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Four for mayor

August primary's expected

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

An August primary may be needed now that three candidates have stepped up to challenge Mayor Kathleen McLallen's quest for a fourth term in office.

As of the June 3 filing deadline, Richard Clark, Michael Meyer and Craig Kortlandt joined McLallen in the race for the two-year post.

In 1997, McLallen was unopposed in her bid for a third term. "You only get one free ride," she said Monday.

"We're going to get a good airing of the city's issues. Obviously, you're going to have four points of view. Interestingly enough, three of those points of view have been around for awhile."

With four residents declaring their candidacy for Novi mayor, voters may need to narrow the numbers down in an August 3 primary.

City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said Monday she could not say a primary for Novi mayor was definite because her staff was still reviewing petitions. But by Wednesday morning, she said the additional election seemed very likely.

A primary is triggered when the

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Above, Novi High Assistant Principal John Lawrence congratulates a senior. Left, the thin green line awaits their diplomas.



They're gonna party like it's what year?

Class of '99 graduates

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi High School celebrated the graduation of the last senior class of the twentieth century Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

School officials, parents and friends of 337 graduating seniors filled the seats, watching as Novi High School's thirty-first graduating class received their diplomas and turned their tassels.

Before the ceremony, graduating senior Brent Ciaverilla said he was very glad to be out of high school and wanted to thank his

parents for their support. Ciaverilla will be attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City to pursue a career in the culinary arts. Seniors Mike Kurtti, Tami

Krause and Shane LaFleur said they were very excited, but also had a touch of nervousness. Each thanked their parents for helping them along the way, and wished their classmates well in the

future. LaFleur added he wanted to tell his high school classmates to "keep it real."

Kurtti said he is planning on attending cadet basic training at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. LaFleur is going to Central Michigan University to major in computer information systems and engineering. Krause said she is planning on enrolling in Schoolcraft College in the fall, but does not have a major in mind yet.

During the ceremony, class officers had a chance to address their

fellow classmates one last time.

Jessica Cash, vice-president of the Class of 1999, reminded her classmates that graduation is not only the start of something new in their lives, but also the end of an event they have been a part of for a long time.

She told her classmates to remember what they have learned in the past and urged them to use it to guide the to the future.

Class President Alaina Chipponeri also spoke to her fellow classmates, stressing the impor-

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Clark and Meyer enter the lists

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Two more hopefuls have declared their candidacy for Novi mayor.

At the June 3 filing deadline, Richard Clark and Michael Meyer announced plans to run for the city council's leadership position, along with Novi High School senior Craig Kortlandt and incumbent Kathleen McLallen, who'd like a fourth term on the job.

Clark was appointed by the city council in 1995 to fill the council seat vacated by the death of Tim Pope. Meyer is a former Novi School Board member now on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Both say they are running because they believe Novi voters are looking for a change and feel Novi voters need to feel they are a part of the process more.

According to Meyer, voters want the ability to give more input to the city council and mayor and these public officials should be more open to that input.

"People feel they are not being listened to," Meyer said.

"This is an intelligent electorate, they want to feel they are being included."

He added he believes Novi residents are looking for a change in the way Novi does business into

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Eda Weddington, husband Jim Antoskiak and cat Lucy box stuff for New Mexico.

It's wagons west for city volunteers

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Eda Weddington and Jim Antoskiak are more than a two-career couple.

They've been a two-chair pair.

Weddington chaired the Novi Planning Commission, Antoskiak the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Now the community's losing them both to early retirement.

The Planning Commission hosted a reception June 2 in honor of both at the Novi Civic Center. They took an early retirement and moved to New Mexico earlier this week.

She's a real estate development lawyer in private practice; he's an attorney on the staff of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

Weddington, who has been on the commission for six years, said she hopes she made an impact in Novi, especially in her goal of protecting Novi's natural resources.

"They are always threatened by development, but people do have the right to use their property," she said.

"It is always difficult to strike a reasonable balance."

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On transplant list, Rotary leader dies

By JAN JEFFRES
 Editor

Former Novi Rotary president Tom Fry had big plans for how he'd live his life when he recovered from the lung transplant he so optimistically awaited.

"He hoped to play golf. Pay off his medical bills. Get active with the Rotary again. And above all work actively for a cause he supported as a relatively recent convert, encouraging people to register as organ donors."

Of these dreams, Fry, 54, partially fulfilled one, his support of organ donations.

For Fry, the two years spent on the University of Michigan Lung

Transplant Program waiting list were too long.

He died on June 2. Due to the drugs

he took for his fatal illness, pulmonary fibrosis, most of his organs could not be salvaged.

But his corneas were rushed to others.

"Before last weekend, two people were with Tom's corneas. That just gives our family so much comfort. Now two people can see,"

said his sister, Susan Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico. "If they happen to see the world a little brighter, we'll all choose to think that was Tom."

A memorial service will be held at his Fenton home on June 12, which would have been Fry's 55th birthday.

Along with Jones, he is survived by his children, Tom, Joe and Stephanie; his 85-year-old father,

Susan Jones, Tom Fry's sister

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Novi 'Vals' and 'Sals' rack up impressive record

As Novi High School celebrated the graduation of the last class of the 20th century from its school today, the following students were recognized for their academic ability and achievements by being named valedictorians.

VALEDICTORIANS

Elizabeth Ann Bueck
School/Community Activities: French Club, Freshman and JV Basketball, JV and Varsity Soccer, Varsity Gymnastics, JV Band, etc.

Yuta Ito
School/Community Activities: Varsity Tennis, Wildcat Renaissance, Community Volunteer Service, etc.

Phillip Kadaj
School/Community Activities: Representative Health Committee, Freshman

Albert Kim
School/Community Activities: Renaissance Treasurer, Detroit Edison NIA Chapter President, etc.

David Langham
School/Community Activities: Novi Marching Band, Symphony Band, Nov Singers, etc.

Matthew Moler
School/Community Activities: Student Government, Varsity Soccer, Nov Parks and Recreation, etc.

Lauren Parkins
School/Community Activities: Varsity Cheer team, Student Council, etc.

Laura Pletcher
School/Community Activities: Volleyball, Softball, SADD, FISH, etc.

Lindsay Root
School/Community Activities: Interact Club, Thespian Troupe No. 2935, etc.

Ann Superflsky
School/Community Activities: drum major of Marching Band, etc.



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Mark Swast
School/Community Activities: Student Council Executive Board Vice President, etc.

Geoffrey Wang
School/Community Activities:

Glenn Gabriel
School/Community Activities: Varsity Tennis, school newspaper staff.

Shoshana Glick
School/Community Activities: Forensics Team captain, Quiz Bowl, etc.

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Jerry Lin
School/Community Activities: tutoring, church work, International Club, etc.

Alan Lykawa
School/Community Activities: French Club, Varsity Soccer Captain, etc.

Kimberly Tuller
School/Community Activities: Spanish Club tutoring, Freshman, etc.

Nicholas Thornton
School/Community Activities: Odyssey of the Mind, Musical Productions, etc.

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Tom Fry with an oxygen tank.

Former councilman, school board member in race

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School elections Monday

Voters have a chance to give a vote of confidence Monday to three Novi School Board members who are running without any competition. Incumbents Carol Elfring and Ann Newton are unopposed in the school election for two four-year terms. Incumbent Bruce Bagdady is alone on the ballot for a one-year term.
 Polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.
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ATE looks into bomb

A Novi man was arrested Monday in the rear parking lot of the Maxxim office building for detonating an explosive device within city limits. Several people called the Novi police, reporting around 3:30 p.m. the sounds in the parking lot at 42400 Grand River Avenue.
 Office employees said they saw smoke. There were no injuries in this incident.
 Eyewitness reports enabled the police to arrest the suspect. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was called in to assist. Police do not know what type of device caused the explosions, but have sent fragments in for testing. The Novi man arrested has indicated he will not talk. He is being held without bond.

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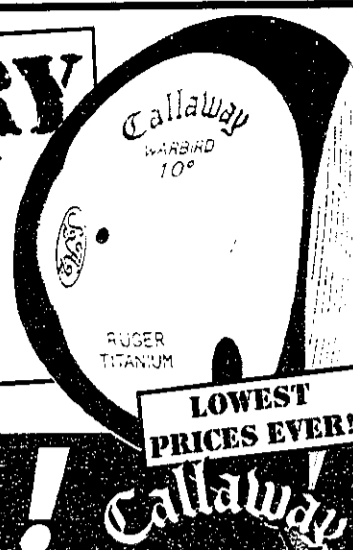
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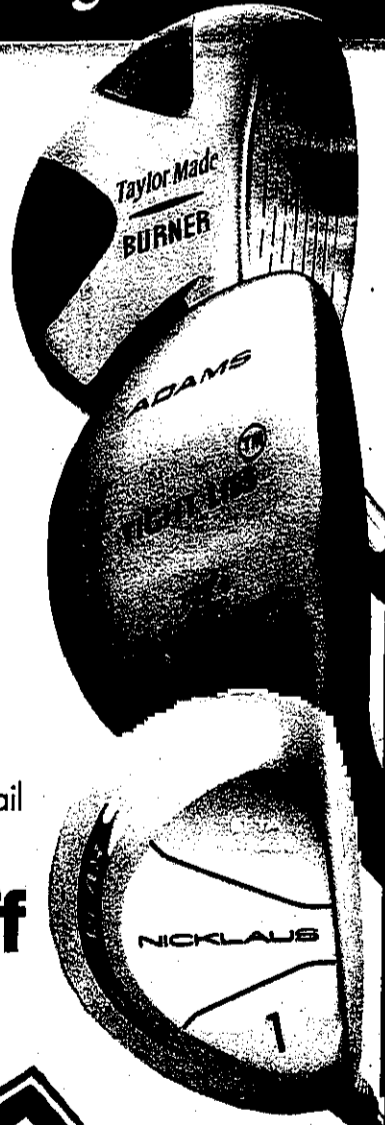
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Chainsaw Artist

Detroit native carves
his own niche in
Northville, Novi...

Story by CHRIS C. DAVIS
Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Chainsaw artist Ken Boshell wields his Stihl saw on a large great horned owl he's creating for a homeowner.

When Ken Boshell says he's got a good buzz going at work, don't jump to conclusions.

It's all part of the job for the Detroit native, who for the past 28 years has made his living with the whine of a chainsaw and flying wood chips.

Boshell and his partner, Milan Szkipala, are the two faces behind the Chainsaw Artist trucks which appear in Northville and Novi to transform trees or stumps of trees into works of art. He's created everything from dolphins to saints to owls to golfers, but Boshell received zero formal training in art or sculpture before he took up his craft. The closest he came to carving was while he worked as a butcher.

"Lamb chops have never been the same since," he quipped.

Then came a span of odd jobs, including a period where he sold encyclopedias. Getting over his shyness wasn't easily done, he said.

"I used to be a real introvert," Boshell said.

"Now I've got diarrhea of the lips and I can't shut up."

He turned the corner in his professional life while he was en route to a sales call for hearing aids. While driving down a road one day, Boshell was struck by a mailbox along the side of the road carved in the shape of a tiki, a Polynesian god.

Taken by its beauty, Boshell stopped and spoke with the owner, who told him how he'd created the item from a railroad tie. Wielding a hammer and chisel to start, Boshell tried his hand at it.

"They looked pretty good, but I didn't realize how popular they'd become," he said.

People began buying up the small gods almost as fast as Boshell could make them. His then-wife suggested that he try his hand at other forms. Soon, the tiki's were joined by dogs, ducks, and sinister frogs with severed hands in their mouth, inspired by the B-grade horror film, "Frogs."

Eventually, Boshell said he worked his way up to larger-sized items. As his reputation spread and business blossomed, Boshell was called upon by people from all over — and to create some wild items.

"I had one family who wanted me to make them a giant egg in the backyard," Boshell recalled. "I asked them what it was for, and they told me it was for a pterodactyl nest."

On another instance, Boshell was called upon by a man living next to a neighbor he'd been bickering with. The man asked Boshell to carve him an eagle on a perch. It was carved facing the neighbor's yard.

When the bird was completed, one of its talons firmly gripped the branch — the other also held fast, but with one of its claws strategically and discreetly extended in the direction of the neighbor's home.

Most recently, Boshell has been working on an owl which was ordered by a family in Rochester. It's approximately 6 feet tall and cost the purchaser around \$3,000. Prices for the carvings start at around \$400.

Through his career, he's created pieces for Chris Schenkel of ABC's "Wide World of Sports," and for the Pensacola, Fla., Golf Association, which asked Boshell to make an item as a gift for comedian Bob Hope.

On a more local level, Szkipala created a wooden Stanley Cup in honor of the Detroit Red Wings NHL championship.

Boshell has made appearances on local and national television explaining his craft. He now operates in Northville, but used to work north of what is now the First Church of the Nazarene in Novi.

Chainsaw art carries a high overhead price tag, but Boshell and Szkipala trimmed that down (if you'll pardon the pun) when they were given a corporate sponsorship by the Stihl company.

"It's great, because I don't have to buy any more equipment," he said.

The equipment he has includes a variety of chainsaws, ranging from about 12 inches in length to a 4-foot monster and a fleet of three trucks — all of which are more than 10 years old. Detailing is still done with a hammer and chisel.

Chainsaw work does carry a heightened risk of injury, but Boshell said he'd only had two near misses in his life. The first came when he nearly completely severed one of his fingers, and other other came when he nearly severed his head.

"I was using an electric chainsaw, and one of the T-shirts I was wearing got caught in the chain," he said. "The shirt pulled the saw right up to my neck, but all I got were a few scratches. I was lucky."

While he's doing his work, Boshell wears eye, ear and face protection, as well as the signature Stihl suspenders.

Boshell said that he's being forced from his work because of medical conditions, which weren't brought on from the carving. He's taken a few vacations in his life — mostly to casinos — but when he finally hangs it up, he'll be heading to Death Valley, Calif.

"I'll probably be a custodian or a cook or something like that," he said. "I'll work for eight hours and then lie by the pool all day."

But even though he's giving up a job he loves, Boshell said he's leaving the company in good hands.

"(Szkipala) knows what he's doing," Boshell said. "He's faster at it and does better work than I can. He'll do just fine."

For his part, Szkipala said he had his background in woodcarving while working in his native Romania. He hooked up with Boshell in 1992 after Boshell had completed work for a Grosse Pointe resident Szkipala knew.

"All I'd done in the past was altars in churches," he said. "I didn't even know how to start a chainsaw."

But after meeting Boshell and learning the craft, Szkipala learned the skill and said he and Boshell now have a strong working relationship. The two share the duties, but Szkipala said he focuses on the detail work, which is still performed with a hammer and chisel.

"It really adds a lot to the carving," he said.

When Boshell leaves, chainsaw artistry will become Szkipala's to handle alone. But that doesn't mean Boshell plans on leaving carving alone. I ask him: Has he ever done ice carving before?

"No, but I'd like to learn," he said. "They probably need someone to do that out at the resorts."

Boshell and Szkipala can be reached at (810) 977-7856, or at their website: www.treecarvings.com.

"I had one family who wanted me to make them a giant egg in the backyard. I asked them what it was for, and they told me it was for a pterodactyl nest."

— Ken Boshell,
sculptor

School dress codes: styles change but the debate remains the same

Northville High School's dress code and lunch policy were variously defended and criticized at Monday's Northville board of education meeting... as representatives of the student body sought adoption of a new code drawn up by the student council.

During almost two hours of discussions among students, board members and administrators, there was little doubt that the "generation gap" exists here.

Board president Stanley Johnson, observing that he had seen some "outfits that seem like costumes," questioned reasons for dissatisfaction with the present broad code adopted in 1964.

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By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

First it was the Flapper look. Then it was the James Dean look. Next came the Hippies, the Valley Girls, the punks, the grungers.

Get the picture? Styles of dress have changed a lot through the years. But the debate over what students should be allowed to wear to school has remained consistent — youth seemingly wanting one thing and adults wanting another. That topic came to a head in Northville 30 years ago this week.

1999 CENTURY IN REVIEW 2000

In 1999, the issue remains as pertinent as ever to Northville High School principal Tom Johnson.

"From our standpoint, the question about dress revolves around whether or not it's appropriate," Johnson said.

But what exactly is "appropriate?" Johnson said that matter has been intentionally left up for interpretation by school officials in an effort to give greater flexibility to administrators.

Both in the past and now, Johnson said, T-shirts promoting drug, tobacco or alcohol consumption are off-limits, as are halter tops, exceedingly short shorts and baseball caps.

"What it all boils down to is determining whether or not what a kid is wearing is a distraction to the learning environment," he said. "If we see it as a disruption in the classroom, it's got to go. Other than that, it's pretty wide open."

As of late, Johnson said there haven't been many problems at Northville High

with school dress. He said there were a small number of challenges three or four years ago when combat boots became all the rage.

"There were people who were wearing red shoelaces to symbolize one thing and white shoelaces to symbolize something else," Johnson said. "We made the determination that combat boots needed to be worn with black shoelaces if that's the kind of footwear they chose to wear."

Right now, Johnson said, the "look" among high schoolers is extremely baggy, wide-legged blue jeans and 1970s-style shirts.

"And though he wears a dress shirt, and tie to work every day now, Johnson recalled what the rebels of his day were seen sporting to school.

"It was pegged pants, anything pink and black, and wearing your shirt collar turned up and curled," he said. "Get a

flat-top with fenders and you were downtown."

But if you think the question over what's hip to wear only goes back to the turn of the century, think again. Brighton fashion historian Jomarie Soszynski said that the "look" has been an issue ever since Victorian times — a subject near and dear to many in Northville.

"Things don't really change that much," Soszynski said. "In the 1860s, the younger set was wearing a blouse of one color and a skirt of another one. That was really wild for the time, since the 'proper' look was to have one color throughout."

— Jomarie Soszynski
fashion historian

Those kinds of differences suggest that a generation gap in fashion has existed much longer than most people realize, she said.

"To say that in 1969 was the time when things started to get crazy really

isn't accurate," Soszynski said. "People that were going to set fashion trends have always looked to youth."

More recently, Soszynski said television and movies have helped set the standard for "in" looks, or at least portions thereof. She said that while wild outfits worn by adolescents may not be done in their entirety by the mainstream population, certain elements of them are regularly borrowed.

"You might see a designer pick up on a certain color or fabric, and suddenly everyone's wearing it," she said.

But while there's certainly a flavor-of-the-month portion to the school fashion world, Soszynski said one look has never gone out of style: the school uniform. That style of dress, she said, has been consistent through the years, give or take some minor modifications.

"White blouse and plaid skirt for the girls, khakis, blue blazer and tie for the boys," she said. "It looks the same now as when I was growing up."

Soszynski said that parents who get apprehensive because their son or daughter is sporting a new style of dress usually don't need to worry.

"My daughter was really into the Madonna-look when she was wearing her underwear on her head, and now she thinks back to those days and just cringes," Soszynski said. "There's a real ebb and flow to this sort of thing."

Hotels become innovative in competing for new customers

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

The blue light signs and giant balloons along Interstate 75 are urging travelers to spend the evening with them.

From buses, chains and independent hotels to a list of amenities, hoping one will get a weary person in the front door.

But amid all the competition, are hotels going after customers in the right way? Yes, said an Michigan State University hotel business expert, but it's getting tougher to do so.

Bonnie Knutson, a professor of hospitality business at Michigan State University, said that hotel marketing experts save 30 to 40 years ago suggested that it was in the best interest of hotels and motels to plan a decade in advance for programs and projects.

These days, it's tough to get even a five-year plan, what with the rapidly-changing face of the lodging industry.

Knutson said that in her experience, the hotel industry these days is dominated by the Three Cs: convenience, cost and consumer values.

In order to market themselves effectively, Knutson said hotels and motels continue to seek an answer to the question they've asked for years — why are travelers traveling?

"A lot of what hotels do depends on why their guests are on the road," Knutson said. "The reason for a trip is one of the major underlying factors in why people

stay at certain locations and not at others."

And since so much of the business that comes into the Detroit suburbs — including Novi and Northville — is in town for business rather than pleasure, it often translates into hectic schedules that make almost every second precious.

"Time is as much a currency as dollars are these days," Knutson said. "In a very real sense, time is more money now than it's ever been."

With that as background, Knutson said many travelers are looking for almost any amenity which reduces the minutes that take away from productivity while staying in a hotel room, she said. Such things could be as simple as having extra towels automatically placed in a room to having an electronic kiosk in the lobby area which speeds up check-in procedures, she said.

Even something as simple as the availability of open electrical sockets and phone jacks means much to the business traveler of the 90s, she said.

"So many hotels are doing renovations to their properties in the last few years that they sometimes overlook the wall sockets," she said. "If there's a lamp connected to one outlet and a clock to another and that's all that's nearby the desk someone needs to work at, that laptop computer the person brought isn't going to work very well."

The second 'C' — cost — is also playing heavily in traveler's decisions,

she said. While many travelers begrudgingly accept the fact that hotels raise their rates regularly and steadily, they also expect amenities in the hotels to make their stay comfortable and productive.

A big draw for travelers: a fitness room.

"Years ago, after a long day at the office, someone would come back to their room and have a couple of martinis and click on the tube for an hour," Knutson said. "These days, it's a matter of getting on the treadmill and running for two miles."

Knutson said research has suggested that hotel patrons were strongly against breaking their fitness routines once they'd gotten into a rhythm.

Very subtle differences between properties are more often than not the factor which pushes a traveler into staying at Hotel A instead of Hotel B, Knutson said. Those differences are often found in the employees and management of the hotel.

"If I'm trying to start a new hotel in Novi or Northville, I could borrow my competitor's room design and their menus and make my prices at the same level, but the one thing I can't duplicate are the people who work there," she said. She said she knew of one traveler whose choice of hotels was almost entirely determined by the friendly and helpful personality of one bellman.

"Regardless of all the technological advancements made, people still want that human contact," she said.



Birthdays

Junior Girl Scouts Hannah Brinza, Andrea Petres, Lauren Butwill, and Sarah Patton show the items they collected for birthday boxes that the girls donated to Civic Center. The girls are from Troop 799 at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville and created the project to earn their leadership badge. The boxes contained items to make any child's birthday day complete — cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, cups, hats and party favors.

Looking for bargains? Be sure to check out the finds in the classifieds.

Novi Highlights

NOVI SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

This club was formed in 1969 and is probably one of the oldest senior citizen groups in the Novi area.

It has been decided to change potluck lunches at the Novi Civic Center to going out for lunch — let someone else "do the cooking." Some of the local restaurants visited include: Steve & Rocky's for Christmas lunch, the Olive Garden, Kim's Gardens and for this month, lunch at the Oxford Inn. The club does not charge dues; all activities are on a "dutch treat" basis.

Some members have formed a 9 a.m. Breakfast Club which meets every Tuesday at the local restaurant. Their visits have included Ruffles in South Lyon, Art's in Walled Lake, Peppi's in Farmington, Novi's Tasteries, Leon's in the Wixom area, as well as MacDonald's in Wixom. Usually, there are about 15-20 in attendance.

Recognition of birthdays is a new activity — they usually go to Bill Knapp's or a restaurant selected by the birthday person. Recently held was Will Peters' birthday celebration with 20 guests present.

A corsage and a dozen roses were given to Hildred Hunt in celebration of her 100th birthday.

No business meetings have been held since the club has been going out for lunch. Outgoing officers Ray Martin and Vera Van Wormer have been in charge of the lunch programs. Frances Daleo schedules breakfast locations from group suggestions as to where they would like to go. Betty Wade is the "Sunshine Person" who sends "get well" cards to those who are ill.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A newly formed group within the

chamber, "Home-Based Business Network," recently sponsored a program with representatives from Excel Communications; Omnipoint, and Wavetech Inc. They discussed state-of-the-art communication systems for the home and office followed by a question and answer period.

Appearing at last week's popular Lunch and Learn program was Greg Holland, store manager for Nordstrom's at the Somerset Collection. His presentation emphasized "Customer Service."

A chamber luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at the Novi Hilton located at 2111 Haggerty. Networking will start at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon and a 12:30 p.m. program. Special guest speaker will be Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Sheriff. Reservations must be prepared to the chamber office by June 11; call 349-3743 for information or reservations.

The annual "Chamber Challenge" will start at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16 at the Catalina Golf Club in South Lyon. The Novi Chamber will be challenging the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber; the winning team will take the Chamber Challenge Golf Trophy home. Although last year's score was very close, Farmington walked away with the trophy. The weekend program for Farmington was 44-18 with Novi Chamber coming in at 44-66.

The next Networking Mixer will be held June 30, from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Curigian Record Storage Co. Cost for the session is \$5 prepaid or at the door.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The new summer brochure with information for children and teen programs is available; registration is held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Community Education office on

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

The church rummage sale held last weekend proved to be quite successful. The youth made can-

dles which were sold at the rummage sale. All proceeds were designated for the church building fund.

Following Sunday's service, June 6, volunteers changed into their planting clothes to continue with the ongoing landscape project. The church family has been working on this project since May 2; removing overgrown evergreens, cleaning flower beds, and seeding the grounds. Much of the planting took place May 15 followed by what they did on Sunday. New landscaping was planted in the front and east side of the church, also cleanup in the Memorial Garden, and the replanting of a flower bed. Later on, the church plans to have a new sign with attractive landscaping around it and on the side of the driveway.

The next fellowship breakfast is scheduled for June 13 with the Stewardship Committee serving pancakes, sausages and juice.

Organist Paul Herrington is organizing a choir with 10 a.m. practice on Sunday mornings. The choir will not be singing at every service but on special occasions.

The regular Sunday School classes are now on summer break. The Rev. Harding is making arrangements for summer lessons to be taught during the 11 a.m. worship service.

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NOVI HIGHLIGHTS

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

Walled Lake teachers honored at meeting

Every year in Walled Lake Schools, each school selects a Teacher of the Year and, from those, finalists are selected by a committee. The process includes a presentation and essay by each finalist and then the committee selects the District Teacher of the Year. This year's selection is William Fox, Walled Lake Western High school history teacher.

Nominees were: Cathleen Black, Commerce; Jill Jones, Dublin; Pamela Wesley, Glenary; Andrea Mara, Mary Helen Guest; Barbara Oatley, Hickory Woods; Barbara Brad, Keith; Julie Schryer, Loon Lake; Kathleen Dougherty, Maple; Joan Satovsky, Oakley Park; Angela Smith, Pleasant Lake; Laura Smith, Twin Beach; Benjamin

Matonis, Walled Lake; Antonia Mimkos, Wixom; Elaine Augustine, Banks; Judith Leggett, Smart; Linda LaChance, Walled Lake; Margaret Meyer, Walnut Creek; Robert Ervin, Central; William Fox, Western; Nancy Anderson, Community High; and Larry Konyha, OTC-SW.

At the May 20 Walled Lake Schools Board meeting, Golden Apple Awards were presented to Bridgette Spencer, who was nominated while a substitute bus driver and Deborah Robinson, custodial foreman at Walled Lake Central.

The board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17 at the Educational Services center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Cooke teacher receives Toyota time grant award

Karen Simms, a teacher at Cooke Middle School, is one of only 35 teachers across the country to receive a 1998 Toyota time grant. The grants, of up to \$10,000 each, are geared toward improving mathematics education by giving kindergarten through 12th grade teachers the support they need to develop and implement innovative mathematics projects. Simms' project was selected from more than 800 applications by a panel of

mathematics education experts. Simms' project titled "Integrating Technology into the Northville Public School," aims to help students become learners for the 21st century. Students will learn to integrate technology with geometry, apply geometry concepts and learn computer programming.

Simms teaches math to sixth graders at Cooke Middle School where she has taught for one year.

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Annual Art in the Sun scheduled for June 19

The weekend of June 19 and 20 Northville comes alive with color for the annual fine art show "Art in the Sun" sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. During this weekend, the streets of downtown Northville will be closed to traffic but open to a brilliant display of fine art.

More than 150 exhibitors from Michigan and surrounding states will take part in this juried fine art show.

Come relish their unique products, the Victorian atmosphere, special sales at downtown merchants, and experience outdoor dining with food specialties from Northville area restaurants while enjoying entertainment in the vintage bandshell.

Entertainment is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in the bandshell between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m.

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For more information, please contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

Entry deadlines extended for July 3 Northville parade

We have extended the deadline for the 128th annual Fourth of July parade. From now until June 25 you have an opportunity to recapture the charm and excitement of a hometown event. Join the Northville Township foundation as it coordinates the 128th annual Fourth of July parade this year to be held on Saturday, July 3.

We are still seeking participants, sponsors, and donations for the parade. The theme for this year's parade will be "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Floats, cars and bands will highlight a review of past decades and the promise of future ones. Please complete the following form if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

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On Campus

BRADFORD CREMS and MATTHEW TILCHEN students of Eastern Michigan University were presented with a certificate of merit...

scholarships for the 1998-99 academic year. Brina-Shika is the daughter of David and Kathleen Brina-Shika of Novi.

The following Novi students made the Dean's Honor List for fall term '98 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering: NICHOLAS JOHN ANGELOCCI, STEVEN CHANG, COLLEEN MARIE DOYLE, YEH-WON HWANG, CHARLES SCOTT INNES, DAVID ANDREW INNES, CRYSTAL JASMINE KORNAK, RICHARD DONALD KOWALCZYK, TIMOTHY B. KUSHMAN, MEGAN ELIZABETH LEHMAN, WARREN WOLFE-JEN LIN, HANFEL MARK SHEM, and TOMAS V. SIRIGEDAS.

KELLY C. HOLUBECK-GOTTS of Novi recently graduated from St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake with a bachelor's degree in computer information science.

The following Novi students at Western Michigan University were named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average for winter semester. RACHEL BISSI, psychology; SARAH M. BOYCE, art; ANDREA FISCHER, elementary group minors; DEBORAH SUZANNE FRANZ, theater and student planned curriculum; COLLEEN M. GRUENWALD, elementary group minors; and KAREN LORRAINE OUGLEY, elementary group minors.

KRISTEN A. WASALASKI, a junior, was recently inducted into the Gold Key National Honor Society in a ceremony held at Central Michigan University.

These receiving RECX scholarships are: DIANA FALLONE, KRISTIN MICHELLE FAYT, DEBORAH MARIE GULLEDEGE, MELISSA MARIE HELTON, BRIDGET ANNE MAMOLA, MICHAEL SHANE O'DOHERTY, DALE ROBERT PARKER, JENNIFER LYNN SEIDEL, and REBECCA KATE SLATING.

CATHERINE LYNN EHEHALT was the recipient of the REG Scholarship.

Walled Lake students who received ELA scholarships: NICHOLAS JOHN CALZIO, DYLAN LEE ECHOLS, RENA J. GROSS, JULIE LEUNG, ALBERT JAN MADLANGBAYAN, and JULIA ANNE RINGHOLZ.

ANTHONY MARCEL JORIS was awarded the RECX scholarship.

The following students from Novi have earned a spot on the winter Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: TRACIE ELIZABETH DROWN, CATHYAN J. CARROLL, BETH WEN CHANG, ERIK ANDREW ISELE, JOHN EDWARD KUJAWA, ZIJUN LIU, PAUL TIMOTHY MCGUIRE, CAREY LYNN PALUCH, ERIC J. RETZBACH, SCOTT ALLEN SHAFER, GISSA A. SCHILLER, and MICHELE RENEE TOLLY.

CARRIE RENEE TRINKA of Salem Township, formerly of Novi, graduated cum laude from Eastern Michigan University College of Education with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Trinka, daughter of Bob and Angie Trinka, is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently guest teaching in the Novi Community Schools system.

The May 8 commencement exercises at Schoolcraft College included the following Novi students: SHAYNA L. ADAIR, BONNIE L. BAILEY, DONNA L. BASSETT, MARK D. CAGLE, GIUSEPPE H. CASTAGNA, CHRISTOPHER R. CHEATYNE, CATHERINE L. CIUBB, SUSAN M. CRIBARI, THERESA M. FALASCO, ELIZABETH A. HAACK, MICHELLE A. HAMADA, TAMARA P. KRAUSE, MARIA LANDIS, DAVID L. LINGGLE, LEANNE M. LIND, JEFFREY W. LITTLETON, COLLEEN M. LITZELMAN, CAROLYN E. LOWRY, PAMELA A. MALLO, LYNDA D. MAMMEL, SHARON A. MARTIN, BEVERLY J. MCLAUGHLIN, PAMELA J. PALMER, TERRI A. POSIADLO, LORENCE C. PROVOST, MARY E. SMITH, BARBARA K. SOBOTTA, ANDREA L. SPENCE, AMY B. TADAJEWSKI, KRISTIN M. VISGER, and KEITH A. WALEGA.

Northwood University junior ERIN VOGEL was granted the Oscar W. Kloga Memorial and Marjorie Cook-Taylor scholarships for the 1998-99 academic year.

Vogel is the daughter of Richard and Sharon Vogel of Novi. Also recognized for student achievement at Northwood was senior NICHOLE BORASHEK who was granted the Clifford Roy/Gold Eagle, Samuel M. Rogers/CARQUEST, Marjorie Cook-Taylor, and Theodorius Hendricus Vermeulen

Michigan University. The Gold Key National Honor Society recognizes outstanding students for outstanding academic achievement and is by invitation only. Wasalski was also inducted into the Epsilon Eta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an honors fraternity for those entering the teaching field.

Wasalski is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School. She is the daughter of Larry and Elizabeth Wasalski of Novi and the granddaughter of Gilbert and Myra Wasalski of Plymouth, and Jack and Joan Slann, formerly of Plymouth.

NICOLE ALLEN participated in the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival held May 6-8 on the campus of Western Michigan University. Allen plays clarinet and was selected to participate in the Honors Band.

The Festival is the culmination of a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. Dance, theater, instrumental and vocal music (classical and jazz), visual arts, film/video, and creative writing are included in the three-day event.

Allen, daughter of Roger and Cynthia Allen, attends Northville High School.

LISA MILNES of Northville, a senior at Northville High School, has been awarded a \$3,000 Provost Scholarship from Spring Arbor College for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Provost Scholarship is awarded to students based on their high school grade point average, ACT or SAT test score, and rank in class.



Best and brightest

WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 is honoring more than 200 graduating high school students in its 20th annual 'Brightest and Best' public service campaign, a tribute to Michigan high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic and community pursuits.

Kurt Rivera; Rebecca Barthlow, New Hudson, South Lyon High School; Precious Shah, Northville, Northville High School; Amy Schonscheck, Walled Lake, Walled Lake Western High School; Greg Gramann, Walled Lake, Walled Lake Central High School; Rupal Dedhia, Novi, Plymouth Christian Academy; and Channel 7 Traffic Reporter Monica Jackson.

Looking for bargains? Be sure to check out the finds in the classifieds.

On Campus



Brian P. O'Connor and Michelle M. Barr

Honorable and Mrs. Roman S. Gribbs of Northville and Dr. Robert O. Barr Jr. of Okemos announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Michelle M. Barr, to Brian P. O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Connor of Arlington, Mass.



Clifton Robert Mills and Tina Marie LeSage

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Orselli of Novi announce the engagement of daughter Tina Marie LeSage to Clifton Robert Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mills of Westland. The bride-elect is a student and an employee of Brass Ring Productions.

U-M offers Math Scholars summer program

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

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

They love a challenge and they're here because they want to be.' Fees for commuters are \$600 for two weeks or \$1,200 for four weeks. Costs for residential students are \$1,100 for two weeks or \$2,200 for four weeks. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants.

Interested participants can write to Math Scholars, Department of Mathematics, U-M, 525 E. University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1109; call (734) 763-5034.

Annual golf outing benefits foundation

With summer heat glaring down on Michigan, it's a sure sign the third and final installment of the Steven Carter Memorial Golf Outing and Silent Auction can be far off.

This year, the memorial event to the 1995 Northville High School graduate is slated for July 6 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. The outing is organized by Carter's friends and goes to benefit the Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation.

To date, \$67,000 in contributions have been taken in to help cover the cost of wishes made by children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. Carter's friends, who helped organize the outing, hoped to grant the wishes of 21 children, one for each year he lived.

Some of the wishes granted have included trips to Hawaii, Walt Disney World and the Wisconsin Dells, not to mention shopping sprees, computers and a swimming pool. Registration for the event begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a noon lunch and 1 p.m. shotgun start for golf. A reception is slated for 6 p.m., a dinner and awards presentation at 7:30 p.m., and the close of the silent auction at 8 p.m.

Special awards will be given out at the golf outing for a hole-in-one contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. A round of golf, dinner and attendance at the auction costs \$200 per person, while a dinner-and-auction-only ticket is \$100. Hole sponsorships are available at \$300 each. Tickets for the Steven Carter Memorial Golf Outing can be purchased by sending a check or money order to the Steven Carter Memorial Golf Outing, 17003 Winchester, Northville, Mich. 48167. The Michigan Make-A-Wish Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, call (248) 349-2579. Organizers request that those attending the outing abide by the country club's dress code.

Maybury State Park

PARK HOURS: Maybury State Park is open daily from 8 a.m. until dusk. Farm hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information about programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the park office at (248) 349-8399.

FAMILY FISHING: To celebrate Michigan's annual free fishing weekend, Maybury State Park will host a Family Fishing program on Sunday, June 13, from 1-3 p.m. Each year on this weekend, residents may fish without a license throughout the state. Bring the entire family and join us at the pond. Park staff will be on hand to demonstrate fishing techniques and help beginners get started in this enjoyable sport. A limited amount of equipment will be available to use if you do not have your own. To get to the pond, park near the riding stable on Beck Road and follow the signs.

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Advertisement for MGD Music Productions and Pine Knob Music Theatre. Features a calendar of performances from June to September, including artists like Sarah Brightman, Tom Petty, and The Roots.

Advertisement for The Brighton Center for the Performing Arts. Promotes 'The Sound of Music' production, featuring Christina A. Miller as Director and Thais Mishler as Music Director. Includes showtimes and ticket information.

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Magical duo to perform benefit

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The Fabulous Valentis, Steven Valenti and the former Michelle McLucas, South Lyon High grad (87), an accomplished ballerina, have teamed to form a magic act that is wowing audiences worldwide. Lately, they have been performing on a luxury cruise ship in the Mediterranean Sea, but are returning to the Detroit-area this July and will perform for the first time in Michigan. The performance will benefit Mott Children's Hospital.

The fabulous Valentis' show turns the tables on the usual magician and his beautiful assistant format. Husband Steven, who for years has blown up, flattened into a life-size poster, sawed in half, twisted her head completely around, and otherwise abused the lovely Michelle, is now finding it's "pay back time." Despite an outburst of his protests and screams, fed up Michelle, with enthusiastic help from two women in the audience, now, saws Steve in half. The audience roars its approval.

Currently, the main act on the cruise ship Renaissance One, where they have been repeatedly booked, the Fabulous Valentis have moved to the forefront of comedic magic. They are to magic what Sonny and

THE FABULOUS VALENTIS

When: Saturday, July 10, from 8 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)
Where: in the South Lyon High auditorium, South Lyon High is located on Pontiac Trail at Eleven Mile Road, just south of I-96.
Tickets are \$10 and are available at the South Lyon Hotel (248) 437-6440.

Cher were to popular music. "Amazing, appealing, fresh, different and very funny; are words typically used in describing the Fabulous Valentis show."

California native, Steven Valenti has been doing magic for as long as he can remember. After getting a degree in marketing from San Jose State, he lasted only a year as a stockbroker before turning his attention into a career some ten years ago. His very first manager booked him solo in a cruise ship

in the Mexican Riviera. There he met passenger Michelle. It was a connection that was destined to last forever. However, Michelle did not perform with Steven until after they got married.

Michelle McLucas, who began her ballet training at age 6, is a 1987 graduate of South Lyon High School. She performed with the Brighton City Ballet for over ten years where she eventually became assistant director. Director Deborah Shiposh credits Michelle with the growth and success of the BCB in those early years. "She was a creative and caring force in the training of our students and the production of our shows," says Shiposh. "She was the best assistant we've ever had. We miss her greatly but her calling was obviously for a larger, international audience. We are eagerly looking forward to her return to South Lyon this summer."

Steven and Michelle have decided to bring their act to the Detroit area for a special show to benefit needy individuals and families. "Since most of Michigan has not seen us perform, we thought doing a charitable show here for friends, family and former classmates on

terra firma would be a nice change from always performing at sea," says Michelle. "We will be doing Las Vegas style illusions and magic with a unique comedy approach."

The show will take place Saturday, July 10, from 8 to 10 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) in the South Lyon High auditorium, South Lyon High is located on Pontiac Trail at Eleven Mile Road, just south of I-96.

The show will also include the "improv king," comedian Bill Barr. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the South Lyon Hotel (248) 437-6440. The headquarters of Active Faith Community services (248) 437-9790 Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10-3 p.m. and at TicketMaster locations all over the Metropolitan area.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Active Faith Community Services, 401 S. Washington, South Lyon, a nonprofit volunteer, non-denominational organization that provides food, clothing and other services to needy individuals and families. Active Faith works with Focus: Hope, area churches, Kiwanis and numerous other care-giving groups. The volunteer director is Kathy Reed.

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Special agents West and Gordon take wild wild ride

Four of entertainment's most exciting stars — Will Smith, Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh and Salma Hayek — join Barry Sonnenfeld, the director of "Men in Black," and Jon Peters, the producer of "Batman," to take audiences on the most exciting ride of their lives in Warner Bros.' "Wild Wild West," which combines comedy, action and fantasy in a fast-paced adventure.

Special government agent James West (Smith), long on charm and wit, and special government agent Artemus Gordon (Kline), a master of disguises and a brilliant inventor of gadgets large and small, are each sent to track down the brilliant and diabolical Dr. Arliss Loveless (Branagh). Loveless is plotting to assassinate the President of the United States with the aid of his monstrously huge, walking weapon-transport vehicle called the Tarantula.

West and Gordon begin as competitors but soon pool their talents to become a wily team of operatives who trust each other... most of the time.

The beautiful and mysterious entertainer Rita Escobar (Hayek) complicates matters for duo as she insinuates herself into their plans to capture Loveless. And Loveless has his own deadly team of lovely distractions — Miss East (Bai Ling), Amazonia (Frederique Van Der Wal), Maritza (Musetta Vander) and Miss Lippenreid (Sofia Engi) — whose unique attributes each pose a threat to the lives of West and Gordon.

Romance, humor, fantastic weapons and devious and hair-raising confrontations and escapes enliven their adventures as West and Gordon daringly outwit their enemies.

Produced by Jon Peters and Barry Sonnenfeld and directed by Sonnenfeld, "Wild Wild West," inspired by the hugely popular television series, is a Peters Entertainment/Sonnenfeld-Josephson production, in association with Todman, Simon, LeMasters Productions, of a Barry Sonnenfeld film.



Will Smith as James West and Salma Hayek as Rita Escobar (left), in Warner Bros.' "Wild Wild West," which combines comedy, action and fantasy in a fast-paced adventure. Kevin Kline (above) as Artemus Gordon and Smith with The Tarantula, the gigantic diabolical weapon and transportation device invented by Dr. Arliss Loveless. The film also stars Kenneth Branagh.

Church Happenings

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES OF WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Single Point Ministries of the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church invites you to join over 550 single adults each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help you in your single life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information or newsletter, call SPM office at (248) 374-5920.
- Single Point Ministries offers other group associations - Grief Support (for those experiencing loss from death or divorce), New Start (for widows and widowers), PACS study group (People Active in Christian Study), Uniquely Single (for those never married). All singles are welcome in any group. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.
- SPM Outdoor Volleyball...Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Rotary Park in Livonia, on Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads. A \$1 donation suggested to help maintain the equipment. For more information call the Single Point Ministries office, (248) 374-5920.
- Single Point Lighthouse Cafe (Coffee House) will be held on the

fourth Friday of each month, 7 to 9:30 p.m., in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5. For more detailed information call the SPM office, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, (248) 374-5920. (Free child care.)

- SPM Biking...Saturdays at 10 a.m., various locations, adults only, helmets required. For more information, call the SPM office, (248) 374-5920.
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- Single Point Ministries Aerobics meets Mondays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m. at Ward Evangelical. For weekly room schedule and more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.
- SPM Walking Club meets Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. in the hospitality area in front of the church library. For more information, please call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.
- Single Point Talk It Over: Acts of the Apostles (Ward's high school drama group), will perform Christian drama skits on Friday, June 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Knox Hall, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Coffee and cookies are served. There will be a free will offering and free child

care. For more information, call the SPM office, (248) 374-5920.

• SPM Summer Divorce Recovery Workshop - July 12 to July 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday (picnic lunch) in Knox Hall, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The cost of the Workshop is: \$30 for those who register on the first night; \$25 for those who preregister; and \$15 for those who are repeating the workshop and have the books. You may register by mail. In person at the Single Point office, on Sunday, 11:30 a.m., or on the first night of the workshop. Free child care is available. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

Youth choir to perform June 27

The First United Methodist Church of Northville is pleased to host a performance of the 27th annual choir tour of the Epworth and Wesley Youth Choirs of the Grace United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ill., on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

This 30-plus member choir is composed of seventh through 12th grade students. They will be bringing sound equipment, drums and a keyboard. The theme of the 1999 concert is "Polemia" - a Greek word meaning "God's masterpiece or work of art."

While in the Detroit area, they will be doing mission work at the Cass UMC and Community Center in Detroit. They will be doing dry-walling, painting, and working with the food programs during the day-time, and performing concerts at various churches in the evening.

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ROMANTIC SOUL

Reserved SWM, 40, who enjoys walking and traveling, is seeking a professional, family-oriented SF, 25-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1569

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Never-married, Catholic SWM, 42, 6', is seeking a special, marriage-minded, spontaneous SWCF, 19-45, who enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors and more. Ad# 2536

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Wildcats fall in districts

By DAN KITTLE
Special writer

With a runner on second base and one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, things were looking bright for Novi. Their stud starting pitcher, southpaw A.J. Rowe, was cruising after a rocky first inning, and with a 5-4 lead over Brighton in the District finals, it appeared as though the Wildcats' chances of moving onto the next round of playoffs couldn't be better.

With one swing of the bat from Greg Landry, Jr., Rowe finished. Landry sent an absolute bullet back at the lefty, and as it ricocheted off his shin with a loud crack, every Novi fan and player found themselves gasping in despair.

It seemed as though the hands of fate had once again held up a stop sign for this surging ball club. Just when it appeared as though the sun would finally shine on the Wildcats, the clouds rolled in in the form of a Landry line drive, sending the team's

top pitcher out of the game for good. Rusty Herbst took the mound after Rowe and ended up giving up the go-ahead runs that would indubitably defeat Novi for good, but it could have been anyone taking the mound at that point. The momentum was clearly not in the Wildcats' favor.

The Bulldogs would go on to record a 10-5 victory to capture yet another district title. The Wildcats' defense was shaky at best as they committed an incredible nine errors that led to Brighton's 10 runs. The fiasco began from the opening inning as the Bulldogs put up four unearned runs in the opening frame. However, the Wildcats refused to quit, shutting down Brighton for the next three innings to keep the team within striking distance.

In the top of the third, Jon Cervi got the team on the board with a solo home run to straight away center. Brendan Hadley then drew his second walk of the game and scored as Rowe and Chris Deary reached on errors. John Gauruder, the team's clutch hitter from a year ago, came through in a huge way with a two-RBI single to left to tie the game at four.

In the following inning, Hadley made Brighton pay for finally throwing him a pitch or two he could hit. He drove a solo home run to deep left that just stayed fair, pulling the Wildcats ahead, 5-4.

That was all the offense the team would get, however, as they couldn't get things rolling against the Bulldogs' ace, Jeff Biehl, who entered in relief late in the third.

Brighton then proceeded to take advantage of Rowe's injury an inning later, tallying six runs over two innings against Herbst and Justin Shaw. Once again, Novi's defensive lapses contributed to the six runs.

For the game, Hadley and Shaw were the only players to record more than one hit. Hadley finished 2 for 2 with a double and a home run as well as one run batted in, while Shaw added a pair of hits in four trips plus an RBI.

"You can't be disappointed in the way we played," said coach Brian Howard following the loss. "The only disappointment comes in the loss."

Howard later added, "The

defense was suspect. We made a couple of mental errors in the first inning of the finals and that gave them four runs."

With the loss, the team finished 16-11 overall and 11-7 in the KVC, a solid third place finish. Although a district title would have been nice, Howard can only praise this year's team.

"I was disappointed that the season had to end on a note where we play as good as we do but still lose," he commented. "We really played well together. We hit the ball incredibly well and pitched well."

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In the District semifinal, the Wildcats pounded the Highlanders behind a phenomenal offensive performance by the entire team. Cervi led the way with three hits in as many at-bats, smashing a home run and two singles. The centerfielder drove in three and scored three runs.

Mitch Maier and Rowe added two hits each, as both hit long balls. Rowe drove in four while Maier drove in three runs.

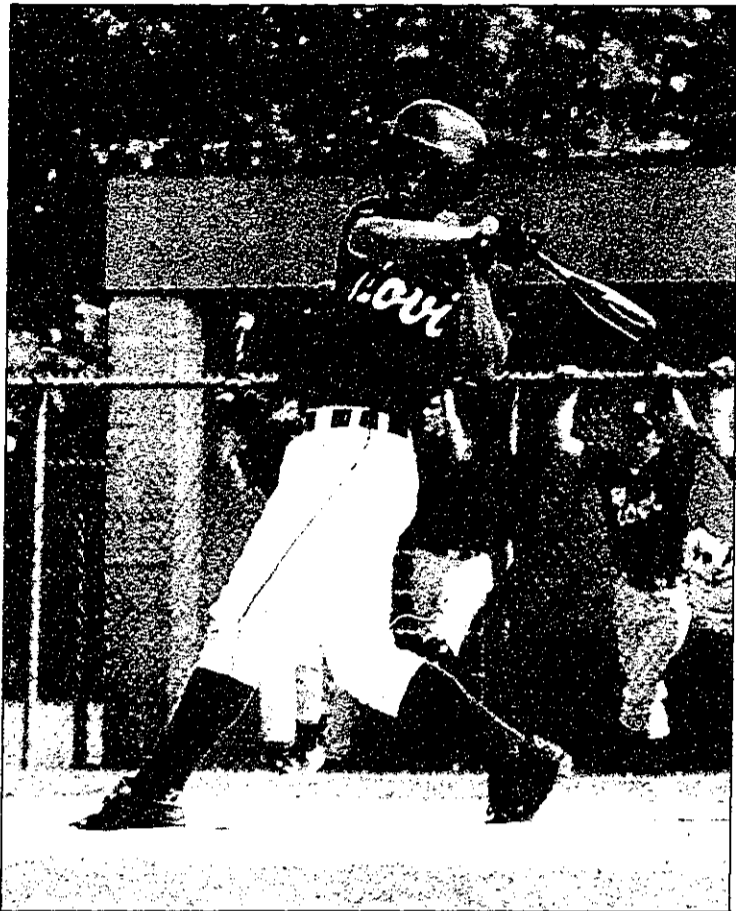


Photo by CHARLEY HARP

Junior Brendan Hadley connects for his ninth homer of the season last Saturday.

Hadley went deep for his only hit in two at-bats, tallying three RBI. Derek Ornekian finished 1 for 3 with an RBI, while Deary tripled in four trips.

On the mound, lefty Brendan Watson had what was likely his best outing of the season, going five innings and surrendering no earned runs. He gave up three hits and walked two while striking out two.

"It was stupendous," Howard said about the game. "When you hit four home runs and get a fantastic pitching performance by Watson, and just play good ball all around, it was encouraging going into the finals."



Photo by CHARLEY HARP

A. J. Rowe last 4 1/3 innings after being hit by a line drive.

3,200 relay team earns all-state honors

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

He could hear it as he took the baton from Chris Toloff, who could hear it as Mike Burns passed it after the second leg. Burns couldn't help but hear it after Dan Christopherson made one final handoff just two minutes into the race.

Kevin Avenius, Novi's all-state cross country and track star and quite possibly the most accomplished runner in school history, was making one last-ditch effort to catch Milford's top-notch 3,200 relay team. One last shot to bring the Wildcats their first-ever state track title.

None of the aforementioned runners were intimidated by Milford's previously-achieved accolades. None of them were ready to hand the state championship over to the Redskins just yet.

Christopherson had ran an opening-leg time of 1 minute, 59.8 seconds. Burns kept Novi very-much alive with his best-ever split of 2:00.5 and Toloff bettered both with a split of 1:59.3. Now it was Avenius who would bring it home, back to the home of the cross-country champions.

But it was not to be. Avenius ran his best split of the season, a 1:55.7, but it was not enough to upset the top-seeded Milford foursome. Brandon Lawson, Brad Rutkowski, Eric D'Andrea and Tom Greenless put together their best performance of the year, a 7:52.18, to beat out Novi and win the relay title.

Novi finished second in a time of 7:55.16, a school record by over four seconds. The four-somes' previous-best time came in the dual meet against the Redskins.

"We weren't intimidated at all by Milford," a confident Novi coach Bob Smith said. "Some of

the other teams were almost conceding to them, but like I told the guys before the race, we've already seen the best the state has to offer in our regular schedule. I think it was a little bit of their cross-country confidence coming out."

Smith said his quartet has taken it easy this year, rarely bringing out its "A" race.

"We chose the big dance, and threw it all on the line," he said. "We wanted to stroll in and strut our stuff. We had four spectacular runs."

The second-place finish earned Christopherson, Burns, Toloff and Avenius all-state honors. Avenius is the only other Wildcat in school history to earn such high honors in track.

Aside from the 3,200 relay team, the 'Cats competed in four other individual events. Chris and Scott Jettie both cleared 12 feet in the pole vault, heights they have both surpassed in the regular season.

"They were both a little frustrated with their jumps," Smith said. "But if you could have offered me 12 feet at the state meet or told me to take my chances, I'd have signed on the line for 12 feet in a second."

Novi's other placer was freshman Tim Moore, who took sixth place in the 3,200 run. He eclipsed his previous-best time with a 9:36.37 finish. He was less than a second out of fifth place and just two seconds out of fourth. Rockford's Dathan Ritzenhein upset teammate Jason Hartmann to win the title in a time of 9:16.16.

"He ran a flawless race," Smith said. "You could almost tell every time he refocused during the race. He's a student of sport. He doesn't run like a freshman."

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Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Junior Joelle Frantz pitched a perfect game against Northville, but couldn't solve Brighton in Novi's 4-3 loss Saturday.

Frantz, 'Cats can't solve Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Losses are never easy pills to swallow, especially when it comes to a team you've beaten three out of four times previously.

So when Brighton snuck away with a 4-3 win and a district championship last Saturday at Brighton High School, Novi players, fans and coaches had to swallow the whole bottle to relieve the headache the Bulldogs once again caused them.

In a game that went back and forth throughout, Brighton took advantage of a Novi error and wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh to set up Libby Voshell's RBI single to win the game. The game was tied 3-3

heading into the seventh.

Novi trailed 2-0 after Brighton picked up a pair in the first inning, but rallied to score three runs to take the lead 3-2 in the fifth. Brighton scored another in the bottom half of that inning to set up the seventh.

"It's hard seeing the same team five times in one season," Novi coach Carol Diglio said of the Bulldogs. "It was back and forth, neck and neck the entire game. I'm very proud of the way the girls played."

Joelle Frantz pitched the entire game for Novi and suffered the loss. The defeat ends Novi's season at 27-11 overall. The team won its first-ever Kensington Valley Conference title with a 20-4 league record.

"This loss should take nothing away from what these girls accomplished this season," Diglio said.

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Frantz pitched her first-ever perfect game, dominating all 18 Northville batters she faced, en route to this semifinal blowout in six innings. The junior struck out 12 batters.

Adrienne Farrell and Victoria Kaiser each had three hits and three runs scored to lead the 'Cats. Farrell drove in three more runs and Megan Colligan went 2 for 4 with a run

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HOW TO

Ceramic tiles can replace existing floor

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. I want to install ceramic tile in our kitchen area, which is currently covered with a sheet vinyl. Is it possible to install the new tiles over the existing vinyl flooring, or must this first be removed?

A. Ceramic tile can be installed directly over a number of existing floorings, including sheet vinyl, linoleum or an existing layer of tile. It is essential that the existing surface be sound, clean, flat and properly prepared. If the existing surface is coming loose, badly cracked, or is damaged in some way, it must be repaired, removed or covered with a new backing (underlayment) prior to tiling. If your substrate is a concrete slab, vinyl flooring that is in good condition and firmly attached will actually act as a "slip sheet" (a material often placed over concrete to prevent any movement and subsequent cracking in the concrete from transferring through to the tile flooring).

To prepare the surface, you will need to remove any old wax with a commercial wax stripper (available at home centers, flooring dealers and hardware stores). When the surface is clean and wax free, rough it up with a coarse grade of sandpaper as a final step prior to setting the tile in thin-set (a cement adhesive). If the substrate is plywood, it would be best to install a backer board or a similar product over the vinyl prior to tiling. This will enhance the stability of the flooring. An unstable substrate will result in cracking and popping of the ceramic tile after it has been installed.

Use an adhesive to glue the backer boards to the existing vinyl and then nail every 6 inches with 1/2-inch galvanized roofing nails. Where the boards abut, you will need to use a tape, similar to drywall tape, applying some of the thin-set adhesive, positioning the tape, and then covering the seam with more adhesive. This seaming process is done later, during the actual tile installation.

Backer boards vary in thickness usually 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch. For flooring, stick with the 1/2-inch panels to avoid raising the floor level so high that it causes a problem with existing doors and cabinets (remember you are also adding 1/2-inch thickness of the tile). While backer boards will provide a smooth, rigid surface for tile installation, they will not sufficiently stabilize a weakened, older plywood flooring.

If your existing flooring has movement when walked upon, you should have it checked professionally prior to tile installation. You may need to install an additional layer of plywood subflooring using exterior grade plywood to give this sub-surface the desired strength and rigid quality needed for ceramic floor tiles.

When laying tile directly over vinyl, be sure that an acrylic additive is used in the thin-set. Some thin-sets already have an acrylic additive, others do not. Your local tile dealer or home center will carry all of these materials - and the tools you need to successfully lay your new ceramic floor tiles. Consult with them on recommended adhesives, grout selection and the proper tools needed for the job. Some tile outlets schedule how-to-seminars, demonstrating techniques in tile installation.

Q. I am adding some brick walkways in our garden area as an extension beyond our patio area, which is a concrete slab. I would like to convert the concrete surface to brick. It is feasible to install red clay brick over the existing concrete surface? If so, what type of installation do you recommend. I am setting the walkways in sand.

A. If the concrete is in good condition - not crumbling, scaling or showing large cracks - you should have no trouble topping it with a new brick installation.

The easiest way to install the new surface would be to dry set the brick in sand. Lay your walkways. First make sure that you select a brick that is durable, abrasive resistant and meant for floors outdoors.

Edge the patio slab with vertically set bricks. Lay a thin bed of clean sand about 1-inch thick over the concrete. Set the bricks on that and level them evenly. Sweep fine sand into the joint spaces or use a mixture of one part cement to six parts sand. Carefully sweep all of that off the surface of the bricks and into the joints, then fine-spray with water to moisten.

Be sure that you plan for the raised height this application will create. You may have to change door jams and framing to accommodate the increased height.

ONE OF OUR READERS WRITES:

"Regarding your article on odors from the toilet, I had a similar problem with sewer smells coming from our toilets. First from one, then a second, then all three! I could not find the source, even after calling in three different plumbers who checked all of the items you mentioned. I finally discovered the solution myself, which was as simple as replacing the wax ring beneath each toilet. They had deteriorated over the years, allowing gas to escape into the room."

Editors note: Thanks for writing. I overlooked this possibility, which is not all that uncommon. It's particularly prevalent in older units or in new toilets that have not been properly seated during installation.

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Anchored by a chest, lamp and trunk, a Sleigh bed is right at home in the center of this large bedroom.

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Smart angle on king-size problem

Q. Our house was definitely built before Hollywood invented the king-size bed: there's not one wall in our bedroom that's wide enough to put the bed up against. We can't even put it in front of the windows - the headboard is so tall you could see it from outside. We need help.

A. So, where is it written that all beds must be up against a wall? You might solve your problem by angling the bed across a corner. It's easy enough to fake a "wall" with a standing screen or hanging panels of fabric behind the bed head.

Or, if your room is large enough, you could float your bed in the middle of the floor, as the designers for Bombay furniture have elected to do in the photo we show here. What makes it work? They've given the bed visual anchors - the chest, trunk and area rug - so it doesn't look lost in space. Besides, every bed needs a place to put a lamp, glasses, alarm clock and such.

With the right arrangement, I've even seen a four-poster float successfully in the middle of an attic room (it had to: the ceilings were too low to let the bed cozy up to any of the walls).

Q. Please advise me about the picture window in the living room of our town house. It faces directly onto a busy street where all the city traffic can look right in. We need some way to block the view without cutting off all our light - this is the only window in the room.

A. Thanks to modern technology - and a little American ingenuity - I think I found an answer for your window panes while I was sleuthing for new ideas at the 1999 Coverings trade show in Las Vegas. It's called "Wallpaper for Windows," but it's neither made of paper nor meant for walls. Rather, we're talking about vinyl film that gives ordinary windows the look and opacity of etched glass: light will still come through, but not glare, and definitely not the stares of passersby.

More good news: You can apply it yourself in a flash. The film goes up with water to which you add a drop of soap. Squeegee out any bubbles and that's that, until you want to unfrost your windows. Then, you simply peel the film off, perhaps to use somewhere else. Like the shower door (steam poses no problems, promises the manufacturer, EtchArt Inc.).

"Wallpaper for Windows" comes in a range of sizes to fit most windows and doors, and you can choose from nearly a dozen different designs. The price? Under \$50 for a standard-size sliding door. Check it out at (800) 320-8439, or www.wallpaperforwindows.com.

Q. When we bought a new couch, we moved the old one out on the front porch. I was really happy until

my neighbor made a crack about the "fashion police" getting us if the sheriff doesn't. I was too surprised to ask him what he meant. Is there a law against putting regular furniture outside or something?

A. I'd find out if I were you. Some towns do have such ordinances, meant to protect against eyesores - bathtubs on the lawn, old appliances in the backyard, that kind of thing.

But even if your sofa's in OK shape now, it probably won't be for long. There's a big difference between furniture that's meant to live indoors and that which can keep its composure in the elements. Even on a sheltered porch, the fabric and stuffing are subject to mildew, rot and fading. Once you check out all the neat stuff made just for the great outdoors, chances are you'll throw over your old living room sofa long before either the fashion police or the sheriff has a chance to call.

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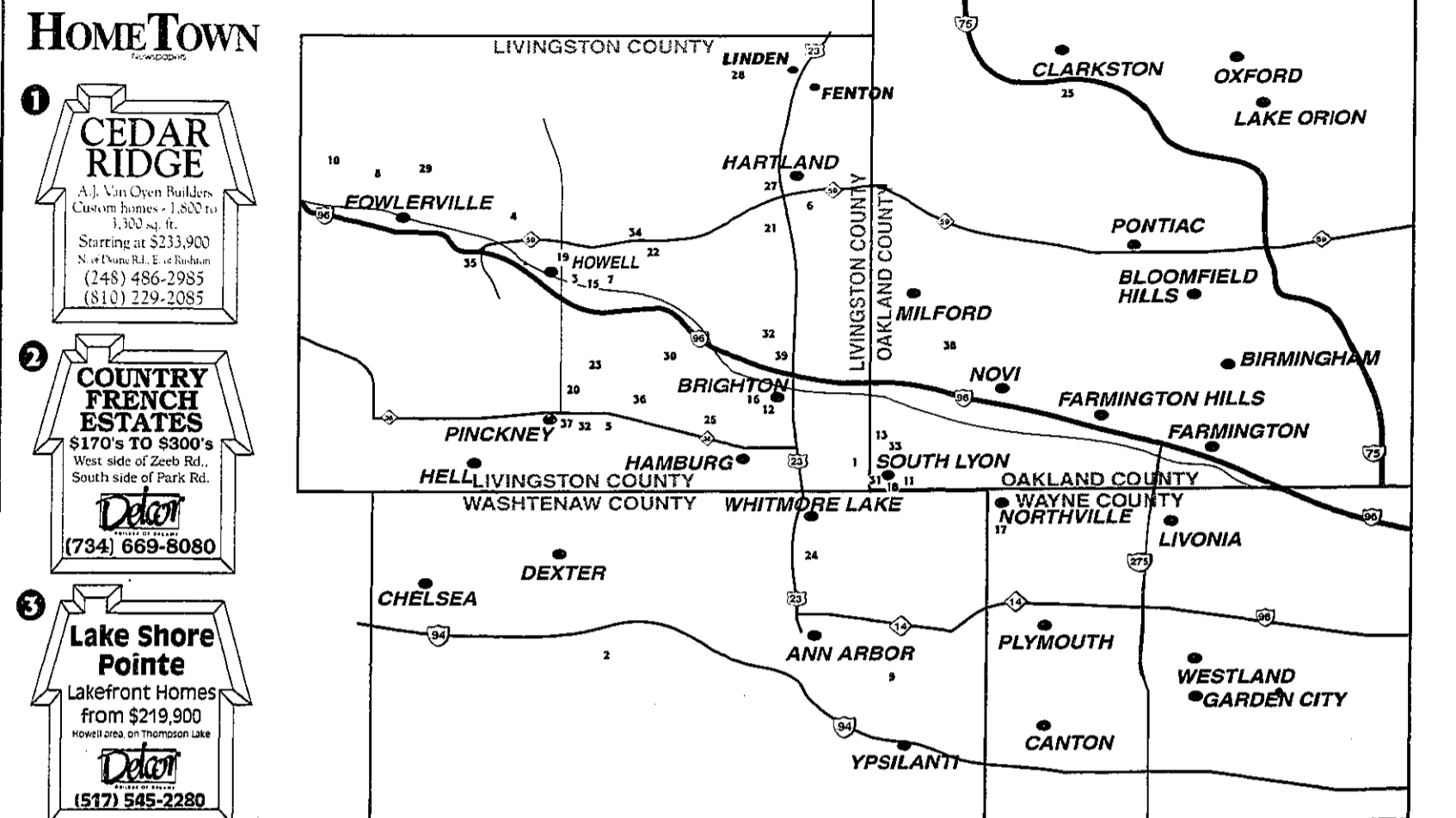
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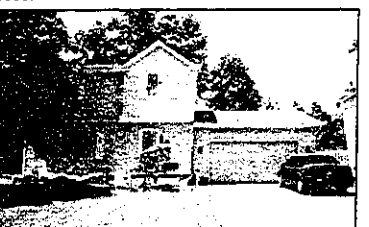
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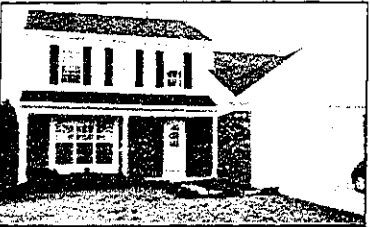
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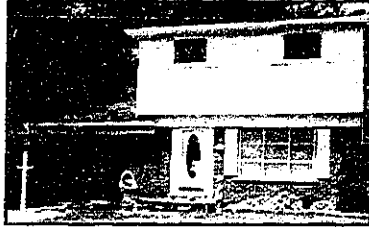
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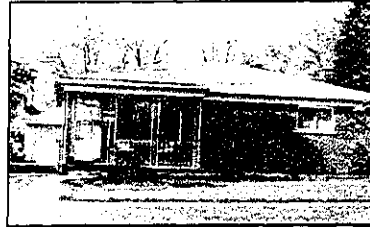
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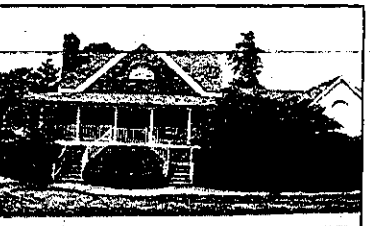
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