him or her. Above and beyond barbecues and trips to the cabin, it's a day when we need to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom.

One more military thought: just where do those people in foreign countries get the American flags they burn and stomp on? Is there some "Down With The U.S." discount store in other parts of the world?

Looks as if the Wayne County FUD has another occupant, and again, it's a German automotive component manufacturer. I don't know the specifics, but just on the surface, it sounds like a great addition to Northville Township. Chamber of commerce director Laurie Marrs told me last week she thought research and development was what the township needed more of. Ask and ye shall receive.

Chris C. Davis is a staff writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Massacre has taught us much



Phil Power

The massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado has set off shock waves that are still reverberating through every community in America.

In Michigan, not a day has gone by without news of another threat posted on the Internet. More graffiti talking violence or some troubled students caught/suspected of acting out their anger.

The concern has gone so far that literally all the schools in the Port Huron school district were closed last week after a killing plot was discovered and a bomb was found. In community after community, schools that once were regarded as safe and solid have suddenly become places of anxiety and concern.

For hometown newspapers like this one, such events call for special responses. Part of our philosophy says this: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent of the stories they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dash off the coverage. We regard ourselves as both accurate and caring citizens of the communities where we live and work."

In the context of this policy, I've tried to think through how this hometown newspaper can best

respond to the events now unfolding in our schools. I've tried to set out a few general principles that should help provide a standard by which our readers can judge how we carry out our responsibilities as community journalists.

Tell the truth. No obligation for any journalist is greater than this.

This obligation extends to the ways we report what officials tell us. Consider two examples.

Students at Walled Lake Central High School were evacuated in response to a bomb threat under the pretense of a fire drill. Officials later explained they wanted to avoid creating a panic, which makes sense. But those same officials tried to justify covering up the bomb threat, which does not. As our editorial on the subject said, "It is unconscionable for the administration to assume that it has a right to withhold such critical information about the students from their parents."

At Birmingham's Seaholm High School, principal Terry Piper wrote a letter to parents acknowledging graffiti in a boy's bathroom that said, "Death May 5, Someone will die." Security was heightened, with armed police and unarmed volunteer parents patrolling the school. People knew the facts. Piper neither under-reacted nor over-reacted. He deserves credit for telling the truth in a responsible way.

Do not sensationalize. These situations are serious enough in their own right without some TV reporter on the make sticking microphones in the faces of terrified kids and anxious parents. Because we're not engaged in a battle to puff up our circulation numbers, we have no reason to overplay stories that are serious enough as they are.

Protect our sources. Be a responsible citizen. These two principles are often in conflict. It isn't possible to be a good journalist - in seeking out and telling the truth about school officials, for example - without protecting your sources. But as community journalists, we also have the obligations of citizenship in the community we serve.

Our newspaper in East Lansing experienced this conflict recently when threatened by the prosecutor with a subpoena demanding we turn over all the unpublished photographs taken of the riot. Our policy is to oppose such subpoenas, not because we condone riots or rioters nor because we are immune to the obligations of citizenship. Rather, our concern is that by setting the precedent of complying with one subpoena, no matter how compelling, we open the door to countless other less justified fishing expeditions by police or prosecutors.

Nevertheless, our policy is that should we get even one morsel of information about an act of terrorism - a plot to bomb a school or stage a riot - we will instantly contact the appropriate authorities.

Be respectful and responsible. Hometown newspapers respect their readers and the institutions (such as schools) that define the community. At the end of the day, it is only by being a responsible institution within the community that we can be respectful to the community itself and to its citizens.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 933-2047, Ext. 1680, or by e-mail at ppower@earthlink.com

Where is all the money coming from?

To the Editor: The council clowns and their air-head associates have done it again.

First, it was a \$40 million court award that the Novi taxpayers will pay for - one way or another. (Who do you think is supplying all of the lawyers and their expert witnesses?)

Now it is only \$1,048,000 lost this year and the Novi Ice Arena (\$746,000 of projected profits, plus a deficit of \$302,000).

Where is all of this money coming from? The poor Novi taxpayers.

This is money that could have been used for sidewalk projects like new sidewalks, street improvements, senior housing, better city services, etc., instead of nice flashy and expensive white elephants like ice arenas and golf courses.

This council and their associated air-heads are madly throwing away our hard-earned tax dollars like it was Monopoly play money.

Who let these people out of the loony bin?

In March of 1997, I started writing letters about the project and the shenanigans with the financing and construction of Park Barrel Avenue No. 6. If they had built this ice arena on a major road there would have been no need for this special semi-private road. But that is a long hard tale that needs to be told at another time.

According to the May 13 "Novi News article," the city's out-of-pocket (i.e., Novi taxpayers' pocket) expenses are only a measly \$300 in "fees." That's like loaning your unemployed 13-year-old child \$1,000 during a sale at the Twelve Oaks Mall. It will be a cold day in H... before you get your "loan" back.

Just where is this loan repayment coming from? Consider some common business sense: if they have poor attendance now, raising the rates will mean fewer

people will come and the income will be even lower.

The plain truth is that even more ice arenas are being built in the area and the competition is getting tougher. The best solution may be to cut our losses and sell the white elephant to the private sector before it costs the Novi taxpayers even more money.

Some questions to ask your city officials - many who have decades of time in office or on the job. Why was staff hired well before the facility was completed? And why was there no "Hold Harmless Clause" (a common legal provision in contracts) in the construction contract?

This whole project is starting to smell like sewer gas on a hot afternoon. Especially when you start to examine the purchase agreement, the Park Barrel property No. 6 road, the traffic light, the construction contract, and the optimistic flattery we heard from city hall up until now.

Can they wait until they try to build the municipal golf course/banquet facility/watering hole complex. Care to guess how much that will cost the poor Novi taxpayers?

Joseph G. Toth

Golf course fees are NIMBY-types

To the Editor: It seems that the longer this debate continues about the fate of a municipal golf course on the city land north of Twelve Mile Road, the more it appears to be a NIMBY

are in an adjacent neighborhood. Park, which could be expanded to the south and west to adjoin the proposed golf course. The only way that I can see to preserve the

coverage with more "news you can use," more features and entertainment, more food and fashion pieces.

Now, the study says, readers want their hard earned money back.

There may be other reasons for the diminished interest. "In the past, much of the writing about state government was undeniably dull," is the only suggestion in the study that reporters themselves may have had something to do with the decline.

I think the writers should take more of the blame. If readers have had a hard time relating to capital coverage, it's probably because the stories often read as if they were written by insiders for insiders.

One bright spot in this dismal picture has been a guy named Tim Richard and this newspaper company, in his years as state reporter for HomeTown Communications. Richard could always be counted on to find a fresh perspective on the issues. He kept a sign taped to the inside of his laptop that read, "What does it mean to the reader? And this company gave him the support and resources necessary to carry on his work."

He retired April 30, but this company has decided that Lansing is a beat important enough to warrant continuing the tradition.

So that's the challenge I face - finding those stories that have a direct impact on readers' lives, and doing it without getting caught up in the maneuverings, and machinations, and political intrigues that go on in a town like Lansing.

If you believe the "State of the American Newspaper" study - that the state's "reticence" reach into every home and business - it ought not to be that difficult.

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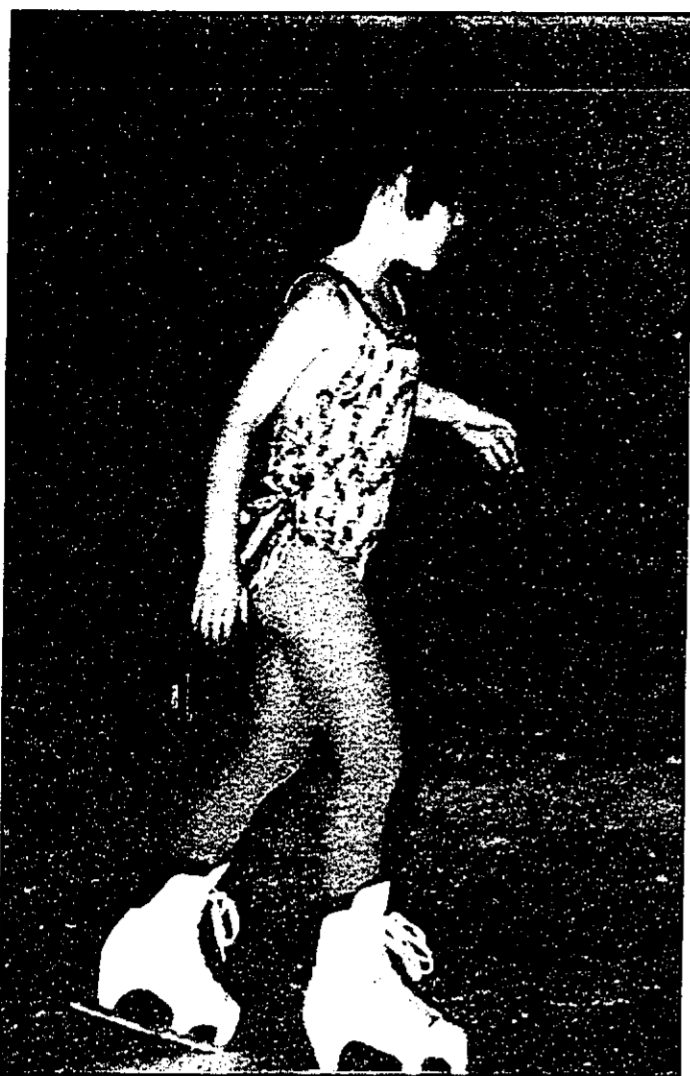


Photo by TOM HIBBELN
A member of the "Over The Rainbow" cast hits the ice.

Opening night at the arena Who needs the Ice Capades now?

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The show runs Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door, \$3 for children and seniors. Sponsors are the Novi Ice Arena and the Skating Club of Novi.

For four weeks now, the skaters have been practicing for what is destined to become an annual event, ice arena manager Tammy Hombirg said.

"We are very pleased with the turn-out and the amount of participation we have from parents and kids," Hombirg said.

"We expect it to be a real big performance year."

With a theme of "Over The Rainbow," each number in the show is based around a color. Marcus, for example, will wear a pink and black outfit to match his song's references to a pink Cadillac.

Soloist Melissa Bedell, 9, will stand out on the ice in bright yellow for her number "Streets of Gold."

Melissa began skating three years ago at the ice arena in her

hometown of Farmington Hills and is now an eager competitor. This is a little girl with Olympic dreams.

"Her coach switched to Novi. Following the coach is a pretty common thing to do. Like sheep, you follow the coach," said her mother, Debbie Bedell.

The cost of Melissa's sport, which includes expensive competition costumes, several pairs of new skates a year, ice time and ballet lessons, is "too scary" to calculate, Bedell said.

For Melissa, appearing before an audience is as entertaining for her as it is for them.

"It's always big fun. They get to dress up and wear make-up. For little girls, that's a big thrill," Bedell said.

Melissa said she prefers an ice show to a competition because "you get to put in stuff you really like."

"I like to learn my doubles. I've landed two double salchows today," Melissa added.

While many of these children are already veterans of ice shows, others are first-timers.

"It's kind of nerve-racking. I know when to panic and when not to panic," Hombirg said as the big days approached.

"It's a little different with all the rookies."

Molly Flynn of Novi, however, is an old pro. She's been skating for three years now, since she was four. Her solo is to the tune "Lily The Pink" by the Irish Rovers, hardly an unsuitable choice with her name.

Molly's mother, Megan Flynn, was a skater and her old photographs inspired her daughter to try out the sport.

"She likes the jumps, she likes the competition, she likes getting out there," Megan Flynn said.

"It's good for her self-esteem." Molly spends nine hours a week on the ice and two hours with ballet and conditioning classes at the ice arena.

"She's extremely disciplined. She gets her homework done," Flynn said.

Monday night, Marcus's mother, Evelyn Michalske was busy working at the sign-in table for the dress rehearsal as other parents

came in, carting their daughters' tutus.

A neighbor first got Marcus into an ice skating rink, Michalske explained. Lessons followed. Marcus is now on the ice about three to five hours a week.

"His coach said he's got what it takes to be a skater," Michalske said.

"I think it's the challenge, it's the goal. It's a new jump."

Marcus agrees with that. "It's fun and it's athletic and it's something I can do, for instance," he said.

While he also enjoys golfing, his goal is to be a professional figure skater, but a soloist, none of that pair dancing stuff.

Plus he likes to be around all the girls, he admitted.

Figure skating has been great for this handsome young blonde's social life.

"I have ten girlfriends," he said. Does he realize other fellows might be jealous of his success with the ladies?

"I know," Marcus said. For information on the Novi Ice Arena show, call 347-1010.

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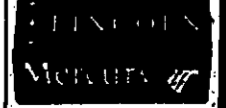
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Wheel Experiences

Unique program aims to raise awareness of issues faced by the handicapped

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Scraped knuckles, sore butts and backs, blisters and muscles aches were only part of the experience.

Forty eight students and two teachers at Walled Lake Western High School participated in the "Spend a Day in a Wheelchair" program recently.

Participants were nominated by their teachers.

Participants in the Spend a Day in a Wheelchair program

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Adam Bobola | Jason Martin |
| Erin Bobola | Dave Merandi |
| Stacey Brenner | Ashley Mullins |
| Cody Cargill | Michael Neibert |
| Erin Clancy | Jimmy O'Brien |
| Cait Conroy | Lorenzo Parker |
| Laandro Costa | Chris Payton |
| Mania D Agostino | John Petrous |
| Laurence Dawood | Rob Pisha |
| Paul Delmotte | Katie Robinson |
| Doria Durkin | Brad Roumayah |
| Elison Deb | Brandon Routhier |
| Ethan Farkas | Joe Saferian |
| Lindsay Fisher | Eric Sage |
| Neil Forch | Delora Serman |
| Luciano Gonzales | Steve Serling |
| Freddie Holyfield | Ryan Stewart |
| Theresa Jasko | Brandon Thomas |
| Jason Kane | Jason Tueni |
| Angie Kassab | Becky Wulf |
| Laura Kaznecki | |
| Brian Kemper | Teachers: |
| James King | Ken Connor |
| Ben Lee | Colleen Karamon |
| Nania Lee | |
| Jackie Lutz | Coordinators: |
| Pat Lynn | Steve Serling |
| Nicole Markos | Angie Kassab |
| | Darlene Hunter |

The Wheelchair Committee members included three students - SADD President Steve Serling, Darlene Hunter, an Olympic wheelchair racer, and Angie Kassab. "Darlene is very invested in the project as you can imagine," said counselor Deb Schemanski. "We have two agendas, one is to raise awareness around handicapped issues and the other is the drug and alcohol issue."

Eighty five percent of spinal cord injuries result from preventable accidents like drinking and driving, careless play with loaded guns and diving into shallow water.

This is the first year the program was brought to the school. If successful, Schemanski hopes to bring it back next year.

"We want to put into perspective what we take for granted," said Serling. "We thought a hands-on experience, actually put you in the seat, gives you an in depth look at what you go through."

The program is sponsored by The Heidi Van Arnen Foundation which is dedicated to teaching young people about preventing paralyzing spinal cord injuries. The use of

ten chairs was donated by Wright & Phillips.

Becky Wulf was late getting to gym class because she went outside the building to use the ramp but as she was wheeling herself through the grass she got stuck and had to sit there until someone came to help.

Luciano Gonzales had to approach his weight lifting routine a little differently and ask for help.

"It was harder," he said. In classes, they were unable to write at their desks, but had to use their laps. There are desks that are wheelchair



Above: Walled Lake Western High School students Erin Clancy, left, and Neil Forch find that it can be difficult to open doors when in a wheelchair. The pair were part of a group of students chosen to participate in the "Spend a Day in a Wheelchair" program. Left: Walled Lake Western High senior Eric Sage sits in a wheelchair in the school's library.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

and sit for a week and see how stupid it is."

Connor thought the student was bothered by the fact that there were so many wheelchairs in the school.

Steve said these are comments that Darlene hears all the time.

Connor used his day in a wheelchair to educate his classes about the differences between a paraplegic, and a quadriplegic like Christopher Reeves, about transportation issues like getting in and out of cars and buses, and the attitude of handicapped people - some are mean and some are courteous.

Even students who did not participate, Connor said the program is helpful to them also.

"Most are concerned and willing to help," Connor said. "They've never had a teacher in a wheelchair before. It was a good experience for all."

Michael Harris, deputy executive director of Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter, which is based on in Novi, spoke at the junior and senior assembly which culminated the week's program.

"We're trying to get the message out that a lot of spinal cord injuries can be prevented," said Harris, who has been in a wheelchair for 13 years as a result of an automobile accident.

"Mostly schools are accessible so they don't get a real feel for it," Harris said.

Governor John Engler declared May Spinal Cord Injury and Awareness Month.

"Their arms are going to be killing them by the end of the day," said Harris. "Their arms are going to blister. You have to use muscle groups you usually don't use."

The week culminated with a junior and senior assembly on Friday with representatives from the Paralyzed Vets of America's Michigan Chapter in Novi and Pioneers for Peace.

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accessible but these students used their regular desks.

Erin Clancy said she had to change her route to the TV room and enter through the library.

"If I were to use the cameras, I couldn't because I'm in a wheelchair, it doesn't come down," Erin said.

The new addition to the high school is wheelchair accessible.

"I never really realized how cluttered the classrooms were," Erin said. "It's pretty easy when you're walking, but once you're in one of these things you can't make the tight turns."

The Wheelchair Committee decided that just prior to prom and graduation season with the accompanying parties would be

the best time to raise the awareness of students. Fifty percent of all spinal cord injuries result from car accidents.

"You have more of an appreciation of what they go through, like getting stuck in corners," said Ryan Stewart.

Biology teacher Ken Connor, who had been involved in this type of program once before, encountered discourteous people in the hallway. Lunch time was a horror story, he said, when a student defied him and mocked him by saying "oh, another stupid wheelchair."

"I turned that baby around, because I can operate them pretty well, and said 'come here if you think this is so stupid then I would like for you to do this sometime this week. You put your butt in here

All in the family

At Genitti's you get a little hospitality with your pasta

TRIVIA FEAST

- There's hardly a square inch of space on the brick walls in Genitti's restaurant that aren't covered in graffiti.
- Street signs adorn the walls. Some of them are well-known Detroit names - Canfield, Jos. Campau, Mt. Elliot - and others, like Gallogly, are more well-known on the local level.
- A bush hog's head is mounted on the wall in the bar area. It was shot by Andy Genitti two years ago during a hunting trip in Tennessee. It's name is Camrine, which Andy said "is just a cool Italian name."
- Some notable names have dined at Genitti's, including Soupy Sales, Ted Lindsay, The Gaylords, and Johnny Wilson.

The basement of Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall looks something like a Jaycees haunted house if all the lights had been turned on.

The walls are coated in an industrial-strength black paint, except for certain portions of the original brick, which have been spattered with white or green chalk.

The floors are uneven in places and there are spots where pictures have been removed but divots left by nails remain. For all the aesthetic miscues, someone from a home decorating magazine might criticize, there's a cohesive charm to the place that can't help but bring a smile to a face.

For Laura Genitti, it's that charm that's kept her at 108 East Main Street for each of her 21 years.

"People ask me if I want to be stuck here for the rest of my life," she said. "I hope so. I can't think of anything better."

Laura tried leaving once. After graduating from Northville High School, she was determined to try her hand at Western Michigan University for theater. By mid-way through her orientation, she said she discovered life away from the family business

just wasn't her thing.

"I called my dad and told him that I couldn't handle it," she said. "I just really enjoyed being with my family and working at the restaurant. That was my home."

Still, the passion for getting onstage was there. The solution? Genitti's built a 130-seat theater, which has been a staple of the small business since it was introduced only a few years ago.

Hundreds flock to Genitti's every day, and even more make their way for the theater presentations every evening. If the walls in the old building could talk, they'd have stories to tell.

So do the people who make the small-but-significant eatery in Northville go round.

6:35 p.m. - The first dinner guest has arrived. He appears to be on his own and is wearing a concerned look on his face, which grows when he's approached by an apron-wearing Toni Genitti.

"I know I'm a little bit early..." the man begins before he's interrupted by Toni.

"Yeah, you are - but so what? Come

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Story by Chris C. Davis - - Photo by John Heider

Restaurant owner John Genitti welcomes a hungry dinner crowd at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Genitti's keeps it all in the family

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on in and have a seat," she says with a warm smile. The worry disappears from the man's face.

6:45 p.m. — They've called him "Spike" since his first day on the job some 15 years ago. As 1 later find out, his real name is John Szymanski. He became Spike when he became the third of fourth "John" to work in the restaurant.

"John (Genitti) just told me that he wasn't going to call me John, so he settled on Spike, and that was that," says the scruffy-looking blond-haired twenty-something.

Like many who work at the restaurant, John — Spike, got his start as a dishwasher, and at that, was hooked up for employment through a friend at Northville High School. This evening, like all others, he's busy using a giant wooden spoon to stir the kettles of soup.

"It's always the same thing we're cooking here," he said. "Once you learn the routine, it's a piece of cake. It's pretty basic food here, but people like it and it does the trick."

6:50 p.m. — Tall and lanky with John Lennon-style glasses, Dave Schultz is the Genitti's bartender who has had zero formal training in making drinks.

"It just sort of happened one night when they needed some extra help behind the bar when things got busy," he says while wiping down the counter with a towel. "At first, it was pretty much just beer and wine, but I gradually got to know what goes into each one of the drinks."

Just to test him, I ask, "A tequila sunrise? He pauses. "Tequila, orange juice and you top it off with Grenadine."

I notice that unlike any other bartender I've seen, the only beverage containers he has are mason jars. Doesn't that confuse him? After all, shouldn't a martini be prepared in a stem glass with a wide mouth?

He laughs. "That's all I know how to make them in," he says.

6:55 p.m. — Karen Koby is just happy. It's Friday. She's no stranger to Genitti's, and she tells

me that. "This never gets old," says the restaurant patron. "The food is the best part of the trip."

The reason she considers the food to be the best part is because she isn't particularly fond of being recruited as an actor as part of Genitti's interactive dinner theater. She's one of those types who'd prefer to sit back and watch others do the acting for her. That's not to say she doesn't like the shows, however.

"Oh, no — I love the shows," she says. "I just prefer to watch them."

7:05 p.m. — Tonight, she's playing the role of Shirley Hertz. She's also been known to use the alias Heather Belle Goody. These are the many faces of Janet Patton, a bubbly actress who performs at the Genitti's theater.

She leans up against the faded black framework. Right now, the room is empty. In an hour, it will be crammed.

Patton's story of how she came to the theater sounds like a broken record — she knew the Genitti family in high school and was invited out by Laura Genitti.

The restaurant doesn't really "do" auditions. It's more or less a matter of stopping in and asking if there are any openings for the shows.

Patton says she enjoys the X-factor of audience participation. "From an actor's standpoint, it's good training," she says, adjusting to the stage lights.

7:20 p.m. — Back in the dining room, John Genitti, owner of the restaurant, begins his weekly monologue with the guests.

I'm standing in the archway leading from the kitchen area to the dining room. Toni Genitti is next to me. She leans toward me, wearing a look of happy agony.

"He's really going to work on her head after each bad joke rolls out of John's mouth."

John turns and asks if anyone has come out for a special occasion. One person says he's on his anniversary.

"And you came here? What a cheap date!" John says. Laughter erupts from the room. "This is the best you could do?"

Toni groans and covers her eyes. John then explains how meals are served at the restaurant family-style.

This is like dining at Grandma's house," he says. "You've got two choices here — you can either eat it or you don't."

"I can't take this anymore," Toni says giggling, before disappearing.

7:25 p.m. — The television is off in the kitchen now. It's been replaced with the headbanging sound of the rock group Pantera. Brandon Link claims responsibility for the choice of music this evening.

Link doesn't say much, mostly because he's got his hands full. I find out that he's got a bit of a commute, coming from South Lyon High School to put in the hours. He's a dishwasher, but would like to eventually become a cook.

Link is the counterbalance to Nate Bowman, a three-year veteran of the place. It becomes instantly obvious that Bowman has a future in comedy, as he lets fly with one witty remark after another.

Someone asks Bowman to move a box to another side of the room. Using the sort of voice you'd expect to hear in a Disney animated film, Bowman says, "Hmmm...consider it done."

7:30 p.m. — Most people won't see Mike Vartanian during the evening's stage performance, but they'll hear his work when it's piped through the sound system.

Vartanian, back from the University of Michigan for summer vacation, plays piano for Genitti's. Right now, he's drinking from a mason jar (what else?) of water and relaxing in the plush room chair before he begins the roughly ritual of tickling the ivories.

When he's in Ann Arbor, he's most likely to be found behind the keyboards of his six-member rock band, Baked Potato.

"It's sort of a free-form jazz group," he says, in between sips. Like the actor's lines, Vartanian also has an outline for songs he plays. When there's a sound effect needed or a rim shot for a quick one-liner, he's also the go-to guy.

"It's not too tough after you've been doing it for a while," he says. Sip.

7:45 p.m. — You'd think that after spending a week doing engineering work for MCI Worldcom, Harry Reynolds would just want to lapse into a chair and veg out for a while.

But that's just one of the idiosyncrasies I discover about the man.

He doesn't get paid to work at Genitti's — he just volunteers his time.

I later find out Lisa, his wife, also works at Genitti's. She, however, is on the payroll.

He scurries away from the dining room carrying a bowl. He's smiling a kid's grin.

"This is the greatest restaurant in the world," he declares. It's clear he's working hard.

I try to ask him another question, but he's now grabbing a basket of rolls.

"Gotta keep 'em fed," he says, still smiling.

8:10 p.m. — If there's one thing Kelly Boezek has learned, it's that aspiring stage actresses in Los Angeles are a dime a dozen.

Which is precisely the reason she's in the basement at this moment at Genitti's. Most of the time, she's under the lights at the 130-seat theater. Tonight, though, she's going to be instructing swing dancing to the customers once the stage production is over.

Boezek tried her hand at Hollywood, but like so many others who were lured to California, the spirit was willing, but the producers were weak. She returned to Northville a few years ago.

I ask her about what it's like to do this sort of fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants performance versus typical stage fare, where it's the same show every night.

"Once you get to know the basic lines in the shows, it's easy," she says, making subtle adjustments to her fine blonde hair. "The tough part is that you can never be sure just what the audience is going to say. That's both a challenge and the most entertaining part of this job."

Overhead, the century-old floorboards creak.

"Guess they're starting to move around. I've got to go," she says.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As table companion Mary Chizek looks on, Dale Lenhardt serves himself from a plate of breaded pork cutlet and sauteed zucchini at Genitti's Friday evening. The dining began at 7:30 p.m.

It's time to swing as Genitti's debuts new production

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Staff Writer

All Genitti's, they come for the food and stay for the show. The dinner theater, a fixture of Genitti's for several years now, has brought out hundreds of guests to the Hole-In-The-Wall to enjoy dinner and the stage production which follows.

The "theater" portion of the dinner theater got its start in 1989, as the booming small business found itself working at a frantic pace to get patrons fed in time to catch shows at the across-the-street Marquis Theater.

The idea for a dinner-stage show combination was born.

"Back then, it was just a portable stage we set up in the dining room area," said Andy Genitti, son of owner John and Toni Genitti. The first acts to take the stage were comics and vaudeville-style actors. That setup lasted about three years.

The 130-seat theater presently used by the restaurant was developed in right around 1991, when daughter Laura was preparing to head off to Western Michigan University to pursue her interest in acting. In short order, it became apparent that Kalamazoo wasn't where she wanted to be.

John Genitti knocked another hole in the wall and created the stage, where Laura and others interested in entertaining the customers could practice their craft.

Right now, Genitti's is featuring the stage production "Swingtime," a farce of a 1930s radio broadcast. Swing dance lessons and a dance contest take place in the restaurant following the show.

Future shows include "Murder at Sea" and "Welcome Home... Now Get Out!" "Swingtime" will return for the final week in December, including New Year's Eve.

"We run about three shows a week during the summer months and between five and 11 shows a week in the fall and winter," Andy Genitti said.

DINNER THEATER

Tickets for the Genitti's dinner theater are \$40 per person. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information and reservations call 248-349-0522.

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Parade set for July 3

Thanks to an overwhelming community response, Northville will continue its traditional July 4 parade. This will be the 128th anniversary of the parade.

However, this year the parade will be held on Saturday, July 3. We are now actively seeking participants, sponsors, and donations for this

event. The theme for this year's parade will be "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." The theme will be represented in several areas such as vintage cars, bike parade, etc. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form and return it to the Northville

Township Foundation by May 21. Please note that since the Township Foundation is coordinating the event, all donations are tax deductible.

If you wish to sponsor a portion of the parade or simply aid through a donation, please contact the Foundation office at (248) 374-0200.

Northville Fourth of July parade Registration form

NOTE: THE PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 3, AT 10 A.M.

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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Please give a brief detailed explanation of your parade entry to be used by MEDIA ONE Broadcasting.

Please respond by FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1999. If you have any questions contact 248-374-0200.

Please Note: The Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization. We rely on donations. If you can help defray parade costs with a \$35 donation we would be very grateful.

Mail to: Parade - Northville Township Foundation, 16225 Beck Road, Northville, MI 48167



Submitted Photo

Prayer breakfast

Wally Bronner was the featured speaker at the first breakfast, held last week in Livonia. The event drew ever Northville Community Foundation prayer a capacity crowd and be held annually.

On Campus

The names of the following Northville students at Western Michigan University appeared on the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average: MICHAEL J. BASSSE, graphic designer; JODIE ANN BROWN, elementary group minors; RORY B. CARPENTER, biomedical sciences and sociology; ANDREW T. DAVIS, environmental studies and political science; LAURA E. DEOSTER, prepsychology; BRETT PARKAS, music jazz studies; AMY L. HOJNACKI, general business; SHAWN N. HOPFER, general business; BRIAN C. JACKSON, integrated supply management; TRICIA R. LUTES, elementary group minors; ALESSIA S. MERKE, elementary group minors; SHARON M. MURPHY, engineering management; THOMAS A. MURPHY, criminal justice; STEPHANIE MUSSAT, elementary group minors; JENNIFER REDDEN, elementary group minors; BEVERLY A. RICHARDSON, management; NATHANIEL L. RONEY, university curriculum; KATHRYN M. VARLEY, elementary group minors; and CHRISTOPHER R. WEGENKA, criminal justice.

Northwood University junior Erin Vogel was granted the Oscar W. Kitch Memorial and Marjorie Cook-Taylor scholarships for the 1998-99 academic year. Vogel is the daughter of Richard and

Shannon Vogel of Novati. Also recognized for student achievement at Northwood was senior Nichole Borshko who was granted the Clifford Roy/Doug Eagle, Samuel H. Rogers/Cartographic design; JODIE ANN BROWN, elementary group minors; RORY B. CARPENTER, biomedical sciences and sociology; ANDREW T. DAVIS, environmental studies and political science; LAURA E. DEOSTER, prepsychology; BRETT PARKAS, music jazz studies; AMY L. HOJNACKI, general business; SHAWN N. HOPFER, general business; BRIAN C. JACKSON, integrated supply management; TRICIA R. LUTES, elementary group minors; ALESSIA S. MERKE, elementary group minors; SHARON M. MURPHY, engineering management; THOMAS A. MURPHY, criminal justice; STEPHANIE MUSSAT, elementary group minors; JENNIFER REDDEN, elementary group minors; BEVERLY A. RICHARDSON, management; NATHANIEL L. RONEY, university curriculum; KATHRYN M. VARLEY, elementary group minors; and CHRISTOPHER R. WEGENKA, criminal justice.

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MEADOWSBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21205 Meadowbrook Rd., Novati, MI 48375 Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10 a.m. 348-7757 Minister: David J. Hill Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 8 Mile & Tott Roads Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Nursery: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (for infants) Summer Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (for infants) Dr. Douglas W. Wernham, Rev. Thomas M. Beagan, Pastor
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 40225 10 Mile Rd., Novati, MI 48374 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend James F. Conroy, Pastor Catholic Office: 347-7773	NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Worship of New City Center (on 10 Mile between Novi & Fort Rd.) Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. & Children's Activities Music: Heather Frantz Nursery: Michelle M. M. M. Pastor: Kurt Schmitt 349-4700
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novati, MI 48375 Mass: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Holy Day: 9 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Father: John Budde, Pastor Father: Andrew Chazalack, Assoc. Pastor Pastor Office: 348-8447	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings: 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade: 7 p.m., Room: 617 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Pastor Ken J. J. J. The Comfort Inn - Masskovo Room 449 S. Oakwood Rd. (at East on 10 Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167) For more info, call: (248) 784-8282	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21200 Haggerty, Northville 48170 (between 8 & 9 Mile Sts. between Novi & Fort Rd.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Service: 6:00 p.m. (Nursery provided) Pastor: Carl M. Lamb, Pastor
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44001 10 Mile Novati, Novi 48375 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Reverend: Henderson, Pastor Jennifer M. Scott, Associate Pastor Pastor: Carl M. Lamb, Pastor Worship & Church School: 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. Ten Mile between Haggerty and 10 Mile Worship: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Nursery provided) Pastor: Carl M. Lamb, Pastor 348-2026
OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 23919 Beck Rd., Novi - E. of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 14:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Church Service: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study: Prayer Meeting: 10:00 p.m. PASTOR: THOMAS WYATT We're One Big Happy Family!	OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School Auditorium & Hill & Center St. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Casual, contemporary live band (248) 615-7050
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Duncan Williams, a Genitti's actor, dances with a guest during the floor-clearing swing dance contest. Customers are encouraged to participate in the entertaining activities at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall.

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Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 15909 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On May 13 Single Place will present a special evening with Andy Moezart at 7:30 p.m.

On May 20, the topic will be "Facing Relationship Atrophy" with Arnold Keller. There will also be an Open Forum led by Dianne Griswold on "Let Your Body Language Do the Talking for You."

The cost for each is \$4. Upcoming activities include Dinner at Millers Bar and House Party, May 15; Joe's Comedy Club/Barbecue, May 22; Dinner/Barbecue Together Dinner, May 29; and a Memorial Day Picnic at a member's home on May 31.

Upcoming workshops include a Divorce Recovery Workshop with a variety of speakers from May 13 to June 24. The cost is \$30.

The workshop Living Beyond Divorce - Phase II will be held on six Thursday evenings, May 13 to June 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The speaker will be Pam Jacobs. The cost is \$52.

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

On Sunday, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 5:30 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville, and for Tennis at Squary Lake Racquet at 9 p.m.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help you in your single life struggles. Christ, donate, conversation and coffee are always present.

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

Single Parents meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Parlor Room C317. There is also a Wednesday evening discussion group which meets at 7 p.m. in the SAM office which follows a 5:45 p.m. dinner at \$2 per person. Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. On May 14 at 7:30 p.m. the presentation will be "Everything You Wanted to Know about Wills, Insurance, and Financial Planning but were Afraid to Ask." A free will offering will be accepted. Free child care will be available.

The 15th Annual Eagle Run Classic will be held at Marybury 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.

The 1999 International Single Conference "Single in the New Millennium" will be held at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency May 14-16. The cost is \$99 for the full conference and \$79 for the Saturday-only workshops.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the church. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment.

Biking is held at 11 a.m. every Saturday at various locations. The Walking Club meets on

Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the hospitality area in front of the library.

Outdoor tennis meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 until dark and on Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 1 p.m.

Single Point Showcases presents singer/songwriter Rob Frazer on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. There will be free child care.

Single Point Coffee House will be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (734) 374-5920.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONAL, is a social group for singles ages 25 to 40 who can participate in over 350 activities each year.

Upcoming activities include: Electric Pinchle and Dinner at Tom's Oyster Bar every Monday at 6:30 p.m.; and Wallyball every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

The FSP hotline is (248) 851-9909.

SUBURBAN SINGLES, meets at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile in Redford, on Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The event is open to the public ages 21 and up. No jeans allowed. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m.

Every Sunday the group meets at Bonnie Brook from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m.

For information, call the Suburban Singles hotline at (313) 842-0443.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Honoring volunteers

Employees of the Northville District Library got together last week to recognize the efforts of their volunteers. Attending the recognition included, l to r, library director

Julie Herin, Fran Mattison, Jean Stabler, Faye Anderson, Jeanne Storm, Dee Prom, Lynn Parkilan, Anne Mannisto, and Gilly Sergeant.

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Novi Highlights

Novi Beautification Commission
The City of Novi will hold its annual Perennial Spring Exchange on Saturday, May 22 at 9 a.m. until noon at the old historical Town Hall located on Ten Mile Road east of Tall. If you are new in the area, it's located in the vicinity of the Novi Library; a banner and the location of the tent will help you find it. There will be ample parking. It will be held rain or shine as the facilities of the hall can be used.

The purpose of the event is for residents of Novi and the surrounding area to exchange their extra perennials for a different plant. No money will be exchanged. This is not a sale. If you've never been to an exchange, feel free to come and see how it operates. Perhaps you may want to become involved in the fall Perennial Exchange on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Some of the plants available at the spring exchange will be tall garden Phlox, Hens and Chickens, Ferns, Herbs, Hostas, Daisy plants, etc. Those planning to exchange plants are encouraged to have them in plastic bags, cottage cheese cartons, or some container that does not need to be returned. It is also helpful to attach the name of the plant to the container.

Several master gardeners will be available to answer questions: Local resident and member of the commission, Barbara Greenberg; Deanna Herlein of Livonia; Treva Kramer of Canton; Ruth Czarnecki of Commerce; and Maria Art. For additional information, call the Public Information office at the Novi Civic Center, (248) 449-3766.

The commission is also working on the annual Beautification Awards; a training session for judges is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25. The session will be presented by Gretchen Pugsley, a member of the Beautification Commission. The commission is also planning for the Garden Tour at Tollgate on July 8.

Novi Senior Center
There's always something happening at the center, like the big

Pen Pal party held last week.
Throughout the year, seniors citizens and many of the City of Novi staff became involved in a popular program - writing to a first grader at the Orchard Hills Elementary School. In exchange, the first graders responded with letters and posters for the holidays (Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, etc.) for their pen pal at the center. There is a mailbox in the senior office at the center for pen pal letters. At the appropriate time, it is emptied and sent over to the school via the senior bus. The two teachers involved this year are Darlene Grabowski and Sharon Neal.

Pen pals meet at an annual party in May at which time "pals" finally meet. The children are bused over from the school and enjoy presenting a program for the residents. This year they sang several songs and concluded their program with "Chicken Song and Dance" (they encouraged the seniors to join in) and "Side By Side." Special recreation coordinator Kathy Crawford and center manager Jan McAlpine assisted this program and were planned by Susan M. Cusick, vice president of Community Development of the Community Credit Union, President and CEO Mike Thomson, Community Credit Union, was also present and introduced by Cusick. This group coordinated the refreshments from Pastry Palace and flowers from Glenda.

Also in attendance was the first group that participated in the Pen Pal program ten years ago; Lindsey Barringer, Jessie Jones, Jessica Hockett, and Erin Kovak.

During the final hour, names of the seniors and first graders corresponding with each other were revealed. Parents of the youngsters were also introduced and thanked for their "cookie" refreshments. Anyone interested in participating in next year's Pen Pal program should contact Jan McAlpine at 347-0414.

Novi Public Library
Monday, May 24 has been designated "Jane Brown Day" at the

library. This will be her day of retirement with an open house in her honor from 3 to 7 p.m. at the library. Sponsoring this important event is Friends of Novi Library.

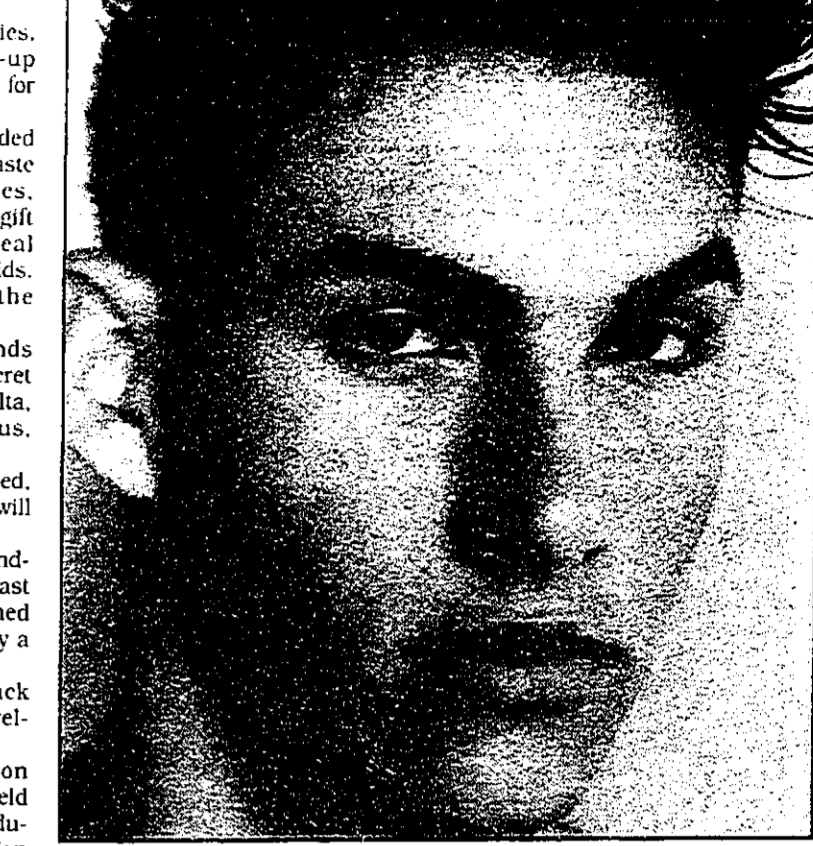
Jane Brown began her career at the library in 1978. Although she worked in children's services, she also served as assistant library director. All of her friends are encouraged to attend and wish her the very best at this time of her life. She will be missed by many.

The library is looking for teen volunteers who have completed the sixth grade. Another requirement is that the teen must be willing to commit two hours a day, one day a week, beginning Monday, June 23 through Friday, July 30. The library staff feels they wouldn't be able to conduct summer programs for the smaller children without the aid of teen volunteers.

Those volunteering are expected to attend at least one of the 45-minute orientation sessions on June 7, 8 and 9 at 4 p.m. Their duties will consist of helping at craft classes, special activities, registration desk, and the ice cream social on Friday, July 30. Teen volunteer applications are available at the information desk and must be completed and returned by June 4. For additional information, call the Youth Department at 349-0720.

The program "Safe On Your Own" will be presented Saturday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 7 and up. Pamela Schneemann R.N. will discuss staying safe at home and around the neighborhood. No registration is necessary. Children will learn phone safety, basic first aid, fire safety, home-alone skills, helmet safety, and more. Call 349-0720 for more information.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 14-18. At a recent planning meeting, murals for site locations were made. Needed are the following volunteers: teachers, aides, people to decorate class-



Andrew Weyer has seen his modeling career take off.

Local man pursues career as model

By CHERYL HACKETT Staff Writer

As an amateur, Andrew said that the hardest part about being in the modeling industry is the nervousness of getting shut down, and not knowing if you're going to make it past the casting call. However, "The best part is definitely getting a call. Congratulations, you got the job!" and then having fun during the shoot," he said. "From there, it's smooth sailing. The tension disappears, the clothes go on, and it's time to have fun."

Although excited for this new career, Andrew still keeps his head on straight. He says that he feels a little more confident, but not much different. "I was kind of nervous about it at first, but then I didn't care what others thought," he said. His friends and family offer him full support, and are proud of his great accomplishment.

Andrew Weyer, a 1998 Northville High School graduate, recently went from varsity soccer player to male fashion model. He began his new career only a short year ago and is already appearing in big magazines and auditioning for movies.

With the encouragement of his mother, and friends urging him to dive into the industry, Weyer began a six-week training session at John Casablancas modeling school. These classes taught him how to move, do commercials, audition, and interview properly.

From there he was able to construct an impressive portfolio of his pictures and sign with the one of the top ranking agencies: Elite of Chicago and New York.

He claims that his biggest and best job yet was for an Abercrombie and Fitch catalog. "It was like a quick little weekend dream," he stated. "I couldn't believe I was there—it was amazing."

Andrew also auditioned for a movie at Simon Castings entitled *High Fidelity* starring John Cusack.

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Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

Concert Band: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1999 concert season. A rehearsal will be held on May 15 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROTARY FUND RAISER: The Northville Rotary Club will hold their spring fund raiser on Sunday, May 23. Garden Treasures, a garden art and accessories show, will be held at Mill Rare Village, Northville's historical park and gardens. Vendors that exhibit garden art and related accessories are now being solicited. To receive a vendor application, call Traci Sincok at (248) 449-9941.

THEATER

Rapunzel: Performances of the musical "Rapunzel" will be held at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street in Northville, on May 8, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, and June 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all general performances are \$6. For information on birthday celebrations, group rates, and school performances, call (248) 349-8110. No children under three will be admitted.

MUSIC

Al's Copper Mug: Bugs Beddow Blues Band and the Oakland County Food Bank will be hosting a Tent Party and Fund Raiser on Sunday, June 6, from 1 to 10

p.m. Music will be held inside from 9 to 10 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 raffle drawing. A donation of \$1 and a donation of a canned food item would be appreciated.

You must be 21 years of age or older to enter. Al's Copper Mug is located at 1604 W. Maple on the corner of Decker Road in Walled Lake. Call (248) 624-9659 for more information.

NEARBY

Jackie Roush: Singer/songwriter Jackie Roush will perform on Wednesday, May 26, at 8 p.m. at the Studio Cafe, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills and Friday, June 4, at 8:30 p.m. at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Roush will be performing several songs from his soon-to-be-released album "The Real Kazimoo." Admission is free.

Trinity House: Performances of "Around the House" will be on May 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. "Around the House" is a cabaret-style show that celebrates the rich blend of music, visual arts, dance, drama and film. A wide variety of local artists will share their artistic talents. Some of the language and themes explored might be a bit uncomfortable for younger viewers. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for members. Trinity House is located at 38840 W. Six Mile just west of I-275. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 464-6302.

BOOKSTORES

Borders schedule for the month of June. Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Karl Newhouse Performs. Karl's compelling and fiercely individual musical style makes her a favorite performer with Borders. A talented guitarist and singer, she writes, performs, and produces her own music. She has established herself as a major regional artist.

PARKS
The following activities are

Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m. Meet Arthur. Meet the star of Marc Brown's popular series of picture books, "Arthur." Come hear the story of Arthur's New Puppy and meet real puppies training to be service dogs for Paws With A Cause.

Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Happy Birthday Kirsten. The American Girls Club celebrates Kirsten Larsen's birthday. Join us for corn bread and honey butter. Make a handkerchief doll like pioneer girls in the 1800s and enter to win a real Kirsten Doll from Pleasant Co.

Saturday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Jo Serrapere Performs. Jo has an otherworldly voice: an alchemical mixture of sadness and joy, blues, jazz and rain. You won't forget her voice. She was an Official Showcase Artist at the 1998 North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance Conference. Jo performs for the first time at Borders Novi - we're sure it won't be the last.

Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Feng Shui in the Garden. Experts from Ohio Design share design techniques. Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. Writing Your Life. How do you get started? Iris Underwood shows us how. Celebrate Family History Day by making a commitment to write your life for generations to come. Learn to research your family's past and learn how to write compelling family histories.

Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Star Gazing at Borders. The Detroit Science Center brings the stars indoors tonight with The Star Lab. Come learn about our Milky Way. Tonight we kick off Camp Borders. Camp Borders meets each Thursday night at 7 p.m. through Aug. 19. For more information, call (248) 347-4643. Borders Books & Music is located in the Novi Town Center on Crescent Blvd.

planned by the Wayne County Parks at the Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area in Northville which is located on Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. For information on all events, call (734) 261-1990.

Fishing Derby:
On Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area in Northville, there will be a fishing derby for all children ages 12 and under where they can fish and win prizes. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout. A casting contest will also take place. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait. This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Plymouth Chapter 528, and Northville Parks and Recreation. To register, call (734) 261-1990.

The "Wizard of Oz":
Off Broadway Productions will present the "Wizard of Oz" on July 13. A magical mix of music, comedy, movement and theater present this classic children's story.

Gemini!
Twin brothers San and Laz, known as Gemini, will perform on July 27. Their beautiful voices, stage full of instruments, sparking original songs and around the world music from around the world, make for a truly delightful show.

"Willy Wonka"
On August 13, the 1971 classic movie, "Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory," will be shown. The tour of the most fabulous, magical candy factory in this movie which is rated G. **Whiskey River:**
On August 18, get ready for some good ole down home country music when the band, Whiskey River, takes the stage. Whiskey River, influenced by such artists as Vince Gill and Garth Brooks are sure to bring a tear to the eye and warmth to the soul during their performance.

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Lives caught in limbo

Alaska is a land rich with possibilities and second chances. Against the backdrop of this vast, challenging wilderness, "Limbo" tells the story of people trying to reinvent themselves in America's last frontier.

Set in the rugged islands of Southeastern Alaska, "Limbo" is the story of Joe Gastineau (David Strathairn), a fisherman traumatized by an accident at sea years before. Into Joe's land-locked life comes singer Donna de Angelo (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio) and her disaffected daughter Noelle (Vanessa Martinez). When Joe's fast-talking half-brother Bobby (Casey Siemaszko) returns to town and asks Joe for a favor, the lives of the three characters are forever altered.

"Limbo" is written and directed by John Sayles, produced by Maggie Renzi. "I often come up with stories that are in search of places," says Sayles. "In the case of 'Passion Fish,' I had the idea of the two women for years, but until I went to Southwest Louisiana, Cajun country, it didn't connect. "With Limbo, I'd been thinking for a long time about people who, as they get older and are not hooked up in a long-term relationship, have more and more baggage to bring with them. It may be children. It may be standards that they have now that they didn't have in their 20s. I wonder about how a person starts from scratch when he or she is over 30," Sayles said. The film is set for release June 4.



Joe Gastineau (David Strathairn), an Alaskan fisherman haunted by a tragic accident at sea, and Donna de Angelo (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio), a singer trying to make a fresh start, find themselves caught in a dangerous fight for survival in the rugged islands of Southeastern Alaska.

Persistent young man realizes Olympic dream

Years before the 1996 Olympics, when his only idea of the outside world came from a static-laced radio broadcast, the boy named Haile Gebrselassie decided to run.

The eighth of 10 children born to a farmer's wife in a mud hut in Ethiopia, one of the world's poorest countries, he ran six miles to school and back, his books tucked in the crook of one arm. Like all his siblings, he worked hard in the fields under his father's stern gaze. Haile, however, was known for his persistence, still chopping firewood or threshing wheat when his older brothers had given up, still goading oxen to pull the plow farther.

After the chores were done and after his daily three-hour trip to fetch the family's water, he would take off across the fields. Then he would run — barefoot and in the

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same clothes he wore while working the farm.

He ran up hills under the hot African sun, down gullies and escarpments, following cow paths and dirt roads. He skirted the big sycamore trees that dotted the plains and sprinted through tall grass. If he stumbled with a thorn in his heel, sobbing as his mother plucked it out, it wouldn't deter him.

Haile would do anything to keep running. Walt Disney Pictures presents "Endurance," a story of courage and triumph from Edward R. Pressman and Terrence Malick's La Junta, LLC Productions in

association with Film Four and Helkon Media Filmvertrieb. Directed by premier British documentary filmmaker Leslie Woodhead, the film features actual footage of Haile Gebrselassie's legendary 10,000m race at the Atlanta Olympics, directed by America's chief sports documentary, Bud Greenspan, with original music composed by John Powell and produced by Hans Zimmer.

It was the radio that decided things. At first, Haile Gebrselassie seemed no different than other young Ethiopians who aspire to be great runners much like American boys dream of being basketball stars. But because of his father's undomitable will to work their farm, located near the village of Asela in the "breadbasket" region of Ethiopia, the family was considered well-to-do. Their mud hut even housed a transistor radio. Huddled together at night, the family of 12 would listen to broadcasts by the governing Marxist regime, the same government that had overthrown Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

On the day in 1980 that the famous Ethiopian runner and national hero Mirus Yifter ran the 10,000 m race at the Moscow Olympics, Haile returned from his daily trek to fetch water. The house was deserted, the family in the fields. His father always hid the batteries for the radio, but the resourceful 8-year-old knew where to find them and, crouching behind the hut, he listened to the broadcast of Yifter's dramatic victory.

The image of winning firmly rooted in his mind, Haile began to run more, longer, faster. "Endurance" is rated "G."



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Reserved, never-married SWF, 22, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, movies and traveling, is looking for a SM, 21-30, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1822

QUALITY TIME
SWF, 44, 5'7", a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys sporting events, NASCAR, fishing, quiet evenings at home and dining out, is seeking a kind, caring SWM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1954

MOVE QUICKLY
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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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 beautiful SF, 46, enjoys walking, traveling, movies and animals. She seeks a SWCM, over 40, who loves life. Ad# 3865

A MIRROR IMAGE
Humorous Catholic SWPF, 26, 5'4", 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...
This DW mom, 34, 5'4", who likes cooking, animals, parks and the outdoors, is looking for a DWCM, 34-45, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad# 2130

SHARE MY LIFE
Comfortable in any situation, this DWCF, 47, 5'8", is seeking a versatile SWCM, 45-58. She enjoys animals, the outdoors and more. Ad# 1951

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ON YOUR MARK
Busy 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 SWCF, 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
Camping, traveling and skiing are just a few activities that this slim and attractive DWCF, 41, 5'7", enjoys doing in her spare time! She's seeking a compatible SWCM, 35-45, for friendship and possibly more. Ad# 9986

TIRED 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

FAMILY VALUES AND LOVE
This well-educated DW mom, 49, 5'7", is hoping that the SM, 35-55, that she hopes to meet will come forward soon. She enjoys sports, quiet evenings of conversation, country living, cooking, the outdoors and more. Ad# 4949

PHONE NOW
This DW mom of one, 29, 5'10", who likes animals, sports, the outdoors and more, is looking for a SWCM, 30-40, who would like to secure a solid future with love and hope. Ad# 5514

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

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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INTERESTED?
Leave a message for this youthful, attractive, petite SWCF, 60, who enjoys living life to the fullest. She would like to share friendship with a sincere, considerate SWM, 59-66. Ad# 2954

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

ALL THAT & CUTE, TOO!
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FOR YOUR LOVE
Contact this WWWW, 45, 5'3", who enjoys sailing and water sports. She would like to share interests with a WWWW, 40-62. Ad# 5936

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

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

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

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If you're interested in a one on one relationship, call this shy, employed DWCF, 47, 5'7", who likes working around the house. She doesn't smoke or drink and wants to meet a SWM, who doesn't either. Ad# 8383

COMPANIONSHIP
Share your life with this attractive DWCF, 58, 5'1", who loves traveling, walking and going to movies. She's looking for a special SWM, 50-62, a N/S, non-drinker, who's loving, caring and understanding. Ad# 7130

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IF YOU ARE...
An educated energetic, humorous SWCM, 53-70, who enjoys life, call this educated, healthy, outgoing, humorous SWCF, 61, 5'2". She enjoys the outdoors, dining out and music. Ad# 1217

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL

Friendly DWCM, 42, 5'7", who enjoys wood crafts, music and the outdoors, hopes for a LTR with a SWF, under 48, who shares similar interests, without children at home. Ad# 9372

WARM AND LOVING
Enjoy music, cooking, the outdoors, travel, family gatherings and more, if you're the SWCF, under 50, who calls this physically fit WWWW, a youthful 59, 5'10", 165lbs., with grayish-brown hair and brown eyes. Ad# 4004

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Attractive, sincere SWF, 57, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, camping and having fun, is looking for a sweet SWM, 50-62. Ad# 1941

SPORTS FAN
She's a DW mom, 33, 4'10". She likes most sports, especially hockey and country music, and is looking for a serious relationship with a DW dad, 30-45, a N/S. Ad# 8567

GIVE ME A JINGLE
Professional DW mom, 34, 5'9", who enjoys family times, boating, snowmobiling, sledding and more, is seeking a SWM, for true friendship and more. Ad# 9610

SET UP A TIME & DAY
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KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS
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CALL IF INTERESTED
Friendly 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

MAGNIFICENT
SWCM, 40, 5'11", who thinks passionately, loves intuitively and lives joyously, is searching for a vital SWCF, 29-46, who loves the arts, for a life enhancing relationship. Ad# 7977

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

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Handsome SWM, 26, 5'10", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, movies, horseback riding and outdoor activities, would enjoy spending time with a sincere, caring, attractive SWF, under 35. Ad# 2328

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 48, to spend time with. Ad# 1579

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Retired WWWW, 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

SHARE MY WORLD
Outgoing, friendly DW dad, 43, 6'1", who enjoys training horses, conversation, traveling, children and living a country lifestyle, is searching for a SCF, 32-50, to share life with. Ad# 4911

ROMANTIC AND EXCITING

SWM, 43, 5'9", 175lbs., who's handsome, educated, honest, caring and knows how to treat a lady, is looking for a slender, educated lady, a SF, 35-45, who knows what she wants. Take a chance, I am. Ad# 1955

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A SPECIAL PERSON
Fun-loving, never-married SWM, 38, 6'1", is seeking a SWF, 22-40, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1122

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Soccer team earning the name "Comeback Team"

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The first half of the conference season. Novi jumped out to big leads and coasted to easy wins. But the second half of the schedule has seen the team fight its way back.

The soccer team allowed Milford to score in the first five minutes of their game against the Redskins last Friday, but came back to score five unanswered goals in the second half en route to a 7-2 win.

Junior forward Kristi Arrington picked up three goals in a six-minute span of the second half to put the game away. The first of those goals saw Arrington take a pass from Megan Parker and use a few quick moves past some defenders before finding the net. Her next goal came at the 14 minute mark, and then another just two minutes later. Allison Cooley and Jenny Corless picked up assists on the last two.

The goals changed the complexion of the game completely. It gave Novi a 6-2 lead and allowed for coach Larry Christoff to utilize his bench.

Sarah Corless had three goals of her own in the game. She scored the first goal of each half and the last goal of the game to give her a hat trick. The first of the two goals came off a pass from Michelle Jewell and tied the game at 1-1. Her goal with 22 minutes left in the game was the game winner. Sarah Clark assisted on that goal.

Arrington's first goal came off a pass from Kristin Shea. She took the pass and launched a shot from about 35 yards out that beat the Milford goal.

"It was a very interesting week," Christoff said. "We were very inconsistent, but much to their credit, they came from behind."

NOVI 3, HARTLAND 1

The Wildcats had just enough to outlast the Eagles in this incident-filled game that saw two Hartland players ejected and a Novi player receive a yellow card.

Like the Milford game, Novi fell behind when Hartland opened the scoring with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. The goal was the lone score of the half, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

But it didn't take long for Novi to get going in the second half. Arrington headed in a pass from Jill Gibson just five minutes into the second half to tie the score at 1-1.

It would stay that way until Gibson again found Arrington going to the goal. The fullback beat four Eagles to the goal and punched it in for her second goal of the game. She would add a third goal with 10 minutes left off yet another pass from Gibson.

Christoff said it was only a matter of time before Arrington broke out against Hartland, which marked her with four to five players in the first half.

"I think they overreacted to her," Christoff said. "They didn't have too much offense because I think they paid too much attention to Arrington. We kind of regrouped and made some good moves of our own in the second half."

"We spread out our offense and they had to release a little bit. They couldn't jam everyone in front of the net."

NOVI 3, SOUTH LYON 2

South Lyon jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Novi countered with two goals in two minutes midway through the first half to get themselves back into it.

Katie Smith found Sarah Clark in the corner, who



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Novi had to come back in three-straight KVC wins this past week, including 2-0 against South Lyon.

connected to pull the 'Cats to within one goal with 17 minutes remaining in the half.

Just two minutes later, Arrington took a Sarah Corless pass and tied the game at 2-2.

"They were bringing the game to us, but we made a few adjustments," the coach said.

The game would go back and forth until Novi scored the game winner off the foot of Sarah Corless

with 28 minutes to play. Gibson assisted on the goal.

Novi will play Salem in the first round of district play Monday night. The winner will play Northville in the semifinals Thursday night at 7 p.m. Canton plays Pinckney in the first round in the other half of the draw with the winner of that game playing South Lyon in the other semifinals.

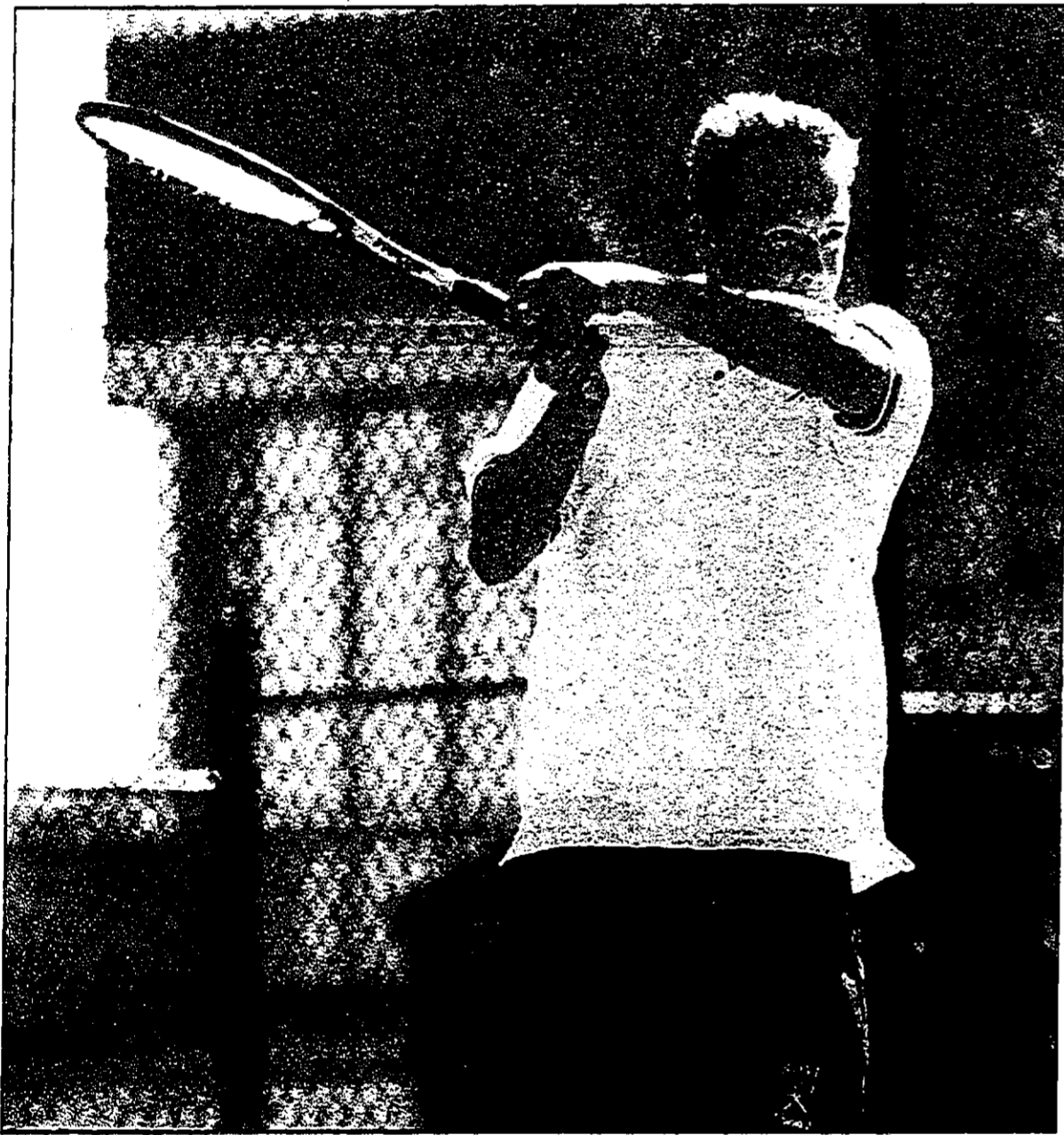


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Novi senior Clayton Perry (above) and teammate Tom Messink won the 2nd doubles KVC title.

Netters conclude perfect KVC season

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Perfection. Total perfection.

The Novi tennis team capped off a perfect season last Saturday by winning the Kensington Valley Conference meet at Novi High School. The Wildcats finished with 20 points, winning five of the eight flights and finishing runnerup in two others.

The win, coupled with Novi's 12-0 finish in league play throughout the regular season, assured the team of its fifth-consecutive league championship. The last four titles have been outright.

"They literally dominated the tournament," a happy coach Jim Hanson said. "There was no doubt coming in that we were the league favorites, with the team we had coming back. But sometimes the hardest thing is to not be overconfident. These kids played one match at a time all year long."

Novi garnered 11 of the 12 points in doubles play, winning championships at first, second and fourth doubles.

Amit Nagar and Tim Torosian were nearly perfect at the top flight. They beat Lakeland 6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals and Milford 6-0, 6-0 in the championship match.

Not far behind, the second doubles team of Tom Messink and Clayton Perry topped their Hartland opponents 6-1, 6-1 in the finals. This after defeating Lakeland 6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals. Both flights were seeded number one and received byes in the first round.

At fourth doubles, Jack Fischer and Yuta Ito were perfect. The duo double bagged South Lyon 6-0, 6-0 as well as Brighton 6-0, 6-0 in the championship match.

Sean Henderson and Geoff Wang were seeded first coming into the No. 3 doubles bracket, but ran into trouble early and often. They won a tight 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 match over Brighton in the semis

before falling to Hartland 3-6, 3-6 in the finals.

Coming as surprise to no one, Novi proved that it had the top two players in the KVC when David Casarubio and Glenn Gabriel breezed to championships at first and second singles.

Casarubio defeated Hartland's Drew Bond 6-2, 6-1 and then pummeled Brighton's Todd Heath 6-1, 6-1 in the finals.

Gabriel won his fourth-consecutive conference championship and his second in a row at second singles. He defeated South Lyon's Kyle Clark 6-0, 6-0 in the semis and then went on to bury Milford's Jason Amell 6-2, 6-1 in the championship.

Senior Brandon Bear fought hard, but fell one set short of winning a KVC title. The third-singles player fell to Milford's Kyle Jasieniecki for the second time in a week, again in three sets 5-7, 6-3, 1-6. He was seeded second coming in and beat Hartland 6-0, 6-1 and Lakeland 6-0, 6-0 to set up the rematch with Jasieniecki.

At fourth singles, Ryan Rose beat South Lyon in his first match, but fell to Hartland's Daren Brevik in the semifinals 2-6, 4-6.

After Novi, it was a battle for second place among three teams. Brighton and Hartland each tied for second with 10 points and Milford was third with nine. Hartland played particularly well in doubles. Milford was strong in singles and Brighton scored in all but one flight for its points. Lakeland was fifth with three points and South Lyon (2) and Howell (1) brought up the rear.

"This was a team we've been building for four years. It was a good, solid veteran team," Hanson said. "Most of these kids have worked hard for four years and I don't think I've ever had a team dominate the league like this."

Earlier last week, the 'Cats concluded their perfect conference regular season with shutout wins over Lakeland and Howell and a 7-1 triumph over

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Novi falls to Hartland, tops Falcons

By DAN KITTLE
Special writer

The Wildcats continued to play solid baseball this week, suffering no let down after three straight convincing KVC victories a week ago.

Although the team had its winning streak come to an end with an exhilarating loss to a tough Hartland ball club on Wednesday, May 12, the end to the surge was very brief. Two days later, Novi handily defeated the Farmington Falcons, 5-0, behind another outstanding performance by lefty phenom A.J. Rowe. The Wildcats were aided by an early offensive outburst that was enough to last the entire game and give the team the victory.

Josh Rzepecki started the game by reaching on an error, and was followed by Jon Cervi singling sharply to left. Rowe then helped his own cause with an opposite field home run, his second of the season, to put the Wildcats on top, 3-0. Catcher Mitch Mater promptly singled, and John Gauruder drove him home with a base hit to give Rowe some more padding on his already increasing lead. In the third, Mater hit his second long ball of the season to deep right, putting the team up, 5-0.

That was all Rowe would need as the southpaw cruised for the six-hit shutout. Striking out 12 opposing hitters, he only walked one

All this came despite being sick for four straight days leading up to Friday's contest. Mater ended up 2 for 2 for the game, while Cervi led the Wildcats with three hits on four trips to the plate. Gauruder chipped in as well, going 2 for 2.

"Farmington was the best-played game we've had all year," said Brendan Hadley following the win.

Rzepecki agreed, adding, "I thought we came together real well, especially in the late innings. Everybody came together and did what they needed to do to earn a victory."

Following the win, coach Brian Howard attributed the team's solid play to, among other things, its defense. "We played a very good ball game," he said. "Our defense was especially good. We hit the ball, and everybody played well."

"We all felt we played well together," commented outfielder Mike Kossik. "And our bats started to come alive again. A.J. pitched pretty well."

Two days prior to the Farmington victory, the team dropped a tough one to KVC opponent Hartland. The Eagles, who had already defeated the Wildcats twice this season, outlasted Novi, 5-4, in a long, nine-inning bout. Rusty Herbst went the entire nine innings for the Wildcats, surrendering seven hits and two walks. He held Hartland to two

earned runs, while he struck out four Eagle hitters.

"The only bad thing about the game was that we lost," said Howard. "Sometimes when you play good teams, you play a good game and you still lose. That was just one of the cases." Offensively, Hadley led the way with his sixth home run of the season in a 1 for 3 effort. Mater added two more hits, while Chris Deary continued to pound the ball, recording yet another hit for the Wildcats.

"Chris Deary's been playing great," Howard commented. "He went 1 for 4, but he hit the ball hard. He's just playing very good ball."

Hadley was somewhat disappointed that his team dropped another close one, but put a positive twist on the loss. "We couldn't pull it out in the end," he said. "Hopefully, though, all these close games will toughen us up for the playoffs and we'll win the close ones when we have to."

With the team's recent play, Howard pointed out the seniors and wanted to commend their great leadership. "We're really starting to get some senior leadership," he remarked. "Deary, Rusty, Derek Ornekian, and John Gauruder are all kind of coming to the front and deciding to be leaders for the year."

"I'm also very pleased with some of the non-starters who are playing. They're coming

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Girls top Howell 90-47

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi girls track team teamed up, literally ran routes to a 90-47 win over Howell May 11.

The squad won three of four relay events and finished 1-2 or 2-3 in nine of the remaining 13 events. The team swept the shot put, 400 meter dash and mile run.

Stephanie Primrose won the shot put with a throw of 30 feet, 11 1/2 inches. Jenny Warner was second at 28-0 and Mary Willerson was third with a throw of 27-3 1/4.

Kristina Terrell and Nicole Bliss were second and third in the 400 meter dash. Michelle Chipponi and Mickie Deary finished fourth and fifth.

Chipponi ended up second in the 800 meter dash and Rose was third in the 1,600 meter dash. Rose was fourth in the 3,200 meter dash.

Novi's other winning relay team was the two-mile quartet of Echols, Ulley, Bethany Kittle and Chipponi. The foursome won the race in 10:43.1.

Rzepecki continued her winning ways in the pole vault, vaulting 8-6 and teammate Beth Rose was second at 6-0. Mary McDonough was second in the high jump at 5-5 and Rose was third in the long jump at 10-0.

Novi managed to place three of the six places. Erin Reid finished third in the 110 hurdles, finishing in a time of 17:71. She finished second in the 300 hurdles, just ahead of teammate Kelly Deary.

12:34.01 and Echols close behind at 12:34.26.

Rzepecki and Christina Parrish finished 1-2 in the 100 and Erin Quinn and Chloe Clark finished 1-3 in the 200.

Parrish, Clark, Kate Rose and Quinn teamed up to grab first in the 800 relay (1:53.06). Rose, Clark and Quinn picked up Rzepecki and took first in the mile relay (4:21.68).

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Senior Derek Ornekian slides back into first base in a game earlier this year for Novi.

Loss of Cameron, Frantz leaves team scrambling

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Playing without your best players can be tough, but that's what the Novi softball team did last week. They toughed it out.

Joelle Frantz is still nursing an injury and the team was also without Katie Cameron last weekend. But despite the losses, Novi still managed to play respectable ball against good competition.

The team traveled to Montross to compete in the Montross Invitational last Saturday, and came home with a 1-2 record in the round-robin tournament. The Wildcats defeated Swartz Creek 17-2, but sandwiched the win between an eightinning, 5-4 loss to Owosso and a 5-2 setback to the Trojans.

In the opening game loss to the Trojans, Novi battled back from a 4-2 deficit entering the seventh inning to tie the game and send it into extra innings. But Owosso scored a run in the top of the eighth and held Novi in the bottom half to preserve the win.

Trailing by two, Megan Colligan led off the seventh inning with a solo homer that made it 4-3. Sarah Bajorek drew a walk and was advanced to second on Erica Briesacher's sacrifice. An out later, after Bajorek had advanced to third base she scored on a wild pitch to tie the game up.

Novi had its share of hits in the game. Colligan was 2 for 5 with two runs scored and a RBI. Bajorek, Emily Dominic and Enn Gibbons. Emily Major were all for 4.

"Looking back on that game, we probably should have won," coach Carol Diglio said. "We just couldn't get the kids in."

Briesacher pitched a complete-game five hitter, striking out nine and walking eight.

In the second game, Novi took advantage of 18 walks handed out by Swartz Creek pitchers. The Cats had just seven hits, but combined them with the walks to mercy their opponents in four innings.

Novi scored 10 runs in third inning to put the game out of reach. Angie Herbst was 2 for 2 with a run and three RBI. Vanessa Bryza was 2 for 2 with a run and two RBI. Bajorek was 2 for 4 with a triple and three RBI. Freshman Krista Kumrow pitched four innings for the win, allowing just two hits and

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Howell next up for Novi

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still have an opportunity to improve on our record."

IN JV ACTION...

The Novi varsity baseball team upped its record to 15-2 with a 17-1 win over Farmington Friday and a split with Walled Lake Western Saturday. The Wildcats defeated the Warriors 3-1 in the second game.

Brandon Davis led the charge, going 6 for 8 and setting a complete-game win against Western.

Jorge Morales was 4 for 5 with five RBI on the weekend.

Tennis team prepares for regional

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0) and Fischer and to (6-2) also romped.

Milford, Novi failed to drop a set against the Highlanders or Eagles.

Against the Redskins, however, Novi did surrender some games.

Bear lost to Jasenicki 6-4, 2-6, 4-6 at third singles. Rose defeated Jim Hest 7-5, 6-3 at fourth. Casarubio and Gabriel won 6-2, 6-2 at first and second singles.

The doubles teams had little trouble picking up wins. Nagar and Torosian won 6-0, 6-3. Messink and Perry rolled 6-1, 6-0 and Henderson and Wang (6-1, 6-

FARMINGTON 4, NOVI 2

The first game without Cameron and Frantz, the Wildcats couldn't get the bats going early on. The Falcons jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings.

Novi came back with two in the sixth. Colligan started things off with a single, and Bajorek followed with a double to put runners on second and third base. Judy Namn hit a sacrifice fly to get the Cats on the board and Briesacher hit a RBI double which scored Bajorek. Novi couldn't put anything together after that.

Briesacher went the distance, striking out six while allowing seven hits and three walks.

NOVI SPLITS WITH HARTLAND

Great pitching led to a 3-2 win in the first game of this doubleheader, but poor defense proved to be the downfall in the second.

Briesacher allowed just four hits to pick up the opening-game win. She struck out two and had a two-RBI double to aid herself. Bajorek had the game-winning RBI single in the fifth inning, which scored Cameron.

In the second game, Novi committed nine errors behind pitchers Cameron and Briesacher in an 11-4 loss. The game was 3-3 heading into the fifth inning, which saw the Eagles score three runs. They would add five more in the seventh to ice the game.

Golfers win first in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi golf team picked up its first Kensington Valley Conference win against Howell last week, 21-4-232.

The Wildcats, who placed fifth ahead of Howell and Lakeland at the pre-KVC meet April 22, played Lakeland Tuesday (after The Novi News went to press) and won 21-4-232. "We matched them with our first two, but then they had another 47 and a 51," Harris said. "My Mercy golfer shot higher than a 51 at Coyote."

NOVI 204, WESTERN 229

The Wildcats used the home-course advantage, whipping up on the Warriors by 25 strokes. Stevens and Western's Emily Charlotte were co-match medalists with a pair of 45s. Noble shot a 49 for Novi, and Vermeulen and Ehlers rounded out the scoring with a 52 and 58.

Novi will compete at the Division I regional at Oak Pointe Golf Course in Brighton tomorrow (Friday). This is the first year the state has gone to four equal divisions for state final competition. There will be 12 teams from each of the four divisions advancing to the state finals. Three teams will advance out of Novi's regional.

Howell pulls out close win over Wildcat track team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It seems like it's been the little things that have beaten the Novi boys' track team this year.

At Milford it was a little thing called "proper officiating," and now at Howell it was an event called the mile relay. Novi was missing two of its key ingredients in the event, and came up a little short in the decisive event.

Evan Foster, Chris Toloff, Ryan Fedronich and Mike Burns finished the race in 3 minutes, 31.95 seconds, but it was not enough as Howell's top team finished in 3:30.76. The five points gave the Highlanders a 71-66 win.

"Somebody had to lose, but nobody really lost," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "There was a lot of pride on the line out there and everybody gave everything they had. We just ran out of firepower."

Seniors Kevin Avenius and Dan Christopherson were nursing injuries and missed the meet. Both compete on the mile relay and are among the teams' best in the 800 meter run.

Thanks to Toloff, Novi didn't miss a beat in that event. The sophomore won it in 2:01.56 and Burns took second in 2:03.68. Toloff and Burns were also both members of the winning two-mile relay team. Burns started off the winning relay, and Toloff anchored it. Mark Avenius and Matt Smith were sandwiched in the middle of the team, which finished in 8:45.70.

The mile run also proved to be a high-scoring event for the Wildcats. Freshman Tim Moore won it in 4:31.94. Burns was second in 4:43.03 and Eric Walle was third in 4:43.74.

Moore, Walle and Toloff swept the two-mile run. Moore won the race in 10:06. Walle was second in

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BASEBALL		Hitting	
KVC Standings		Average	
Brighton	13-2/23-2	Makiko Kawamura (Northville)	.490
Hartland	10-2/18-6	Frantz (Novi)	.486
Howell	10-9/11-10	Bajorek (Novi)	.476
Novi	6-9/9-8	Cameron (Novi)	.471
Lakeland	4-7/8-11	Colligan (Novi)	.454
South Lyon	3-9/7-16	Rice (Northville)	.454
Milford	0-14/2-16	Nekola (Howell)	.410
		Davis (Howell)	.410
Pitching		Home Runs	
Average		Davis (Howell)	4
Garcia (Brighton)	536	Davis (Howell)	3
Hadley (Novi)	524	Cameron (Novi)	2
Brevik (Hartland)	487	Ramsey (South Lyon)	2
Watson (South Lyon)	484		
Edick (Northville)	473	RBI	
Canv (Novi)	463	Makiko Kawamura (Northville)	.19
Deary (Novi)	451	Bajorek (Novi)	.18
E. Biehl (Brighton)	447	Davis (Howell)	.18
Edwards (Northville)	435	Rice (Northville)	.17
Hughes (Northville)	415	Carson (Milford)	.17
Pitching		Hamilton (Brighton)	.15
Won-Loss		Bajorek (Novi)	.15
E. Biehl (Brighton)	4-0	Wheeler (Lakeland)	.15
Nychypo (Hartland)	5-1	Dana (Fowlerville)	.14
Borda (Northville)	5-1	Rice (Northville)	.18
Christner (Brighton)	4-1	Bajorek (Novi)	.18
Reel (Northville)	4-1	Carr (Lakeland)	.17
Craven (Hartland)	4-1	Menard (Fowlerville)	.17
Wodylak (Hartland)	4-1	H. Williams (South Lyon)	.17
Harst (Novi)	1.83	Digsby (Lakeland)	.16
Cameron (Novi)	1.91		
E. Biehl (Brighton)	2.15	Runs	
Creszkowski (Hartland)	2.25	Cameron (Novi)	23
		Barker (Milford)	22
Strikeouts		Dana (Fowlerville)	19
Curry (Fowlerville)	.69	Rice (Northville)	18
Borda (Northville)	.50	Bajorek (Novi)	18
Barker (Milford)	.45	Carr (Lakeland)	17
Nychpor (Hartland)	.45	Menard (Fowlerville)	17
Craven (Hartland)	.41	H. Williams (South Lyon)	17
Coil (Fowlerville)	.36	Digsby (Lakeland)	16
Soil (Fowlerville)	.36		
Craven (Hartland)	.35	Pitching	
Rowe (Novi)	.34	Frantz (Novi)	.12-1
SOFTBALL		Emas (Northville)	11-4
KVC Standings		Sharp (Brighton)	7-3
Novi	14-2/17-7	Buckless (Brighton)	5-3
Brighton	10-4/13-6	Briesacher (Novi)	4-2
Hartland	10-6/14-10	Wheeler (Lakeland)	11-9
Lakeland	9-9/11-9		
Howell	7-9/10-10	ERA	
South Lyon	1-13/5-18	Frantz (Novi)	0.38
Milford	1-15/8-23	Piepho (Howell)	1.77
		Sharp (Brighton)	2.04



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Health Column

A new hope for renal failure

New Hope for Renal Failure: U-M's Bio-Artificial Kidney

Researchers at the University of Michigan are developing a bio-artificial kidney that uses living kidney cells to duplicate nearly all the functions of a healthy organ. While still in the experimental stage, the bio-artificial kidney could one day provide life-saving treatment for thousands of people with serious kidney disease.

"The kidney is the first human organ for which a mechanical substitute - the kidney dialysis machine - was designed," said H. David Humes M.D., the John G. Searle professor of internal medicine at the U-M Medical School. "We believe it also will be the first organ to have a fully functioning, implantable substitute created with the new science of tissue engineering."

Humes and his U-M research team recently completed animal testing of a key component of the bio-artificial kidney, called a Renal Tubule Assist Device. This device is designed for use outside the body to treat acute kidney failure, each year in the United States, about 190,000 people face this life-threatening condition, in which the kidneys suddenly shut down as a result of infection or injury. Individuals with acute renal failure typically spend at least ten days in intensive care attached to a hemofiltration unit, which removes toxic waste products from their blood. Even with advanced medical care, more than 50 percent of these patients die

before their kidneys can recover.

In a study published in the May '99 issue of "Nature - Biotechnology," Humes describes how the Renal Tubule Assist Device, connected to a standard hemofiltration unit, helped improve kidney function in laboratory animals with acute renal failure.

According to Humes, kidney cells lining hollow fibers in the device reabsorb vital electrolytes, water and glucose filtered out of blood during hemofiltration, in addition to producing other important molecules. Without these substances, the patient cannot fight off infections and maintain a normal fluid balance. In Humes' study, the device reabsorbed about 50 percent of water and other important molecules, an amount similar to the reabsorption capacity of a normal kidney.

Pending FDA approval, human clinical trials for the Renal Tubule Assist Device in patients with acute kidney failure could begin as early as this fall.

Within five years, Humes hopes to develop additional components of the bio-artificial kidney for patients with chronic renal failure - a gradual deterioration of kidney function that currently affects over 300,000 people in the United States, a number that is growing by about 6 percent each year. People with chronic kidney failure undergo kidney dialysis treatment several times each week to remove toxic waste products from

their blood. The procedure is expensive and has serious side effects.

"Our goal is to bring all the components for a bio-artificial kidney together in one implantable device that will carry out all the functions of a natural kidney," Humes says. "We hope that one day it will be available as a universal-donor organ. This could eliminate the shortage of kidneys for transplant, end long waiting times for transplant organs and replace dialysis as a treatment for chronic renal failure."

Research on the bio-artificial kidney is being conducted at the Ann Arbor Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Funding to support the research is provided by the National Institutes of Health, the VA Research Service and Nephros Therapeutics Inc. - a private company established to develop U-M research on kidney tissue engineering into commercial products. Nephros holds exclusive licensing rights to develop the technology; the U-M has applied for several patents. U-M, Nephros and Humes hold a financial interest in this new technology.

Additional information on the U-M's bio-artificial kidney development project is available on the U-M Health System's Telecare line. Call 1-800-742-2300 and select category No. 1010 or on the World Wide Web, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/> and select Health Tip of the Week.

Upgrade increases benefits for patients

According to a new study in today's "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association," upgrading the "search-and-destroy" treatment that removes the abnormal heart tissue responsible for irregular heart rhythms may permit more individuals to benefit from the procedure.

The treatment, radiofrequency ablation, is needed because, in the majority of individuals, drugs are ineffective in controlling the serious irregular heart rhythms called atrial tachycardia. While not immediately dangerous to most patients, this abnormal rhythm imposes an extra burden on them that eventually may damage the heart and lead to congestive heart failure, a condition in which the heart is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's demands. The only way to control the condition of these patients is to find the source of the abnormal beats in the heart and to destroy the culprit tissue by radiofrequency ablation.

"Because the electrode technique currently used for detecting abnormal heart rhythms is time-consuming and technically difficult, it is not suitable for all individuals with irregular heartbeats. Many individuals who could be benefiting from the ablation therapy cannot do so," says lead author Claus Schmitt M.D., head cardiologist of the Electrophysiology Department at the Deutsches Herzzentrum Muenchen, in Munich, Germany.

In the study, Schmitt and his colleagues tested

a new 64-electrode "basket" catheter that transmits signals in many directions simultaneously. The standard catheter has only about four to ten electrodes for mapping the heart. "The multi electrode basket catheter adds a new dimension to mapping the electrical signals of the heart for better treatment of abnormal heart beats," says Schmitt. "The multi electrode catheter used in this study provides, within only a few beats of the patient's heart, a three-dimensional map of electrical activity in the patient's atrium. This information allows the cardiologist to quickly pinpoint the source of the abnormal heart rhythm. Moreover, the new catheter, which encircles the heart chamber, does not have to be moved around to locate the source of the abnormal signal," Schmitt says.

With the upgraded technique, physicians insert the multiple electrode-bearing catheter into a person's blood vessel and guide it into the heart to search for the tissue housing the abnormal rhythm. Once the abnormal heart tissue is detected, radiofrequency heat destroys the tissue. Radiofrequency ablation destroys only a small bit of tissue. The procedure causes little or no discomfort and is performed under mild sedation and local anesthesia. Its success rate is greater than 90 percent with a low risk of complications.

In the study, the new catheter detected the tissue source of abnormal heartbeats in 31 patients

with atrial tachycardia. After identifying the location of the abnormal tissue, the physicians treated 16 of the 31 patients by "burning" their abnormal tissue. Fifteen of these patients were cured, and no treatment complications were seen in the 16 patients. These cure rates are comparable to results reported from other studies, the authors report.

The new device was used on patients with suspected right atrial tachycardia because the right atrium is the easiest heart chamber to access, Schmitt says. He and his colleagues expect it may ultimately prove effective in mapping other kinds of abnormal heart rhythms. For example, it could be used in patients with irregular heartbeat arising from the heart's ventricles, a location that is also difficult to map.

Co-authors of the study are: Bernhard Zrenner M.D.; Michael Schneider M.D.; Martin Karch M.D.; Gjin Ndrepepa M.D.; Isabel Deisenhofer M.D.; Sonja Weyerbrock M.D.; Jurgen Schreckel M.D.; and Albert Schomig M.D.

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Heart disease is the number one killer in Michigan claiming 35,899 lives in 1996. Michigan's CVD Death Rate is the 12th worst in the country. Michigan minorities and females are at great risk for developing cardiovascular disease.

Iris Parlangeli, American Heart Association, Director of Communications.

Health Notes

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Martial Arts for Special Children

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This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

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

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

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

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

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee. Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

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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.

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