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False alarm fees targeted by ex-police

False alarms and the price tags they bear questioned by former NPD officials BeGole, Faulkner.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

A group of Novi residents have brought a resolution on behalf of the Concerned Citizens Action Committee that would abolish, or at least reform, the current false alarm ordinance.

"I've been a resident of Novi since 1946 and retired from the police department in 1991," said Richard Faulkner, a former deputy police chief.

"I have received a number of calls from people who have been charged as a result of the ordinance."

Faulkner said that he feels the ordinance is out of line. The grievance is expected to be brought to the Ordinance Committee today at 6 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

"I told the individual there must be steps to take," Faulkner said.

"The one was billed for \$4,000 and the other was billed for \$3,800."

Former police chief Lee BeGole is also a member of the Concerned

Citizens Action Committee.

Faulkner said that he received a call from an individual business owner who said that the firm was billed \$6,970 for false alarms runs.

"A lot of these people felt embarrassed to go to the police department," Faulkner said.

"The \$6,970 did go to the police department and they kicked off \$500."

The ordinance reads that if a the police department receives more than seven false alarms from a given location within one years time, the property-owner will begin to pay \$500 each additional time a patrol car has to come out to the business. The idea is to reimburse the city for its expenses.

Novi took in an estimated \$147,000 in 1999 for false alarms.

"The first alarm goes off and it's a freebie," Faulkner said.

"The second alarm goes off and you get a letter and a copy of the ordinance. If you're smart, you'll read the ordinance."

But Faulkner admits that a lot of the business people do not read the ordinance before it's too late and the bill has ballooned to thousands of dollars.

"The police department is supposed to protect and serve."

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Park cell towers placed on hold

Request for cell phone towers at ice arena, sports park on call waiting.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

The City of Novi is looking over two proposals for cell phone towers on municipally-owned land.

According to city officials, the two sites considered are at the Community Sports Park, located at Napier and Eight Mile roads, and the Novi Ice Arena, located off of Novi Road near Ten Mile Road.

Trinity Wireless Towers Inc. and Sprint PCS both have contacted the city about renting locations for towers. Sprint PCS is looking at the Novi Ice Arena as a possible site.

The tower at the ice arena, which could generate approximately \$75,000 annually, would be approximately 150 feet high and take up approximately three-quarters of an acre. The revenue could be a way to help make up the ice arena's current deficit.

"It's a significant piece of revenue for the city," said Councilman Louis Csordas. "It could be put to good use at the ice arena."

Councilman Hugh Crawford said that the city has missed out on too many opportunities to do something of this nature in the past, so no current opportunity for revenue

should be turned away.

At the March 6 meeting, the city council agreed that there was a need for a citywide plan on what to do about the proliferation of cell towers. There are currently 11 towers sites in the city, not including the two new requests.

"Without a plan, we're just whistling in the dark," said Council Member Michelle Bononi.

"Many cities require the builder to provide a plan."

Mayor Richard Clark said that city should have some kind of policy and basically sent a message to the planning commission to get to work on that.

"It doesn't have the aesthetic feel, having them all over the city," Clark said. "We expect to see a master plan for these types of towers. Without a master plan, I will not be looking upon them favorably."

The issue has been referred back to the planning commission for further review.

Richard Clark, Mayor of Novi

Hopping heart rates



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills students, including Brian McClure at right, checked their own heart rates.

Orchard Hills kids jumped in to help fight cardiac disease

Elementary students know the ropes when it comes to fundraising.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Orchard Hills Elementary students leaped into action the entire week of March 6, as they participated in the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope

for Heart" campaign.

The educational fund-raising event is held in thousands of elementary schools across the nation, raising money for medical research and programs that help prevent heart disease and stroke.

"The children really enjoy it," said Peggy Whitman, a physical education teacher.

"They've learned everything from how to check their heart rate to different styles of jump-

ing rope."

The campaign teaches students the benefits of physical activity, how to keep the heart healthy and that they can help save lives right in their own communities.

Whitman said the program is great because it not only educates students, but helps them think about their own lives. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the

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Her price was really right Guess who's got a brand-new Chevy?

"The Price Is Right" fan acts out a lifelong dream on television.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

"Lara Phillips, come on down! You're the next contestant on The Price Is Right!"

These were not words the Novi High School senior expected to hear when she attended a taping of the game show last month. "I was so excited when they called my name," Phillips said. "I never expected to be picked."

Not only was she a contestant, but a winner of a brand-new car, a 2000 Cavalier Coupe in silver.

"None of my friends even believed when I told them," Phillips said.

"They even laughed at me when I told them I was going to see the show. They said I'd never get on Contestant's Row."

"So when I told them, they thought I was lying. I had to have my mom convince them."

Phillips, along with her mother Debbie, flew to California espe-

cially for the show in February.

"Ever since I've been ten years old, my grandmother always told me that when I turned 18, we'd go see the show," said Lara Phillips.

So when the high school senior turned 18 on February 6, she and her mother were on their way to meet Bob Barker.

They flew out Los Angeles where they met up with her grandmother, aunt and uncle.

Debbie Phillips said that her daughter has always been a huge fan.

"I mean, we have to revolve our summer schedule around The Price Is Right," she laughed.

Phillips said that she was bidding for awhile before she got the chance to join Barker on the stage.

"I was getting really nervous because it was getting close to the end, but on the very last game, I got on," she said.

Lara said that her bid on a grandfather clock advanced her to a game they call "Spelling Bee".

"It looks like a big beehive and there's thirty cards attached. The object of the game is to spell car with your pick of just five cards," she said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As seen on television last week, Novi High School senior Lara Phillips bids her heart on "The Price Is Right." She brought back home to Novi with her a new Cavalier Coupe and a grandfather clock. In addition, she and her mother Debbie Phillips met Bob Barker.

Cop pulls gun on road-rager with hatchet

Police News

A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested after pulling a gun on a police officer during a road rage incident. The officer, who was on patrol in the area, was struck by the suspect's car as he attempted to pull over. The suspect then exited the vehicle and brandished a hatchet at the officer. Police officers quickly surrounded the suspect and disarmed him. The suspect was taken to the Novi Police Department for questioning. He is charged with armed robbery and carrying a dangerous weapon. The road rage incident occurred on Wednesday night in the area of Farmington Hills. The suspect is a 19-year-old male who was driving a dark-colored sedan. The officer was unharmed in the incident.

The man pulled the gun on the officer as he was attempting to pull over the suspect's car. The suspect then exited the vehicle and brandished a hatchet at the officer. Police officers quickly surrounded the suspect and disarmed him. The suspect was taken to the Novi Police Department for questioning. He is charged with armed robbery and carrying a dangerous weapon. The road rage incident occurred on Wednesday night in the area of Farmington Hills. The suspect is a 19-year-old male who was driving a dark-colored sedan. The officer was unharmed in the incident.

MAN BUSTED FOR POT IN PANTS

A 29-year-old Novi man was arrested for possession of marijuana after a light breeze on Tuesday, March 6 in the parking lot of the Red Lobster restaurant located on Novi Road. Police reported that the man was arrested for possession of marijuana. The man was taken to the Novi Police Department for questioning. He is charged with possession of marijuana. The incident occurred on Tuesday, March 6, 2000.

MEN FOUND WITH STOLEN EQUIPMENT

Police took a 17-year-old Westland teen and a 22-year-old Canton man into custody for possession of stolen property on March 9. According to police, the men were found with stolen equipment. The equipment was found in the possession of the men. The men are charged with possession of stolen property. The incident occurred on March 9, 2000.

National award for Novi News

The Novi News won second place for graphic artwork recently in the Suburban Newspaper Association contest. The award came from work done by Graphics Editor Scott Piper. Three examples of Piper's designs that ran in 1999 editions of the newspaper were submitted as one entry. They were a map showing 1999 road projects in Novi, a map depicting tornado siren locations within the city and a design illustrating a story on pool, published in conjunction with the opening of the Fifth Avenue Ballroom. HomeTown Newspapers, which owns the Novi News, took a total of ten awards in the national contest.

RED LIGHT RUNNER ARRESTED

A 19-year-old Milford teen was arrested after reportedly running red lights through Farmington Hills and Novi on Saturday, March 11. The teen was stopped by Novi police after running the red light on westbound Twelve Mile Road near Haggerty Road.

SHOPLIFTING MOM ARRESTED.

A 25-year-old Canton Township woman was arrested after stuffing merchandise from Twelve Oaks Mall into a stroller occupied by her two-year-old daughter on Thursday, March 8. The woman was the second person arrested in as many weeks for using their children's strollers to hide stolen merchandise, according to police reports.

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Novi Briefs

Money and management

Negotiations are proceeding with City Manager candidate Richard Helwig.

According to Tim Groundhogg, the city's human resources specialist, Helwig's salary is expected to be somewhere between \$80,860 and \$106,063. Helwig will receive approximately four weeks vacation time, including three weeks this year.

The manager-candidate has also been offered \$500 vehicle allowance per month. Helwig is expected to be at the next negotiation meeting with the city council, scheduled for Saturday, March 18.

Helwig, who was selected to take over for retired City Manager Ed Krievell, is the current Assistant City Manager of Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

He is a Harvard graduate who began his career as a systems analyst for the city of Dayton, Ohio.

Volunteers needed

Providence Medical Center in Novi is seeking volunteers to help customers with their health needs in the library and in various other positions throughout the center. The Health Education Library at Providence Park in Novi offers free information on health-related topics, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more information, please contact Mary Watson, RN at 248-465-4110.

On the board

A new board of directors will lead The North Hill Estates Association of Novi. They are: Jan Moore, president; Dave Raub, vice president; Catherine Cato McPherson, secretary; Robert Moreillon, treasurer; Kathy Heiu, assistant treasurer; Tom Holden, parks chairperson; Dave Raub, maintenance chairperson; and John Marker, member at large.

HomeTown Newspapers names Davis new editor



Chris Davis has been named editor of the Northville Record, the sister publication of the Novi News.

He will take over the job from Bob Jackson, who was recently promoted to managing editor of HomeTown Newspapers' Oakland Division. "I am confident that Chris will do a fine job for the readers of the Northville Record. He has a good sense of community, has sound editorial judgment, is fair-minded and brings an extremely creative style to the newspaper," Jackson said.

"I'm sure Chris will do a great job in Northville."

Davis, a native of Novi, began his career at the Record in 1997 as a reporter covering the City of Northville and Northville Township. In June 1999, he was promoted to copy editor and living section editor for the Northville Record and Novi News. Since Jackson's departure in late December, he has served as interim editor of the Record.

Davis, a Novi resident, said he's enthusiastic about his new position. "I'm proud of the product that we put out and I'm optimistic we can

carry on that tradition with the fine staff we have," he said. He follows in the footsteps of Samuel Little, who founded the publication as the "Wayne County Record" in 1869. The publication is now part of the HomeTown Newspapers chain.

Davis earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Central Michigan University, but his method of picking a major was rather unorthodox. "It came down to a coin flip. I was torn between print and broadcast journalism. I couldn't make a decision."

His first job after he was graduated in 1996 was as business editor at the "Sault Evening News," a six-day daily in Sault Ste. Marie. In August 1996, he moved to the "Gaylord Herald Times," working as a reporter on the municipal government and schools beat.

At Gaylord, he earned a first place award for human interest feature writing from the Michigan Press Association. Davis said early on in his career he wanted to become a newspaper editor. "I always thought that I would eventually, but I always thought it

would take longer than it actually did," he said. "Things fell into place for me and I'm glad they did."

Davis graduated from Novi High School in 1992, where he was on the swim team. The son of Novi residents Ed and Sue Davis, he grew up in Village Oaks subdivision and is now a new homeowner in the city. His wife, Emily, is the head athletic trainer at Southgate Anderson High School.

A former boy scout, he is now on the adult committee for Boy Scout Troop 327 of Farmington Hills.

-By Jan Jeffers, editor of the Novi News.

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Obituaries

BARIHAY J. BIRD

Barihaya, 77, died of cancer at home in Novi, Mich., on Monday, March 8, 2004.

Stjepanovic

Services were held on Monday, March 15, at the St. Vladimir's Eastern Orthodox Church in Novi.

AUGUST L. BOETSCH

August L. Boetsch, 79, died on Monday, March 15, 2004, at his home in Novi.

Mr. Boetsch served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1952, serving with the 43rd Bombardment Squadron at Fort Belvoir, Illinois.

He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and held a master's degree in education.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; four children; and several grandchildren.

Memorials to the Rev. W. Ross

Memorials to the Rev. W. Ross, who died on March 7, will be accepted until the end of the month.

PATRICIA A. CAUDLE

Patricia Ann Caudle, 57, of Novi, died on Monday, March 15, 2004, at her home.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Novi.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; and several children.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

DELIA I. MURPHY

Delia I. Murphy, 78, of Novi, died on Monday, March 15, 2004, at her home.

She was a member of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Survivors include her husband, John; and several children.

JAMES E. WALSH JR.

James E. Walsh Jr., 74, died on Monday, March 15, 2004, at his home.

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Survivors include his wife, Mary; and several children.

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A patron of Manresa House, Mr. Walsh attended over 40 consecutive Easter retreats.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 22, at 10 a.m.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; and several children.

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

Memorials to Karmann Cancer Center or the University of Detroit High School would be appreciated by the family.

Students solve problems with ImagiNation

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Novi students' imaginations were so captivated by Novi High School and Novi Middle School students' recent participation in the Destination ImagiNation competition...

High School team led by Dorcen Lloyd for their first place finish in their challenge, "If Music Be the Food of Life... Play On!"

The Novi problem-solvers included: Neil Cox, Angela Doolin, Ken Gee, Ravindra Khetarpal, Scott Lloyd, Erin Robertson, and Ann Salo.

Wagner and Dawn Wilton. Cathy's son, James, explained that in this challenge, teams are encouraged to learn what happens as transportation systems are designed to go faster by designing a roller coaster for tennis balls...



Here are the Novi Community School District's First Place champions from a recent Destination ImagiNation competition. From Novi Meadows: Dan Fryatt, Eric Johnson, Glen Martin, Jeff Wardroppe, John Webber and Michael Webber...

Parks and Recreation starts after-school Adventure Club

"Hey kids! Have you ever wondered about the world around you? Well, it's so exploring!" The After-School Recreation Program is now offering an Outdoor Adventure Club.

Students will walk from the ice arena to the pond, the stream and in the natural areas nearby. Please bring binoculars if you have them and wear old shoes or boots if you can.

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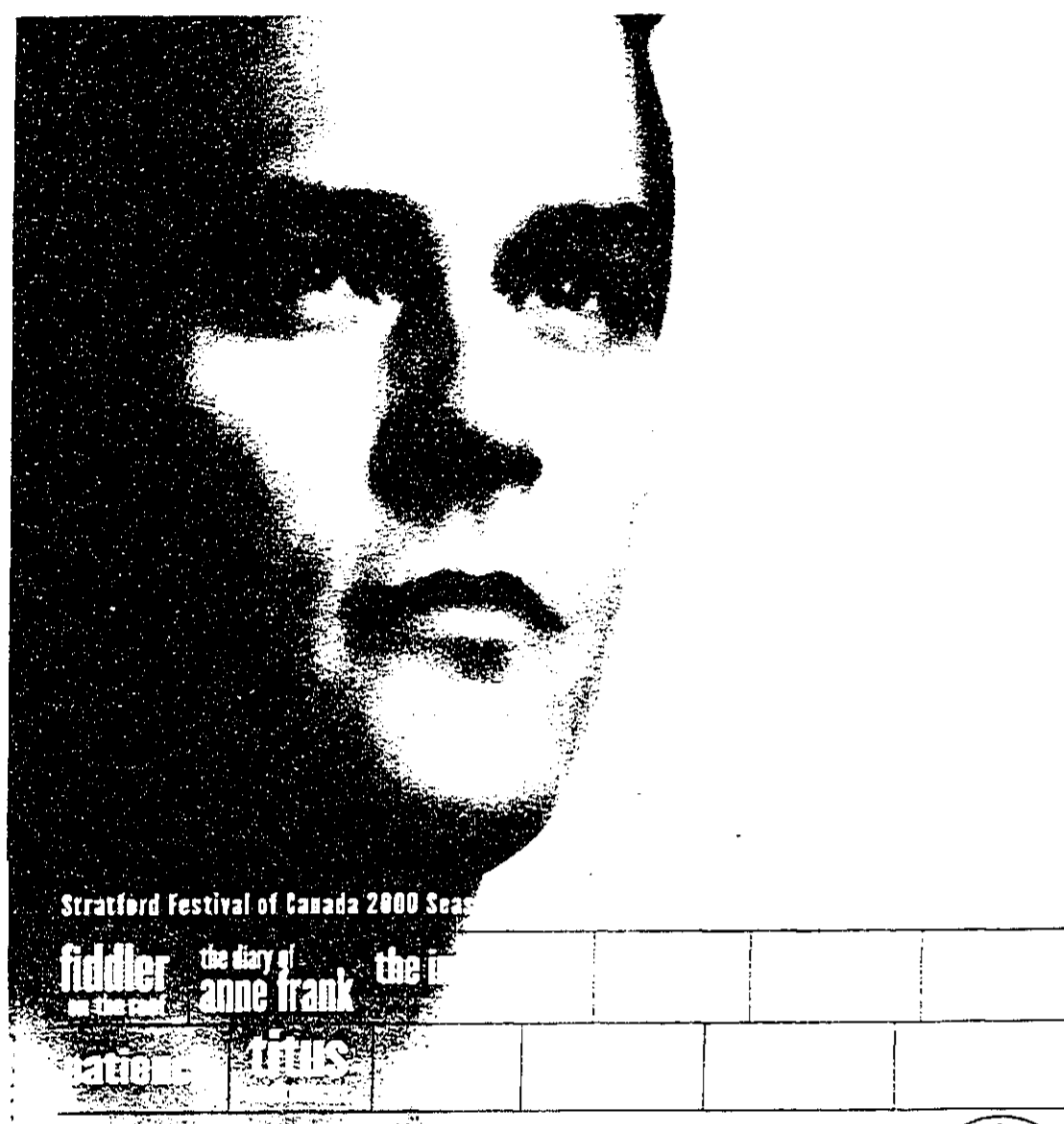
Another Novi department head gone; this time, the treasurer

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

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Library Briefs

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AUTHOR LUNCHEON TICKETS
"The Detroit News" and the Library Friends of the Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Canton libraries are sponsoring an author luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 13 at the Fox Hills Country Club. This year's speaker is author and "Detroit News" columnist, George Carver. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at any of the sponsoring libraries.

ANCESTORS ONLINE
Interested in searching the Internet for information on your ancestors? Join us Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. for a program that explores key genealogy web sites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information.

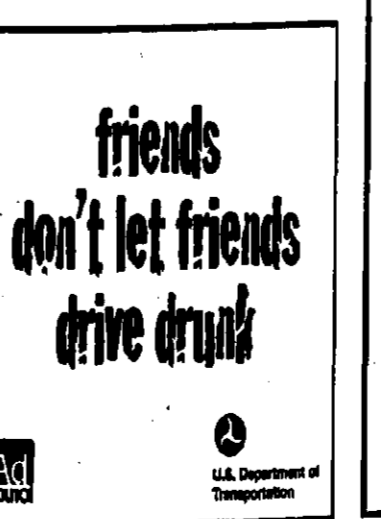
AARP TAX WORKSHOP
An AARP Tax Workshop will be held at the library on Thursday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register in advance in person or by calling the library. (Note: Participants must prepare small business or rental property taxes at this workshop.)

Focus on Family is March 18
There's still room available for the annual "Focus on Family Workshop," this Saturday, March 18. The featured speaker, Nancy Moore of the Franklin Covey Educational Division, will present "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families: The Disappearance of the Kitchen Table."

The presentation will cover principles of living, with emphasis on practical ideas and applications for enriching quality family and community relationships. Many resources on a variety of subjects will be provided for parents. Other topics which will be offered as breakout sessions include: "Parenting with Love & Logic," with Dave Ascher, a fifth grade teacher at Novi Meadows; "Protecting Our Children on the Internet" with Novi Police Detective Tom Lindberg; "Motivating Your Child to Health and Fitness" with Manny Agah, MD of Providence Hospital; "Living and Learning in Culturally Diverse Communities" with Prevention Services Director Julie Sutt; "Setting Boundaries for Your Teenage Child" discussing the consistency of discipline, communication, and trust; and "Communicating in Conflict with the Younger Child" about finding healthy, respectful forms of responding to the challenges and power dynamics that affect every family.

The workshop is offered to community members by Novi Community Education in partnership with Target Stores. In keeping with their tradition of community involvement, Target Stores presented a grant of \$4,500 to Novi Community School District to support the annual workshop. The "Focus on Family Workshop" will take place at the Novi Community School District's Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road between Ten Mile and Eleven Mile. The workshop is from 8:30 to 12:00 and includes a continental breakfast. Tickets are \$2.00 per person in advance, and \$4 at the door. For more information, call 248-449-1206.

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Grand River Avenue to be widened in 2001

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Grand River between Wixom and Beek Roads is expected to be widened from three lanes to five sometime in the year 2001, according to officials at the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6.4 million. That price tag will include engineering design, construction and right-of-way acquisition, said RCOC Spokesman Craig Bryson.

"We will borrow against our future federal funds to get the project going," said Bryson. "Our board is confident the funds will be available in the future."

Bryson said that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) doesn't want conflicting projects going on at the same time in the I-96 corridor. The road commission may not receive federal funding for the project for at least ten to fifteen years, according to RCOC officials.

"We were told by MDOT that they would not construct the interchange along I-96 at Wixom and Beek Roads until the Grand River project was complete," said Bryson. "We've decided to get it done, so as to not delay the interchange improvement."

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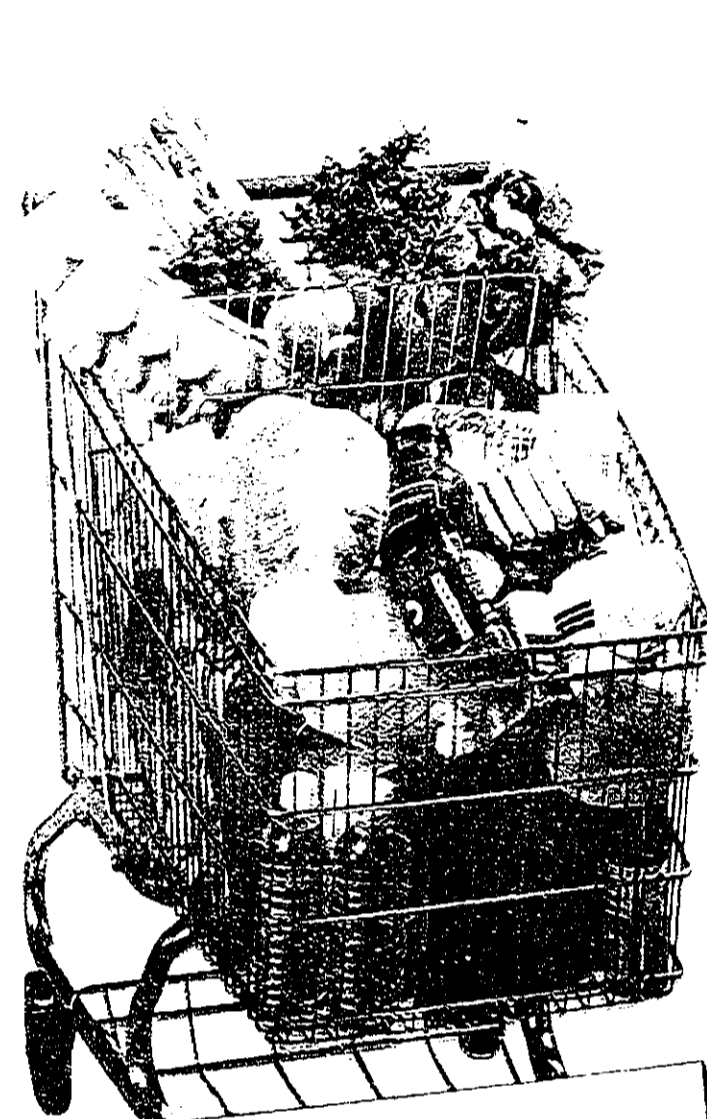
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Local Democrats decry caucus system used this election

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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Presidential candidate Al Gore fared well with Democratic voters in the Ramada Inn to cast his first vote in a caucus, also said he dislikes the system. He said he had instituted the primary election in which voters were asked to declare their party affiliation, on the grounds that it should be party members who decide whom the nominee will be.

But Republicans in Michigan may have learned a lesson, due to the crossover voting seen Feb. 22. "Hopefully, this will bring Republicans back to the table so we can find a way to do it (hold primary elections) on the same day," he said.

Former Gov. James Blanchard, on hand at the party's Southfield site in the Ramada Inn to cast his first vote in a caucus, also said he dislikes the system. He said he had instituted the primary election in which voters were asked to declare their party affiliation, on the grounds that it should be party members who decide whom the nominee will be.

Democrats settled on a caucus system after state Republicans decided to use an "open primary" to determine their choice for a presidential nominee. The Democratic National Committee won't consider results from an "open primary," only primaries in which voters are asked to declare their party affiliation, on the grounds that it should be party members who decide whom the nominee will be.

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That system increased participation, but eliminated crossover. Engler may now agree with it, Blanchard said.

Participation was lower than expected Saturday when the party held its caucus run-off between Gore and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley. But then, Bradley had announced his withdrawal from the race just two days before the voting was scheduled to occur. That made the caucus a "non-event," even to many who still attended.

Of the total of 19,160 votes cast in the caucus, some 15,478 were submitted ahead of time as absentee ballots by mail, according to the figures released by party. And that means they were cast before Bradley announced his decision.

Gore collected 15,853 of them. Bradley tallied just 3,117.

Gore won every congressional district in the state. Nonetheless, the highest race was in the 8th Congressional District, which includes Livingston, Ingham and northwestern Oakland counties. There, Bradley received 520 votes compared to Gore's 1,289.

In the 9th District, in northern Oakland, Bradley won just 99 votes compared to Gore's 582. In the 12th, in southeast Oakland, it was Gore, 1,003, Bradley, 278. And in the 13th district in western Wayne, Gore tallied 1,128 to Bradley's 435.

In the 11th congressional district, in southwest Oakland, Gore gathered 1,251 to Bradley's 379.

Only about 50 Democrats gathered in the Ramada Saturday morning.

Among them was Maxine Hillman of Southfield, a self-described "political junkie." She said she would much prefer an open primary, just as the Republicans used in nominating their candidate here in Michigan.

Southfield's Roger Hane likewise was unhappy with the process. "It's a big inconvenience," he said. "I'd prefer to see a primary, but a closed primary. I have no problem declaring party preference. It would be at regular polling places."

State Senator Gary Peter, D-Bloomfield, spoke on behalf of Gore before the balloting Saturday. He said Gore would keep the economy moving forward and he noted that most voters nationwide, when polled, give the current administration the credit for the economy.

"But what do we do with this prosperity?" Peter asked. "That's what this election is about. We've eliminated the deficit and we are running surpluses... Al Gore has some very sound plans for what to do with it, while George Bush would adopt what I believe is a very risky plan to give tax breaks to the most wealthy."

Southfield's Frederick Sreckland spoke on behalf of Bradley, urging voters. "Don't be afraid to vote for Bill Bradley." That is the only way the former New Jersey senator's message of helping the 14 million who are still living in poverty, providing universal access to health care, enacting gun control laws and promoting racial unity will be moved forward.

"There is still time to coalesce behind Al Gore," he said.

Musical hits NHS March 30

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With a cast and crew of over 150, the Performing Arts Department has been gearing up for a night full of entertainment. The extravaganza is filled with song and dance, beautiful sets and costumes, and hilarious dialogue. You will be swept up in this artfully constructed tale of boy meeting girl in the Wild West.

Let this longest running Gershwin musical work its magic on you! All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school's Fuerst Auditorium.

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Botsford has health classes

Botsford Health Care Continuum is offering a number of classes this month.

• The Diabetes Support Group is offering the free class, "New Adventures in Exercise" Tuesday, March 21, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

• Guard yourself against osteoporosis in the class, "Preserve Your Bones."

This class focuses on risk factors for osteoporosis in both men and women. The role of diet, medications, exercise, vitamins, and hormone therapy in protecting bones and preventing fractures will also be discussed.

Class is Friday, March 24 beginning at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person.

• Baby on Board?

"Great Expectations" is a seminar for couples who are either thinking of having a baby or are newly expecting.

Class is Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person.

To register, or for more information including additional classes, call (248) 477-1600 or visit their website at www.botsfordhospital.org.

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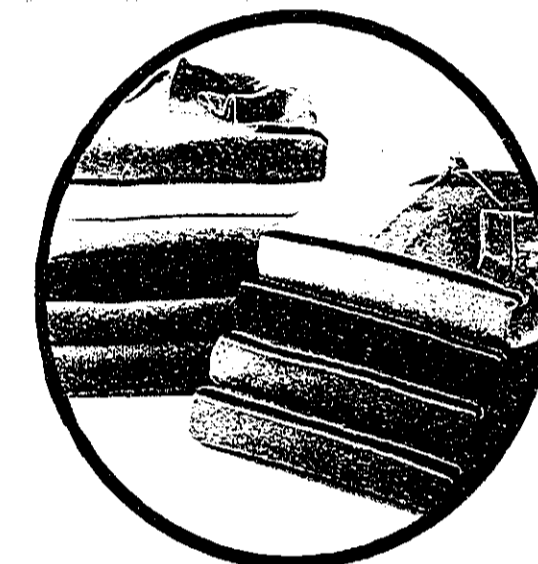
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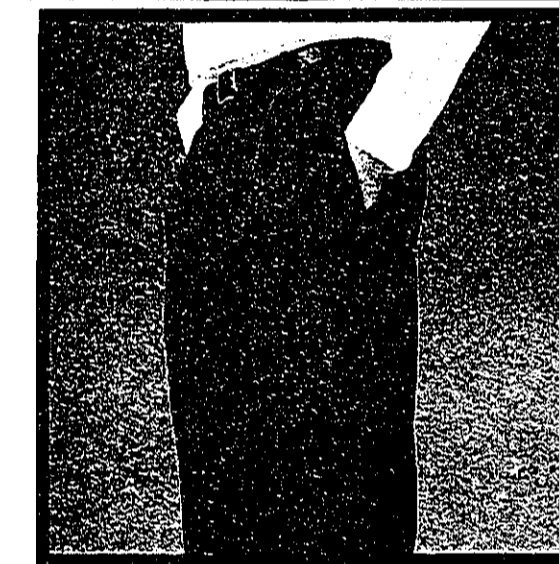
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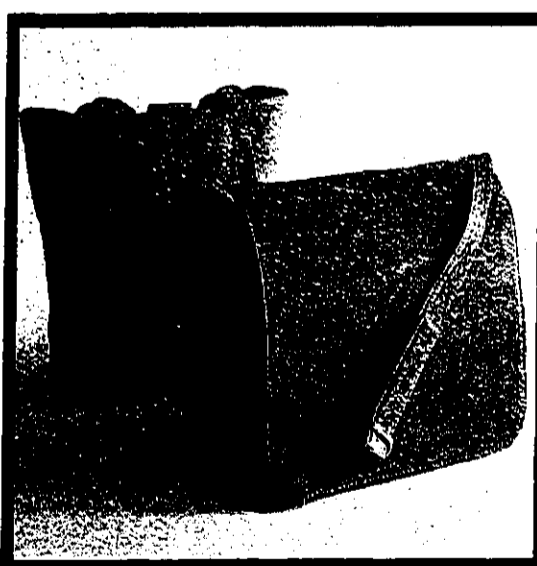
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 Above: Casey Hill is joined by his mom, Susan Hill, brother Marcus, far right, and father Dave Bickenstaff for lunch Friday afternoon at Village Oaks Elementary School. At right: Village Oaks third grader Devon Howard is joined for a VIP luncheon by his grandmother Gwen Leapheart Friday afternoon.



Anna-Rose Moses holds onto her mom Sharon's hand during Friday afternoon's fifth annual Very Important Person luncheon at Village Oaks Elementary School. Kids asked favorite guests.

B.Y.O. V.I.P.

Village Oaks students invite guests for lunch

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff writer

The Village Oaks cafeteria was recently packed with the family and friends of students, as they celebrated their fifth annual "VIP Day."

On March 10, the children were allowed to invite up to three special guests of their choice to come and spend their lunch hour with them.

"It really strengthens that link between home and school, especially in a fun way," said Sally Denoyer, a mother of three Village Oaks students.

Sally's daughter, first grader Dana, not only invited her parents, but her babysitter, Marsha Forter.

"It was very thoughtful of her," Forter said.

School secretary Pat Kortland said "VIP Day" is something the children really look forward to.

"It's a great opportunity for the students and parents to spend time together and for the parents to be involved with the school," she said.

"The parents and the kids really enjoy it."

Novi mom Rhonda Kotzen said she was honored to be invited by her son Avery McIntyer.

"Anytime I can spend with my son is great," she said.

First grader Kelli Smith invited her mom Nicole Smith and her uncle Wayne Wood.

"I'm really glad they could come and have lunch with me," said Kelli.

Wood agreed.

"This is a great opportunity to spend time with my niece and I'm happy to participate," he said.

"It's a lot of fun. I'm glad to be a part of it."

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Census reports due April 1, all must be counted

BY ANDREW DIETZSCH and RANDAL YAKET

Government officials have come to a consensus on this year's census. Everyone needs to be counted.

The issues are simple: knowing basic information about people such as where they live and how many are in their family helps determine where about \$180 billion in federal money goes, and how much government representation they receive.

For example, said Mike Price, media specialist with the Detroit regional bureau of the U.S. Census Bureau, the census will help determine where roads they will be on from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m. during the day, Price said.

"That information will help determine where spending on roads is most necessary."

The census also is used in the state's formula for determining aid. A census has been taken every 10 years since 1790, when Thomas Jefferson commissioned a count of the original 13 colonies. Since then, the census has been used to present a "snapshot" of demographic information.

Most people will receive, or already have received, a basic questionnaire with eight questions, Price said. One out of every six people, however, will receive a questionnaire with 34 questions that are more specific.

The census questionnaires are due by April 1. According to the bureau, 65 percent of the U.S. population mailed back their forms on time in 1990. In western Oakland and Wayne counties, the return rate was between 72 percent and 80 percent.

The biggest reason for not responding is mistrust and the idea information submitted will be shared with other agencies, Price said.

By law, however, the census bureau can't share answers with the IRS, FBI, welfare, immigration or any other government agency. Census workers who share information are subject to a \$5,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

And while bigger cities such as Detroit may have to worry more about making sure everyone gets counted, Novi officials are strongly encouraging residents to get involved in the census.

"Absolutely," said Mayor Pro-Ton Louis Lorenzo.

"They shouldn't get involved by the sheer fact that the census has a lot to do with funding for the city."

The Census Bureau is looking for workers to help track down those who don't mail back forms by the April 1 due date.

The positions are \$14.75/hour for census takers and \$15.25/hour for crew leaders. More information may be obtained by calling (734) 632-1320.

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE 2000 CENSUS

- Currently, census questionnaires have been delivered.
- April 1, 2000, Census Day: mail back forms are due.
- March-May 2000: census takers visit housing units in rural and remote areas.
- Late April-early July 2000: census takers visit housing units that didn't return census forms.
- Oct.-Nov. 2000: all field work completed.
- Dec. 31, 2000: apportionment counts delivered to the president.
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Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 12. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Medical, 39555 Neston, 12:39 a.m., Squad 1.

Car fire, 31275 Haggerty, 8:44 a.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 31185 Wellington, 10:51 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 42901 Charlemagne, 12:43 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 43075 Crescent, 1:47 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 2:59 p.m., Squad 3.

Trash fire, Beck and Troquois, 3:50 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 41710 Manor Park, 9:29 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 40000 Grand River, 11:11 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Service, 30136 Rousseau, 12:29 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 30136 Rousseau, 12:51 a.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 7:49 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 48152 West Road, 9:41 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 48152 West Road, 10:05 a.m., Squad 2.

Mutual aid, Livonia Fire Department, 10:25 a.m., Response 506.

Service, 624 Fieldershouse, 10:31 a.m., Squad 4.

Gas leak, 45704 Irvine, 2:56 p.m., Engine 4.

Car fire, Novi and Eight Mile Road, 5:32 p.m., Engine 3.

Injury accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 5:47 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 41204 Bridge St., 9:08 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:30 p.m., Squad 2.

House fire, 21748 Connemara, 4:38 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 43159 Crescent, 7:04 p.m., Squad 1.

Building fire, Twelve Mile and M-5, 11:09 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:31 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 21875 Haggerty, 11:39 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 31651 Woodstone, 12:09 p.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 23333 Willowbrook, 3:45 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 42500 Arena Drive, 8:21 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Building fire, 30047 Rousseau, 5:16 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Fire alarm, 47350 Balzer, 1:12 p.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 48152 West Road, 2:55 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 30229 Rousseau, 3:31 p.m., Squad 2.

House fire, 30117 Joliet, 5:40 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 30865 Golden Ridge, 8:40 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Trash fire, Tall and Ten Mile Road, 7:34 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 45655 Timberlane, 8:35 a.m., Squad 2.

Building fire, 27790 Novi Road, 1:10 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Crove, 1:18 p.m., Squad 1.

Building fire, 27790 Novi Road, 6:17 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

House fire, 21820 Garfield, 7:21 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Fire alarm, 21429 Holyoke Court, 10:58 a.m., Engine 4.

Dryer fire, 22862 Balcombe, 11:15 a.m., Engine 3.

Trash fire, Paramount and Monticello, 12:35 p.m., Engine 2.

Trash fire, 163 Monticello, 6:19 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 26247 Ohio, 9:34 p.m., Squad 4.

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OCCUPATION: Guitar Teacher

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Even though the ownership has changed, Vic's World Class Market on Grand River Avenue will focus on its traditions, such as its produce line. Here, General Manager Ron Ventimiglia tackles a crate of fresh tomatoes.

Grocery jockeys for market share

RANDAL YAKET
Staff Writer

N & Y Properties of Southfield, developers of the \$40 million project Novi Gateway Village, have been sent back to the drawing board to come up with another version of the plan that would "fit" better with the city's designs for its downtown, according to city officials.

City council members have questioned the need for a new grocery store so close to Vic's World Class Market at Grand River and Market Street, the original anchor of the Main Street project.

"Meanwhile, Vic's has been acquired by an Ann Arbor supermarket."

With a mix of housing and retail, the N & Y development is proposed for the corner of Grand River and Mendowbrook.

N & Y Properties partner David Nona said that the project is still in the early stages, but that they are proceeding with new plans, as requested by council.

"We are trying to adhere to the concerns of the council," said Nona.

"Nothing is for sure right now. It is still in the planning stages." To date, the council has rejected the plan submitted by N & Y Properties and Triangle Development Company, saying that the proposed market on the site should be redesigned as another business.

"We don't want to turn Grand River into a hodge-podge of strip malls," said John Bernard, a leasing consultant for Evergreen III's Main Street project.

"We were surprised by the housing concept. You don't have good access from Meadowbrook road," Evergreen III is led by Jim Chen.

"Mr. Chen and I believe they have a nice design and a drug store or a bank on that corner may work, but from a planning standpoint, it's not a good fit into a strip center," Bernard said.

"The area's future is complicated by the merger plans of Vic's World Class Market in Novi (and Bloomfield Hills) with Ann Arbor based Busch's supermarket chain.

Busch's will run the store operations at the Novi and Bloomfield Hills locations.

However, the market's founder, Vic Ventimiglia Jr., has a three-year contract to oversee 11 Busch's stores, according to Vic's General Manager Ron Ventimiglia, his brother.

Ventimiglia said that the deal between the two companies was "somewhat of a merger."

"They want what we have and we have what they want," he added.

"It is a great opportunity for us and our employees."

"They will be providing technology and we will be providing the talent," continued Ventimiglia.

"Our talent is guaranteed a job."

According to Ventimiglia, the Bloomfield Hills store and the Novi store will be part of the merger, but the Beverly Hills will remain separate.

Ventimiglia also said that he was not aware of any name changes that would affect the Novi or Bloomfield Hills store.

"The jury is still out on what we will call it," said Peggy Corlin, spokeswoman for Busch's.

"We're going to be blending out talents. We call it a creative acquisition merger."

The Busch's markets currently have eleven stores in the Ann Arbor area.

According to Corlin, Busch's has plans for a new market in Farmington Hills and a third market in Ann Arbor.

"With Vic's fresh food enterprise and grocery enterprise, its really not like anything we've seen around here," Corlin said.

Vic's market is the centerpiece of the downtown area and was the first of the downtown structures to open for business.

But Bernard contends that a "glut" of markets that resemble Vic's in the new downtown area will cause vacant store fronts in the downtown the city hopes to achieve.

Novi and Oakland County planners designed the concept. Evergreen III stepped in to develop it.

"I think the gourmet market is in an overlap already," said Baird.

"We'd like to see complementary outlets for what is already in the area, not conflicting uses."

There are a number of other centers the city council has about Novi Gateway Village, including possible wetland use.

Former mayor Matt Quinn, speaking on behalf of the developers, has questioned whether or not a portion of property on the site was actually a wetland or only considered so because of a drainage issue from another city.

Quinn said that the County Epicure site near where the new development is situated could be responsible for the wetland in the area.

According to Aimee Kay, Senior Environmental Specialist for JCK & Associates, the area deemed as wetland by the city is a "result of man-made disturbances to the soils, as a result of earth-moving activities."

In the study done by JCK, the reports indicate that the wetland doesn't meet the requirements as a wetland and should not be deemed so.

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Lara Phillips competed successfully on "The Price Is Right." Here she shows her game nametag and the shirt she wore.

Novi High senior will cruise town in game show car

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Lara Phillips explained that on the back of each card is a letter. The letters are either C, A, M, A, and R or their two cards that say "car."

Lara Phillips had a critical decision to make.

"I had three, eleven C's, eleven A's, and six R's. Each card is worth \$500, so at the beginning they ask you if you just want to take the \$2,500 or risk it for the car," her mother explained.

"Against my better judgment, she risked it, and lo and behold she won!"

But the excitement didn't stop there. Lara Phillips went on to win in the "big wheel" with just 65 cents, which moved her to the showcase showdown.

"Well, I had my pick of either the first or the second showcase," Lara Phillips said.

"So I bid on the first one, which included trips to Switzerland, China, and New York. And I bid \$16,011, going over by just \$600."

Lara said she didn't mind, though, because a cute little grand-nother won instead.

"She had five children, all in their fifties and sixties, and as a Christmas present, they took their mom to see Bob," said Debbie Phillips.

"And the strangest coincidence was she was from Midland, Michigan."

Lara and her mom both agreed. Bob Barker was a real doll.

"He was very friendly and down to earth," said Debbie Phillips.

"He'd let the audience members ask him and the staff questions and he showed off his tie. He was really nice."

The Phillipses explained that prior to entering the studio, each audience member gets interviewed. A group of ten people go at a time and are asked to give a brief description of themselves.

"They ask you where your from and what you do," Lara Phillips said.

Each person only gets a couple seconds to win the interviewers' favor.

"The group before us had a bunch of college kids, so the interviewer asked her what she was studying, and she said 'What? I'm still in high school,'" laughed Debbie Phillips.

"I think just that little burst of energy is what helped her get on."

Lara and her mom also said they were really surprised at how small the studio was.

"I thought the Price Is Right was huge," said Debbie Phillips.

"It always seems like the contestants are running for ever down those aisles forever. But the studio is really tiny. The whole show is done on just one stage."

It was really cool, because the school let everyone watch it in the classrooms," Lara Phillips said.

After graduation, she is planning on attending Hanover College in Indiana.

"The only bad thing is that freshmen aren't allowed to have cars on campus," she laughed.

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False alarm fee rules under review

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Faulkner said.

"They are penalizing the person, rather than fixing the problem. In a lot of cases, these people pay a lot of money in taxes to the city."

"The only ordinance that even comes close to it is Troy's," Faulkner said, noting that the ordinance in Troy allows time for the business to correct any problems they may have with false alarms.

In the Troy ordinance, after one year the slate is wiped clean, Faulkner said. The Novi ordinance is an open-ended ordinance, which means the false alarms count continues even after a year's time.

Cooke Middle Schoolers win "America and Me" essay contest

Three students from Cooke Middle School have been named local winners in the 31st Annual "America and Me" essay contest sponsored by the Farm Insurance Bureau.

Winners Rachel Kowalski won first place; Erin Gruley, second; and Kim Warnke, third. All received certificates of achievement and Kowalski's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1999-2000 contest. This year's topic was "My American Hero for the 21st Century."

Kowalski's essay will advance to the state level competition. From here the top 10 essays in Michigan will be announced in April. The top 10 state winners will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

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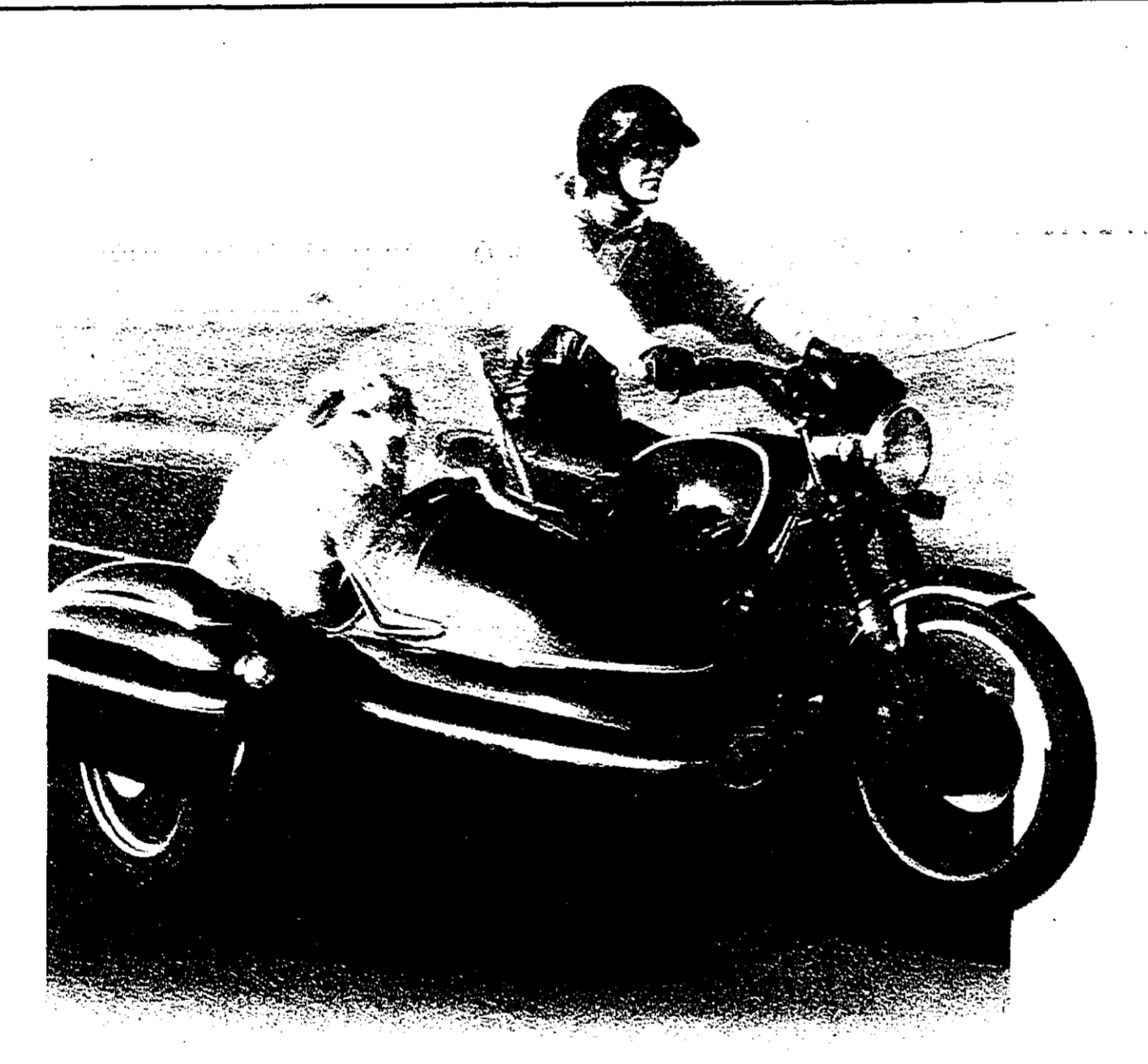
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On the block

Above, left to right, Novi resident Steve Myers and Council Member Lou Csordas chat with the guest speaker at the Novi Chamber of Commerce's auction, former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon, while Izumi Suzuki Myers enjoys the discussion.

At left, Ken Huber, with the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter, checks out some of the items up for bidding at the Novi Hilton event. The Novibassett PVA chapter, along with the chamber, is the beneficiary of the fund raiser.

March is Parent Awareness Month

The Northville Council of PTAs is celebrating Parent Awareness month in March.

The council will be holding workshops throughout the month.

More information on the upcoming schedule may be obtained by calling Cathy Ponder at (248) 348-4238 or Val Corbin at (248) 349-3472.

Parents and residents of Northville and its surrounding communities are welcome to attend any and all of the free events.

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What a night!

Annual chamber auction draws a crowd with checkbooks in hand

RANDAL YAKELY Staff Writer

The local beautiful people filled the Novi Hilton on Saturday, dressed to the hilt, some looking for an auction deal, but mainly to help support the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter.

The event is an annual fundraiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon was on hand to deliver the keynote address on helping others, especially children.

With the food and drink in abundance, there was a steady stream of interested auction-goers looking over the items at tables lining the hallway and dining hall.

Champagne for the price of \$20 a glass and a chance to win a \$1,100 diamond kept patrons buying.

All the key local players were in attendance. Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman could be seen carrying drinks in from the main bar, trying not to spill anything.

Council Member Huey Crawford, dressed in his tuxedo, 52-1 District Court Judges Michael Batchik and Dennis Powers, State Senator Bill Bullard, R-Millford, State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi Mayor Richard Clark and his wife, Diane, all made the scene.

Peter McLellan, husband of former Mayor Kathleen McLellan, was the winning bid for a puppy, a companion for one the family purchased at the chamber auction two years ago. The price? \$500.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will announce the total take for the auction sometime in May, possibly at their meeting on May 16.

There is a chance the number could be announced earlier, according to chamber of commerce officials.

"It's only money," Glen Rairigh, the auctioneer for the evening, kept saying.

Rairigh, a member of the American Auctions of Lansing, which specializes in art and antiques, was helped by two assistants - current Miss Michigan Audrie Ann Chenuckas and Miss Michigan 1998, Laura Frances Welling, were both on hand to entice bidders to "go higher." It worked.

"Getting my thugs to work them over," Rairigh called it as the beauty queens urged participants to up their bids.

The street sign at the Novi Civic Center will be changing. The sign which bore the name of Jamey Kramer for the last two years will be no more. Dr. Allen Tuchkloper of the Novi Family Dental Center was the top bidder at \$3,200.

There were also goodies there for those diehard sports fans to bid on. A San Francisco 49ers football helmet signed by Joe Montana; a poster of the 1968 Detroit Tigers signed by the likes of Willie Horton, Bill Freehan and, yes, even Denny McLain, the list goes on.

Other goods included a Detroit Redwings hockey puck signed by the great Gordie Howe, Alex Delvecchio and the late Sid Abel; autographed baseballs by Pete Rose, George Kell, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, George "Sparky" Anderson, Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Nolan Ryan and Detroit Tiger Hall of Famer Hal Newhouser.

But there were also collectibles for those not interested in sports.

Among them an autographed Honeymooners comic book signed by Audrie Meadows, an autographed photo of The Monkees (Van, Dary, Mickey, Mike and Peter) and a signed portrait of former President Jimmy Carter.

Gorman's Furniture tossed out leather pillows and the DoubleTree Hotel offered up an over-night dinner for two.

Miss Michigan modeled one of the evening's buys, a diamond necklace and ear-rings set.

But the message of the evening was not missed. The PVA needs the money to continue their research into spinal column injuries.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is a congressionally-chartered veteran's organization serving the disabled since the end of World War II.

PVA is one of the largest contributors to spinal cord injury research.

The Michigan Chapter, headquartered in Novi, also supports local spinal cord injury research projects at University of Michigan, Michigan Rehabilitation Institute and Wayne State University.

This is the third year that proceeds from the chamber auction have been shared with the PVA.

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 - March 21: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Pottery painting on plates and apply it to a pottery bowl. Material fee is \$10.00.
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- PIZZA DINNER** will be held on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Novinews Center. Material fee is \$10.00.
- SUPER SLEUTH PARTY** will be held on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Novinews Center. Material fee is \$10.00.
- PIZZA DINNER** will be held on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Novinews Center. Material fee is \$10.00.
- PIZZA DINNER** will be held on March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Novinews Center. Material fee is \$10.00.
- PIZZA DINNER** will be held on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Novinews Center. Material fee is \$10.00.



Doctor honored for breast care center

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers officials say a major step in responding to the needs of women in the community was taken when the Kenneth Sr. and Mary Elliott Family Breast Care Center opened at the Providence Park facility in Novi.

The center gives the women who come to us the opportunity to have a work-up in a single day - whether it is for a routine screening or if there is a problem with the breast," says Dr. James E. Selis, medical director for diagnostic imaging and the physician responsible for the conception and opening of the comprehensive center.

Dr. Selis will be honored by his peers on March 18 at the Providence Health Foundation Friends Ball. He will be recognized as "Physician of the Year" by The Caduceus Society of Physicians. The Caduceus Society is a philanthropic organization of physicians that are committed to advancing the healing mission of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers.

Dr. James E. Selis will be recognized as "Physician of the Year" by The Caduceus Society of Physicians at the Providence Health Foundation Friends Ball March 18.

City clerk search narrowed to two

The Novi City Council has set Saturday, March 25 as the day they will begin reviewing candidates for the new city clerk position.

According to city officials, there were originally seven candidates for the position as of last week. That number has been reduced to two.

Still in the running are Walled Lake City Clerk Marianne Cornehus and Grand Blanc City Clerk/Finance Director Richard Sathoff. Both candidates have worked in their respective municipalities as either clerk or assistant clerk for over ten years.

Cornehus, who has attended the Michigan State University Municipal Clerks Institute, is presently president of the Michigan Municipal Clerks Association, as well as a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

"We'd hate to lose her," Walled Lake City Manager Phil Wavter said, noting that Cornehus has been an asset to the city, as well as an effective city clerk.

Walled Lake, with a population of approximately 7,500 people, is approximately the same size Grand Blanc where the 1990 census listed the population at 7,760.

Sathoff, a graduate of Western Michigan University, is also a member of Michigan Municipal Clerks Association. Grand Blanc officials could not be reached for comment by deadline.

Garfield home levelled by fire

A Garfield Road family is extremely lucky they were able to escape a fire that claimed their home on Saturday, March 11.

According to fire officials, the home located at 21820 Garfield caught fire after a barbecue was left unattended and too close to the house. When fire trucks arrived, the fire was already shooting through the roof of the home.

The loss was estimated at \$450,000.

"We've had that happen before," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "People keep them too close to the house."

A mobile home was destroyed by fire on Friday, March 10 after a fire broke out in a bedroom of the home and spread through out the structure.

Fire officials say the alarm came in at approximately 5:16 a.m. from the 30,000 block of Rebuscotti.

The home was considered a total loss. The woman in the home said she had no insurance. The home was valued at approximately \$24,000.

Novi Fire fighter battled a garage fire in the 41000 block of Twelve Mile after a rubbish fire had blown debris into the garage.

Three vehicles were destroyed there on Wednesday, March 8.

According to fire officials, the garage was a total loss of approximately \$30,000.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Michelle A. Ladwig, 245 Herman (Case 00-02).

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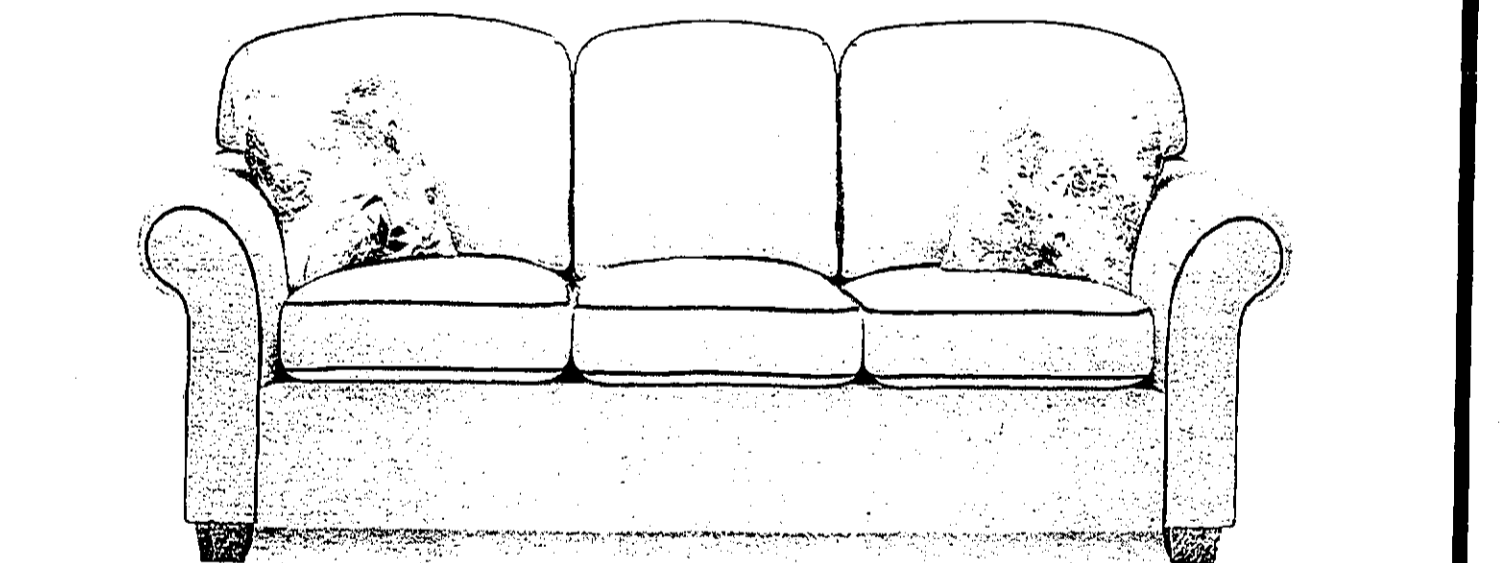
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Orchard Hills students Arin Schoor at left and Macaila Schlaf both jump rope for an American Hearth Association fundraiser.

Orchard Hills kids skip rope to raise cash

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nation's number one killer.

"We let them know why they're doing it," she said.

"Like for their grandmas and grandpas that have heart problems. For people they know that have died or survived heart attacks. It makes them proud when they realize that they are making a difference."

At the end of class, each student receives a certificate of appreciation and a badge.

Fourth graders Marcia Hamlin and Jordan Taylor said their favorite thing about the campaign was learning new and different styles of jumping rope.

For example, the girls demonstrated the "crisscross", in which you cross the handles of the rope and jump through.

"We've also learned double-Dutch and Chinese jump rope," said Hamlin.

Students help raise money by collecting donations from families

and friends. Then the students come in and jump during their regular gym class (or more if they'd like) and jump. Based on the amount of money turned in, the children receive prizes like t-shirts and jump ropes.

"We raised \$6,000 last year," said Whitman.

Third graders Brian McClure and Scott Sansobich said they like "Jump Rope for Heart" because its educational and fun.

"This is a real fun activity to do," said Sansobich.

McClure agreed.

"I like it," he said.

"We've really learned a lot about the heart and jump rope."

And while fun is fun, Hamelin and Jordan also said it's very meaningful knowing they are helping save lives.

"It makes me feel good," said Jordan.

"Me, too," said Hamelin.

"It's nice to know we're helping others."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pilates, other workout classes, offered by Sports Club

The Sports Club of Novi offers these upcoming events for members and non-members alike:

• Beginning Thursday, March 23, get real life weight management by a certified personal trainer with specialty recognition in exercise and weight control.

The eight-week "Get Real- Real Life Weight Management" class is designed to give you the tools to first create, then maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Classes are opened to both members and non-members, Thursdays 9-10 a.m. or 7:30-8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$89 for members and \$109 for non. A \$16 material fee is also required from each participant.

For more information, call 248-735-8850, ext. 4026.

• Beginning Thursday, March 23 and Saturday, March 25, learn how to effectively train each of the major muscle groups to enhance

muscular strength and endurance.

The eight-week course is conducted by certified personal trainers.

Non-members are welcome.

For more information, call 248-735-8850 and ask for Kathi or Tameka.

• Saturday March 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., learn how to increase strength and definition of your torso.

In the complimentary "Abdominal and Lower Back Workshop," you will also learn about the anatomy of core musculature.

Certified trainer Tameka Gallien and one of the Sports Clubs Fitness Directors will share her knowledge and years of experience to teach you effective abdominal and lower back training.

For more information, call 248-735-8850.

• Pilates Exercise Classes are still being held Monday through Friday with day and evening classes, private and semi-private.

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body, improving circulation, musculature, reduces stress, teaches the body to use a whole new process and changes the traditional approach to exercise, creating a dynamic change in the body.

For more info call (248) 735-8850 ext. 4028 and ask for Katerina Gavin. New classes are forming now.

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Providence-Novu cancer treatment center is providing patients with the latest in gene-therapy treatment

A New Hope

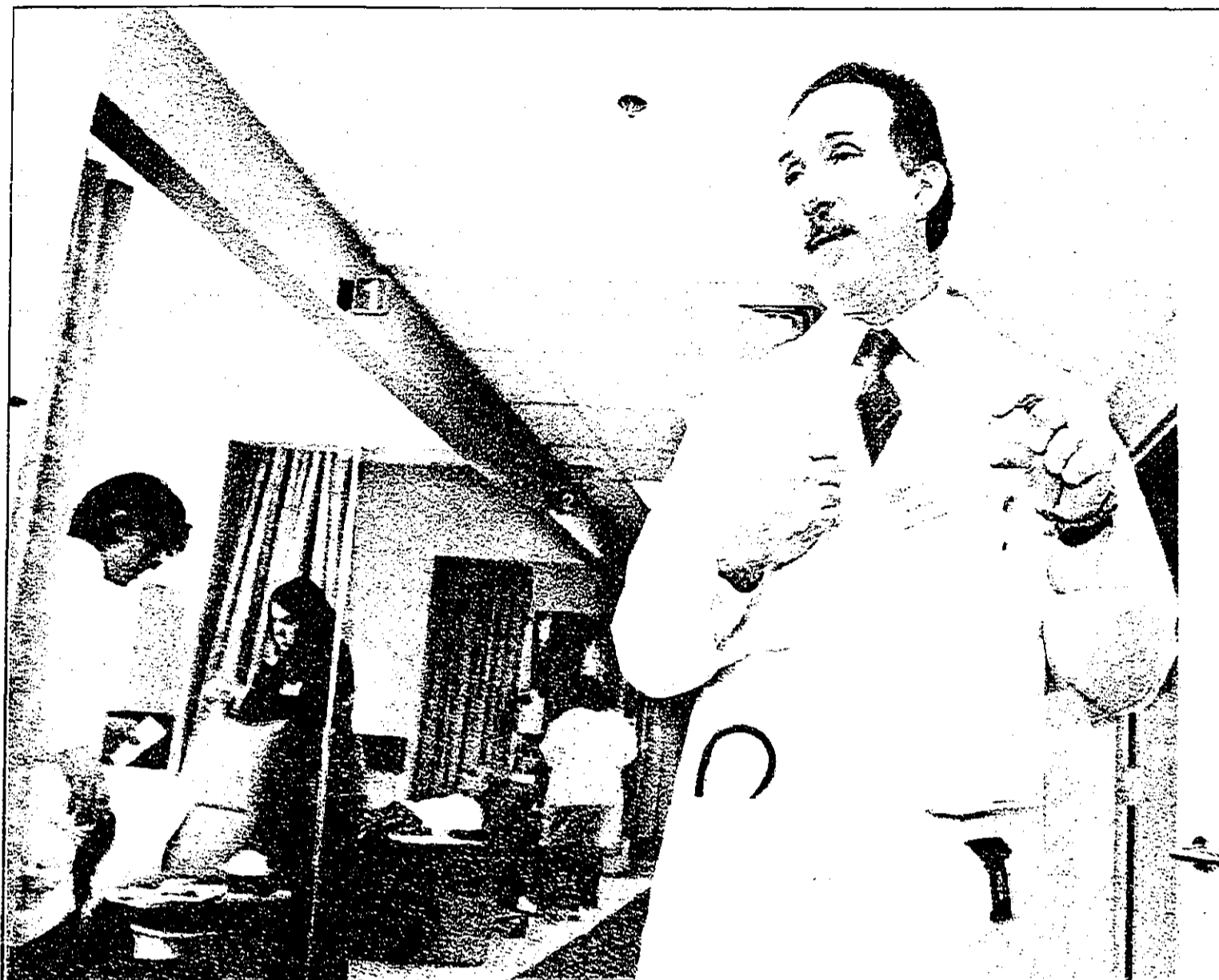


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Providence Cancer Institute Assarian Center's Dr. Howard Terebello explains how the Novi facility is utilizing some promising gene cancer therapies in the battle against certain forms of cancer.

By JAN JEFFRES
Editor

You have odds of one in 100,000 to develop the kind of skin cancer that could kill you.

But those who are dealt the unlucky card may find a new lease on life in an experimental gene therapy treatment now offered at the Providence Assarian Cancer Institute in Novi as part of nationwide trial.

"This is a first example of bringing high tech to the bedside and seeing much better results," said Dr. Howard Terebello, the lead physician in the trial, from his office in Novi.

"Now you can put a piece of information on the cell and manipulate it."

The goal is to arm the patient's own biological arsenal in the battle against cancer. Up to 500 people in the United States will be treated with the therapy Allovectin-7, developed by the San Diego-based company Viral Incorporated. The trial is the final stage before possible Food and Drug Agency approval.

Providence is the only site in Michigan to offer the investigational procedure.

Gene therapy is the future in the war against cancer, said Dr. Terebello, who is a clinical researcher as well as a physician who works directly with patients.

"We do believe the body's own immune system has a lot of capacity for fighting cancer," he said.

"We're starting to learn why, why some people get it and some don't. We're at the point where we can manipulate something at a modest level, using the body's normal host mechanisms to kill cancer."

Edward Matyjaszek of Dearborn, a patient of Dr. Terebello's, is enthusiastic about his own prognosis. Two years ago, his family doctor, Dr. Robert Brateman of Novi, found that

Matyjaszek had blood in his urine. A tumor was discovered in his bladder. He has had several surgeries to remove both that and additional tumors.

Now Matyjaszek, who is not a candidate for this current trial because he does not have melanoma, is finishing a course of chemotherapy at Providence Assarian Cancer Institute. His white blood cell count has gone down from 150,000 to 2,000.

"I had double trouble. I would say, 'Everything looks good now,'" he said.

"So every day counts. I like casino gambling. You try to enjoy life and forget about what's going on."

Matyjaszek is 77; his mother died of cancer at age 59.

While revolutionary treatments for cancer are being developed, the cure's not here yet, Dr. Terebello said.

"We're getting closer. We're probably one to two generations away," he added.

"In two generations, you won't

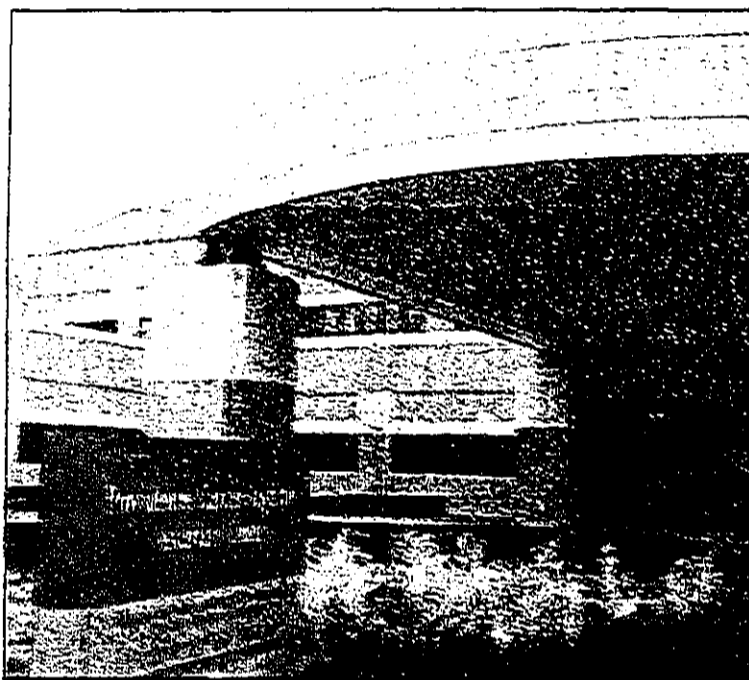


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The Providence Cancer Institute Assarian Center in Novi.

even recognize cancer care the way you know it today."

A multitude of causes trigger each case of cancer, Dr. Terebello explained, including genetic predisposition and exposure to carcinogens. If exposure to the sun alone caused skin cancer, we'd all have it, he added. Yet, it's a key factor in metastatic melanoma, found mostly in fair-skinned Caucasians susceptible to sun burn. Melanoma cancer is in the melanocytes, the cells that produce the skin's pigment.

Those who are of Irish and British descent, are red- or auburn-haired and who have had several severe childhood sunburns are most at risk, Dr. Terebello said.

While the American Cancer Society recommends sun block with a skin protection factor of 15 or higher, he suggests bumping that up to no less than SP 45.

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer of the skin is the most common of all cancers. While malignant melanoma accounts for only four percent of skin cancers, it causes about 79 percent of deaths from skin cancer.

"Mostly, they or their spouse or a friend discovers it. It's usually not the doctor, it's usually somebody who says 'what's this spot?'" Dr. Terebello said.

"It's usually irregular, it may be black or brown. It may have an irregular border around it, it may be raised or flat."

The incidence of melanoma is doubling among the at-risk popu-

lation every six to ten years; last year, some 44,200 new cases were recorded and 7,300 people died from the disease. However, most melanoma sufferers are cured with surgery, Dr. Terebello said.

No patients are yet signed up for the local trial, but Providence is actively recruiting them.

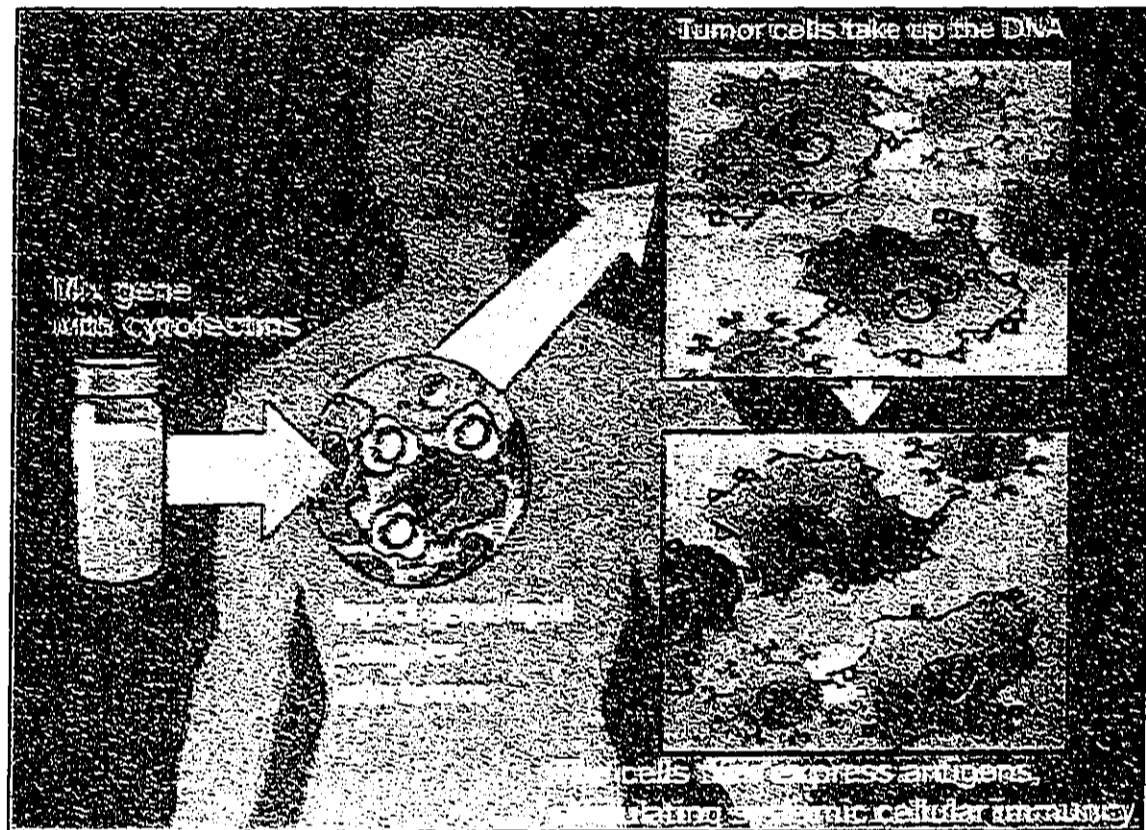
Sandra Remer, RN, manager of the Providence Oncology Clinical Trials Program, said she is "very excited" about the possibilities of Allovectin-7. "Clinical trials are one way of getting the very best care. That's the way new therapies are found," she said.

In early investigational studies, with the treatment some individuals experienced tumor shrinkage and/or disease stabilization, Remer noted.

Like a Stealth bomber, cancer cells have a cloaking device. The body's immune system cannot recognize them and attack them, Dr. Terebello explained.

Allovectin-7 seeks to change this. Injected directly into a tumor, Allovectin-7 causes the tumor cells to produce an antigen on the cell's surface, similar to those on a healthy cell. This is then identified by the body's immune system, which produces killer T-cells that will engage in a search-and-destroy mission against the cancer cells.

A candidate for the nine-week treatment must have an advanced stage malignant melanoma and must have never received



graphic courtesy of Providence Hospital Novi

A diagram to show how gene therapy fights cancer.

ABOUT MALIGNANT MELANOMA

Who's most at risk for malignant melanoma?

- Caucasians, who are 20 times more at risk than African-Americans.
- Those who have had close family members with malignant melanoma (parents, a child or sibling).
- Patients, such as organ transplant patients, who have been treated with medicines that suppress the immune system.
- Those who have had too much exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and from tanning booths.
- The odds go up for individuals over the age of 50. However, melanoma is one of the most common cancers for individuals under age 30.
- People who have many moles and those who have some large moles.

How to protect yourself:

- Limit your exposure to sunshine, by covering up, wearing sunglasses and a hat with a large brim.
- Use sunscreens on skin with a SPF of over 15 on exposed skin.
- Use sunscreens even on hazy or cloudy days and reapply frequently when active outdoors, because it wears off with perspiration and swimming.
- People who have moles should check them regularly to see if they have changed. A dermatologist should also look at them.
- Spots on the skin that change in size, shape or color should be seen by a doctor right away. An unusual sore, lump, blemish or change in the way an area of the skin looks could be skin cancer.

How a normal mole differs from a cancerous mole:

Most people have moles. A normal mole is generally an evenly colored black, tan or black spot on the skin that is either raised or flat. It is usually no more than the width of a pencil eraser. Here's how the American Cancer Society says a malignant mole may differ from a normal mole.

Possible signs of melanoma:

- One half of the mole does not match the other half.
- The edges of the mole are ragged or notched.
- The color of the mole is not the same all over. There may be shades of tan, brown or black and sometimes patches of red, blue or white.
- The mole may be wider than about one-quarter inch, although sometimes a malignancy may be smaller.

Source: the American Cancer Society.

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Some reflections on gun laws

Business

When the recent shooting death of Mr. Morris was reported in the local media, I had to put the gun laws on my mind. Some people argue that more gun laws will not solve the fundamental social problems that are plaguing our society.

What is the question, what is the goal? Is it to have a society where the only way to resolve a dispute is through the courts? Is it to have a society where the only way to resolve a dispute is through the courts? Is it to have a society where the only way to resolve a dispute is through the courts?



Stephanie Hoops
The Law and You

for at least 10 years, but it remained rooted as an embodiment of American goals and needs. And ultimately it had a pedagogical effect — it reminded a social problem.

Can violence be a fundamental social problem in and of itself. Without legislation, how can we, as a society, crystallize and make known our values?

Social needs may not wait for the legislature to awaken from its slumber and provide an answer. If children continue to die from gun violence, the answers may have to come from the

know. Lawsuits aren't looked upon very kindly these days, but lawsuits aren't always a bad thing. They can be beneficial in ways that are often overlooked. Courts can change the law through interpretation. If a judge senses that there is a need for change, he or she may interpret a case so that new "common law" is created.

Certain gun owners need some defined limitations that reflect current values. I'm not knocking the hunters who understand how to handle a weapon and how to store it safely out of a child's reach.

What I'm saying is that politicians who say that more gun laws will not solve anything miss the function of the law in general.

Such is my opinion. And here it is without the jurisprudential theory I think it'd be nice if we had a few rules set up that make it a little more difficult for a 6-year-old to get shot in school.

Stephanie Hoops is a Novati attorney currently attending journalism school at Northwestern University. She can be reached via e-mail at Shoopes@qmail.com.

Orin J. Mazzoni Jr., president of Orin Jewelers in Northville and Garden City, recently returned from a trip to San Diego, where he attended a series of seminars, workshops and courses at the Spring 2000 Buying/Seminar Show of the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO).

Orin Jewelers is the area's exclusive Master IJO Jeweler member.

Northville resident Shannetta Griffin was promoted to principal of Camp Dresser & McKee's Detroit operation. She is a transportation manager responsible for business development in the firm's Michigan region. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Wash College will be offering several professional advancement certification and technical computer training classes in the days to come. Here are some dates and topics to be covered at the Novi campus:

- PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS: The workshop will help managers manage employee performance expectations and foster teamwork.
- INTERPERSONAL SKILLS: The course not only helps in teaching how behaviors impact how you are perceived, but provides personal improvement strategies.

For more information on either of these courses, call (248) 680-8282.

Business Network International will be hosting meetings on March 16 and 23 at Kirby's Koney Island, located at 21200 Haggerty Road for its Northville chapter, and again on March 17 and 24 at Leon's Restaurant, located at 29710 Womox Road for its Wixom chapter. The Novi chapter will meet on March 21 at Kirby's. All meetings begin at 7 a.m. For more information, call (810) 323-3800.

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro of Novi will celebrate its 45th St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17. Traditional Irish fare will be served, including corned beef and cabbage, lamb stew, beef and beer stew, and other Irish favorites.

The band INIS-CEOL, transcribing Island Music, will entertain from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Guinness and Harps beers along with Irish whiskey and Irish coffee will be available.

For information, call (248) 386-8460.



A grand reflection
Presidential scholar nominee Janice Liao, a Novi High student, practices piano at her home.

Gene therapy battles cancer cells

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chemotherapy before. The skin cancer must have spread, from, for example, the arm to an organ such as the lungs or liver.

"That's where it's generally inoperable. You do a biopsy and you look at it and it's the same cancer," Dr. Terabeo said.

With standard chemotherapy, such a patient might have four to five months to live, Dr. Terabeo said. With chemotherapy and the new treatment, his or her lifespan could increase by several years.

Literature on Allovectin-7 indicates that 60 percent of patients who have advanced to Stage III of a possible four stages of melanoma survive for five years with standard chemotherapy. The gene treatment aims to extend the odds.

Half of the patients in the investigation will receive the gene therapy.

"You respect that God plays more of a role in this than science does at times."

Dr. Howard Terabeo
Providence Cancer Institute
Assarian Center

experimental treatment do have the option of the disease progresses to get experimental treatment," he said.

Candidates may be referred to Providence by themselves or their doctors. There is no charge for the gene therapy. The chemotherapy is covered by a patient's health insurance.

"As long as the tumor is responding, they can stay on it. If the disease progresses, they will be taken off the study," Dr. Terabeo said.

While he grew up in the Detroit area, Dr. Terabeo worked at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda and at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., before deciding to head home.

"I thought that Providence offered the best of both worlds for caring for people with cancer and being able to do research," he said.

Providence has seven doctors involved in clinical research and dozens of clinical trials going on any given time.

"We now have this glorious new (Novi) facility that should give new dividends to the community here," he said.

Dr. Terabeo said he specialized in cancer treatment because "it's an ever-changing, dynamic field that makes you a student for life."

"In general I like to care for people who are in need of help," he added.

You can never help but keep learning and be humbled. You respect that God plays more of a role in this than science does at times."

Jan Jeffrey can be reached via e-mail at jjeffres@ttd.com.

Church hosts health screening

Project Healthy Living comes to First United Methodist of Northville

HEALTH FORUM

WHAT: Project Healthy Living
WHERE: Various metro Detroit locations, including First United Methodist Church of Northville
WHEN: March 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
COSTS: Ranges from free to \$35 per test. Open to anyone age 18 older.

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Twice as nice

Jilg and Churella each win a state title

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If good things always seem to happen in bunches, then that's all good for the Novi wrestling team.

Senior Dan Jilg and junior Ryan Churella each captured a Division I state wrestling title this past weekend, the first of either of

their careers. Jilg defeated Ron Thompson of Plymouth Salem 4-2 in the 119-pound title match, while Churella earned his title with a hard-fought 7-6 win over Northville's Reggie Torrence at 130.

"It was desuned. 8-4-2-1," Jilg said, recalling his placing at the last four state finals. "Finishing

second last year, this sure the heck makes up for it."

Jilg was the pre-meet favorite at 119 pounds, and didn't let up over the three days the tournament was held at Joe Louis Arena. Jilg won all four of his matches, the closest coming in the finals.

"I was thinking in the car on the way to the Joe. I have 24 minutes of wrestling left in my high school career. Then when I walked out here today I had six minutes of wrestling left," Jilg said. "I didn't want to waste 'em."

"Right now Dan Jilg is the best wrestler in Novi High School history — including Taka Watanabe," Novi coach Tom Fritz said. "Now maybe a year from now I might be saying that about Ryan Churella. But right now Danny's the best."

Churella needed a reversal with 34 seconds left to beat Torrence, whom he had split two matches with earlier this season.

"I wasn't really thinking anything (down 6-5 late). I just did anything I had to do to win it," the junior said. "After the first period I realized that I was letting him into my legs too easy. I began pushing his head down and looking for a way to get around him."

"My dad is the biggest reason for this. He's the one who sat me down and showed me what I had to do to win."

Last season Churella finished runnerup to Eric Gervais of Grand Haven.

"Last year it was the worst feeling. This year it is the greatest feeling," Churella said.

Novi's 215-pounder Nick Sloan was just a win away from making it three titles for the Wildcats. The junior won his first three matches of the day before falling to Grand Ledge's Brian Cheyne 11-5 in the championship match.

He had beaten Saginaw Her-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi senior Adam Borashko tries to turn Matt Eckenrode of Traverse City Central last Friday.



Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Ryan Churella raises his hands after winning the state title.

itage's Nate Decker 13-1 in the opening round before pinning Sterling Height's Jared Beno in 3:02. He then defeated Bryan Schilb of Bay City Western 9-8 in the semifinals.

"He was so down this week after losing twice last weekend (at team states). (Adam) Borashko was taking him down at practice and he wasn't wrestling very well," Fritz said. "But look what he's done here."

Speaking of Borashko, the senior placed sixth at 189 pounds despite losing his first match of the day to Dan White of Battle Creek Central.

He came back to beat Eric Puninske of Stevenson by fall. Matt Eckenrode of Traverse City Central 13-6 and Bobby Everett of Saline 7-6. In the wrestleback semifinals, he lost to Midland Dow's Dave Anderson 7-4 and then fell to Holland's Chris Ristau

3-0 to finish sixth.

"I actually almost quit (wrestling) back over Christmas break," Borashko said. "I got sick of wrestling and it wasn't fun. But Fritz came up to me and said 'why do you want to quit wrestling, you're good.' So I stuck with it and it paid off."

Josh Churella became just the second freshman in school history (Dan Jilg) to place at the state meet. The youngest Churella 2-3 on the day and finished eighth overall at 103.

He defeated Jarard Arnold of Saginaw 6-4 in his first match before losing to Kyle Klooster of Grand Haven in the second round. He came back to earn a medal by defeating Richard Gruenberg of East Detroit 7-2 in the wrestleback second round.

From there he lost to Troy's Nick Best and Monroe's Corey

Nowitzke to place eighth.

Jilg was the top-ranked 119 pounder in Division I, and he looked like it. The senior captain beat Steele Osborn of Grand Ledge 14-1 in his first match and then beat Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse's Eric Neil 7-4 in the quarters. A 10-1 win over Holt's Jack Scott propelled Jilg into the finals.

Churella beat Catholic Central's Chris Peterson by fall at 5:08 in his first match before knocking off Rochester Adam's Mike Holtz 15-7 and Grand Haven's John Cox 8-6.

The five state placers were the most in school history, according to Fritz. The Kensington Valley Conference had 10 state placers overall, with six of its wrestlers competing in the finals and three winning titles. Howell's Brooks Cozart won the 112-pound title in Division I.

Two state champions are better than one

What started out to be a long weekend filled with state finals turned into one of the most enjoyable weekends I've spent as a sports writer here in Novi.

You see, not only was I privy to one state champion, but I had the opportunity to cover two in about 20 minutes. Add to that the other two kids I covered in the finals as well as four more state placers from Northville and Novi and you begin to understand why covering wrestling has been so enjoyable this season.

Both programs are top notch, from the wrestlers to the coaches. And both need to be commended for

their good sportsmanship and behavior throughout the winter season.

I can't say enough about Dan Jilg. For the past four years this young man has strived to be the best he could be. Each year he's gotten closer and closer to the ultimate goal. And to see him reach both hands high into the sky following his 4-2 win over Ron Thompson of Salem last week sent a slight chill down my spine. If ever there was a better kid to work with over my three years here in Northville and Novi, I have yet to meet him.

My hat must also come off to both Ryan Churella and Reggie Torrence for their tremendous efforts over the past four weeks. Churella may have edged out Torrence for the state title, but both deserved to be standing at the top of that podium last Saturday night. When Churella's reversal gave him a two-point lead with 34 seconds left, I couldn't help but feel for Torrence. The senior gave his all, yet couldn't quite escape the grips of Churella. At that

minute I wanted to stop the match and award each of them a state title, but that's competition for you. That's what makes this sport so great.

• And what about the two school's coaching staffs?

Tom Fritz was named Division I coach of the year along with Davison's head coach Roy Hall. It was the fifth time in his coaching tenure that Fritz has won the award, but the first in Division I or Class A. But he was quick to point to others first.

"I can't say enough about what Brad (Huss) means to me," Fritz said of his co-coach. "I tell you what, if Brad weren't here, I wouldn't be coaching."

Add to those two a guy like Mark Churella and you have the makings of an elite group of men working to improve the lives of some 30-40 kids each day.

And what about Northville? Garnett Potter and his assistants Cheech Aloisio and Bob Townsend

have transformed the Mustangs into a state power over the last half a decade or so. Even as the program lost nine valuable seniors from the 1998-99 team, Northville nearly pulled off a major upset over Novi this spring and had three state placers this past weekend.

Look for the Northville/Novi rivalry to continue on next season.

• So many people continue to complain about the Michigan High School Athletic Association holding the combined state wrestling finals at the Joe. Well, from my perspective, it's a great place to be. I mean, where else can you see Torrence and Churella going at it over here, while Andy Simmons is winning his second-straight title over there? Where else can you see Jeremiah Tobias (Manchester's four-time state champion), Zemalar Pittman (of Flint Carmien

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Cagers out

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The 1999-2000 basketball season came to an abrupt end at Novi last week as Plymouth Salem overcame an early deficit to oust the Wildcats from the state playoffs and eventually advance out of the Novi district.

The Rocks defeated Novi 54-42 in front of Novi's home crowd, then proceeded to top Plymouth Canton in the district finals on Saturday. Salem played Detroit Pershing Tuesday night in the regional semifinal at Southfield Lathrup (after The Novi News' deadline).

Novi built an 8-6 lead after one quarter thanks to a pair of three pointers by Chad Nadolini. The Cats were controlling the tempo of the game early, keeping the pace of the game at a minimum.

"I was surprised to see them come out and play us in a man-to-man (defense)," Novi Coach Pat Schluter said.

"We were trying to take good shots and take them out of their game."

The plan seemed to work until the Rocks went on a 7-0 run midway through the second quarter. The run gave them a 15-11 lead that it would not relinquish again. Another 7-0 run early in the third quarter upped Salem's lead to 10 at 26-16 with 6:02 to play. Another mini-run later in the quarter pushed their lead to 16 points at the end of the third.

"We didn't have a good third quarter, we didn't play a good game overall," Schluter said. "We were having trouble scoring against their defense."

Much of that trouble came on the inside, where Novi's leading scorer Dan Nawrot was held to just four points and two field-goal attempts.

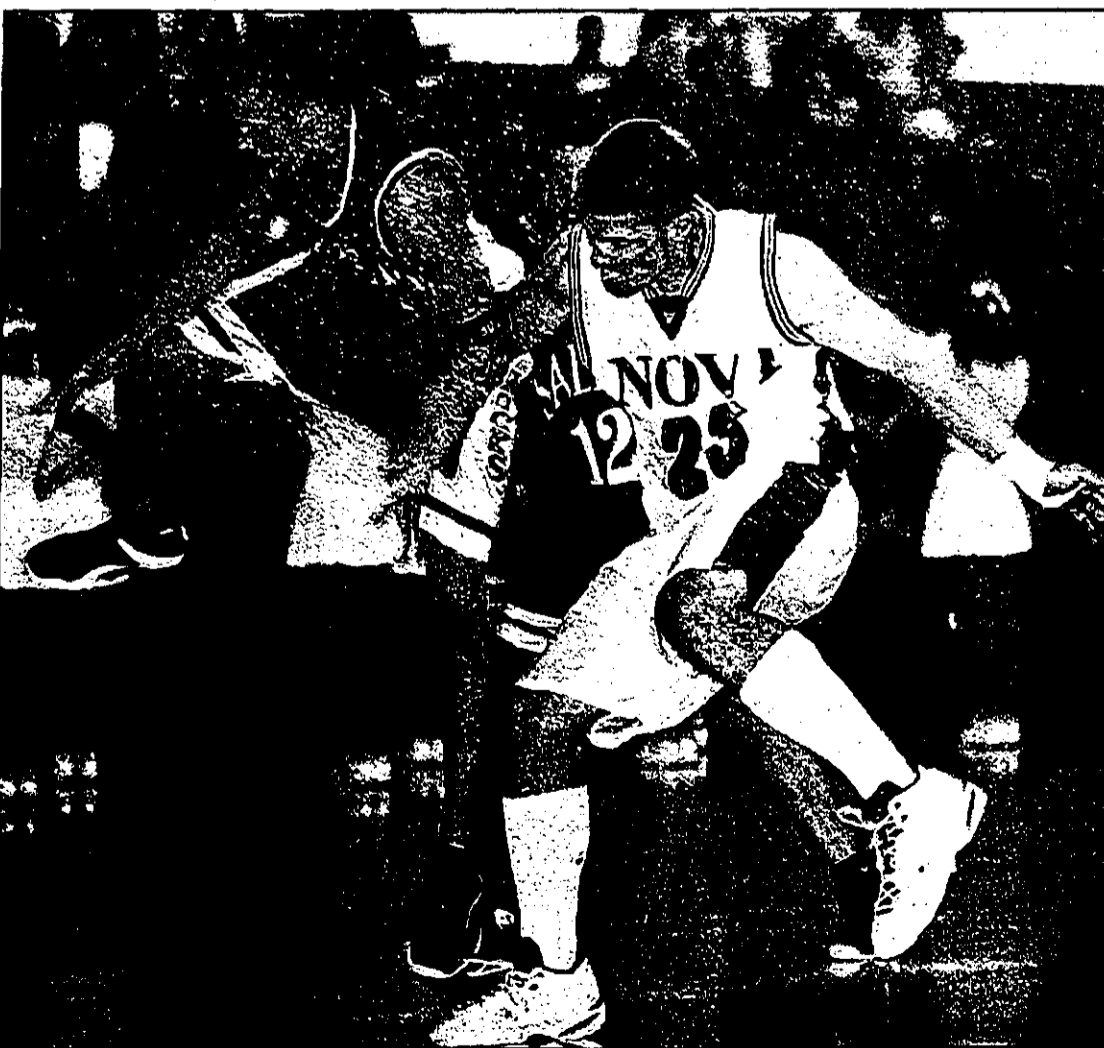


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Continued on 3 Novi's Brendan Hadley tries to strip the ball from a Salem player during their district semifinal.

Bliss takes to states

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Michael Bliss is one of just several reasons the Novi swim team will be a major concern for its opponents next season.

The junior was the lone representative for Novi at the lower peninsula state finals last weekend at Eastern Michigan University. Although he didn't place in the 100 backstroke, his time of 56.2 seconds was faster than that of the 12-place finisher in the final heat.

Coach Bill McCord said his backstroker took 25th place.

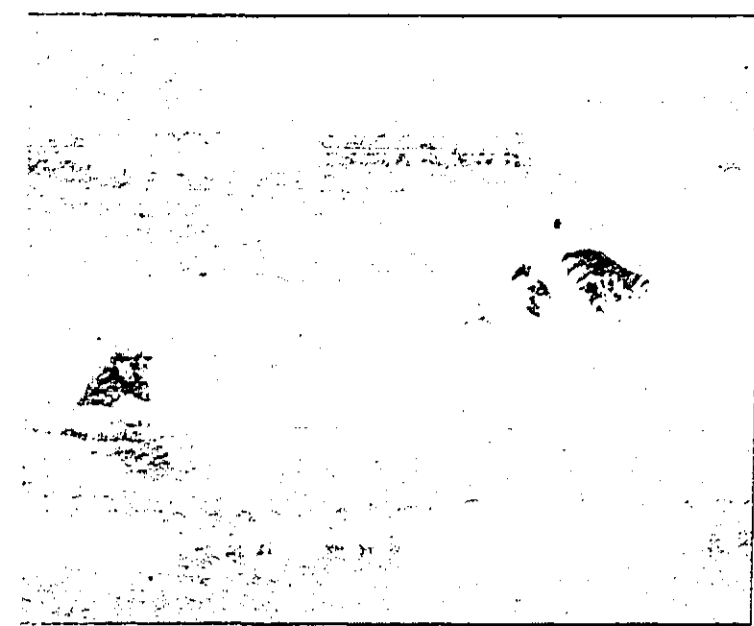
"He didn't swim his best, but to place in an event like this he would have had to put together a perfect race to qualify," McCord said.

The time was his second fastest of the season, second only to his state cut time he posted at the Swartz Creek Invitational two weeks earlier. Bliss transferred to Novi from Brother Rice High School, the team which won the state title at the meet. Ann Arbor Pioneer was runner up and Rochester Adams finished third.

Although there were no other Wildcat qualifiers, the team did fare well at their last meet of the season at Swartz Creek. The meet was a "last chance" for many swimmers to get their state cuts. Novi had just one, but the rest of the team swam as well as it has all season long.

The Wildcats won the four-team meet in domi-

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Novi's Jordan Moblo finished first in the 500 freestyle at Swartz Creek back on March 3 and 4.

Bliss makes states

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 The Novi Junior Varsity Volleyball team finished its season on a strong note by defeating Milford Lakeland last week, 15-11, 13-15, 15-13. It was the Wildcats fourth straight victory of the season, as they closed out their Kenington Valley Conference schedule with a 6-6 record.
 In tournament action, Novi JV finished with a 2-2 record. They finished second in one tournament and reached the semifinals in another.
 Sophomores Carmen Simkins and Brittany Barrett, both setters, and freshman Crystal Corie, a 5-foot-9 middle hitter, paced the Wildcats this season.
 Coach Bill Kelp's team finished the season at 18-2 overall and 11-1 in the KVC. Kelp's record the last two years at the JV level is now 30-10. The Wildcats were led by team captains Crawford, Schram and Simpson. The team had three outstanding freshmen players who saw a lot of playing time this year in Chase Chandler, Matt Emmencker, and Shawn Dickens. Other team members includes sophomores Kirk Safford, Brian Swift, Eric Schleuder, Brian Doyle, Ryan Van Tassel and Mike Hendricks.

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Dan Jilg - Senior



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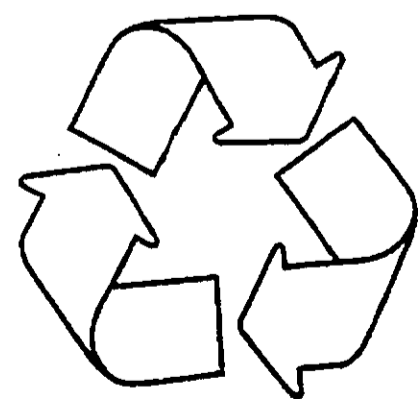
Ryan Churella - Junior



The math isn't quite so easy for Churella. He didn't qualify his freshman year, but came out of nowhere last season to finish runner-up. In this his junior season, Churella overcame a deficit in the last 34 seconds to overtake Northville's Reggie Torrence and win his first state championship.

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Gymnasts finish fourth at states

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

There weren't any team or individual state championships to bring home from last weekend's gymnastics finals.

But the experience alone may translate into bigger and better things for next season.

Northville/Novi returns all but two members from this year's squad which placed fourth at last Friday's team competition at Hartland High School. And each of the eight girls who competed in the team competition will be back.

The Mustangs tallied 143.15 points, finishing just out of second place, which was occupied by Holland (143.9). Fellow Western Lake's foe Brighton was third with 143.325 points while Rochester Adams rounded out the top five with 143.05 points. East Kentwood surprised no one by running away with the team title with 148.475 points.

Northville/Novi fared well on the vault, but struggled on the bars. The team scored a 36.2 on vault, aided by a 9.3 by Katie Braine and a 9.25 by Megan Samhat. Monica Fink was third with a 9.0.

But the Stangs had some troubles on bars, scoring just a 35.15 with their top four. Lindsey Carlson, who missed most of the weekend with an injury she sustained a month ago, did her best to help the team in the event by scoring a 9.1.

Samhat had terrific night on the beam and in the floor exercise, scoring a 9.5 and 9.55. Braine added a 9.0 and 9.35 in those two events.

Individuals fare well

Braine tied for seventh place in the Division 1 all-around competition (36.9) after taking seventh in both the vault (9.35) and beam (9.35) events. She also tied for 16th (9.2) on the floor and was 19th (9.0) on the bars.

Samhat had the highest individual finish (fifth in the floor, 9.25) and was ninth in the all-around. The junior tied for 10th on the vault (9.25), was eighth on the beam (9.3) and was 26th on the bars (8.8).

Carlson was the only other Mustang to compete in D-1, finishing 21st on the bars (8.975).

In Division 2, Andrea Ledbetter was 19th overall. Her best finish came in the floor exercise, where she was 19th with a 9.05. She was 22nd on bars (8.775), 30th on vault (8.7) and 33rd on beam (8.15).

Fink also had a solid day, finishing fifth on the vault with a score of 9.175. She was 25th on beam (8.5) and 35th on bars (8.25).

Allison Gillette was the other Northville/Novi gymnast to garner a top 40 finish. She was 20th on the vault (8.9) and 36th on beam (8.05).

The promise for next year's team is strengthened by the fact that Northville/Novi was competing without senior Jennifer Rohlfis who missed most of the season with knee and shoulder injuries. Rohlfis will be missed, but wasn't able to help the team much this season. Carlson missed a good portion of the team's first year. She can score between 36 and 37 each time out for the Stangs.



Northville/Novi coach Laura Moyers hugs a gymnast last Friday.

SEASON-ENDING NOVI JV RESULTS

NOVI JV VOLLEYBALL

Everyone got to see some playing time, and the Novi crowd showed its appreciation with a standing ovation for the team.
 Jamie Schram had a super game. He shot a perfect nine-for-nine from the field and five-for-five from the line before leaving the game with 23 points. Chase Chandler contributed seven points, while Shawn Dickens and Trey Simpson each had six. Schram and Ryan Van Tassel had four rebounds each.
 The Wildcats closed out their season last Friday with a 53-25 victory at Milford Lakeland. The starting line-up of Mike Crawford, Kirk Safford, Brian Doyle, Eric Schleuder, and Mike Hendricks gave the Wildcats the early lead, and they never looked back.

NOVI JV BASKETBALL WINS KVC; ENDS WITH 18-2 RECORD

The Novi Junior Varsity Basketball Team finished its home schedule in great fashion last Tuesday (Feb. 29) night by defeating Howell, 53-39. The victory clinched the Kenington Valley Conference championship.
 Defense, defense and more defense helped the Wildcats to the victory. The Wildcats were ahead 17-16, at halftime, but rallied with 19 points in the third quarter and 17 more in the fourth quarter to close out the win.

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Salem ends Novi's season

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"They just did a nice job of sending three or four guys at him every time he got the ball," the coach said. "Every time our guards penetrated the lane they contested the shot. We didn't get any easy shots."

Nadolni finished with 12 points, all coming via the three pointers.

The loss ends Novi's season, a season which the Wildcats finished 11-11 overall and 6-6 in the Kenington Valley Conference. They tied Lakeland for third place, but defeated the Eagles twice head to head. South Lyon won the league crown and Milford finished two games back.

Novi loses seven seniors to graduation, four of which started. Only point guard Brandon Davis returns as a starter next season. Fortunately for Schluter, the junior varsity team finished 18-2 this season, despite losing sophomores Davis and Matt Gorman to the varsity team.

"If you look at our team this season, only Chad (Nadolni) and (Brendan) Hadley played a lot last year," Schluter said. "Our other guys all stepped in and did a nice job this year."

"I felt we could have won 15 games this year, but we had a couple of key injuries."

NAWROT EARNS HONOR

For his efforts in leading Novi to a third-place finish in the KVC this season, Nawrot was voted to the all-KVC first team. He was the fifth-top vote getter on the seven-member team. South Lyon's Randy Duncan was the coaches unanimous choice as the KVC player of the year. Others voted to the first team were Mike Tobin of Milford, Jeff Harris of Hartland, Geoff Zimmerman of Lakeland, Brian Downing of South Lyon and Eric Walters of Howell.

Nadolni was one of seven others to earn second-team all-league honors. Milford's Joe Kofahl was the leading vote getter among second-team selections. Followed by Shaun Houck of Lakeland, Charlie Christian of Brighton, Pat Flynn of South Lyon, Nadolni, Dave Nowaczyk of Brighton and Leann McAvoy of Lakeland. Davis was one vote short of making the second team and was an honorable mention selection along with fellow guard Hadley.

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Health Column

Fibroid Tumor treatment on the way

Fibroid tumor - the words alone are frightening. The diagnosis used to forebode a complete hysterectomy and the emotionally traumatic loss of childbearing ability. For women beyond their childbearing years, this remains a viable solution. In recent years, however, new alternatives have been developed. Down the road, gene therapy may become an option.

One third of women will be affected by this relatively common condition during their reproductive years. In certain racial and ethnic groups, such as African-Americans, the incidence of fibroids may be nearly 70 percent.

The most common question posed by patients, says Gregory Christman M.D., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the U-M Medical School, is "what causes fibroids?" Although it is a fairly prevalent condition, he says there are no definitive answers. "We are getting much more information about how myomas behave and what's going on as far as their behavior," he says. "But as far as what gene or DNA abnormality may be causing this, we are totally unaware at this point."

Christman says using the term "tumor" for fibroids is a misnomer. He explains, "They're anything but tumors. Fibroids are a collection of uterine muscle cells that have changed their behavior so they grow more frequently from a single cell and form a compact nodule area. They secrete collagen that gives them a very fibrotic appearance, hence the name fibroids."

Also an assistant research scientist in the university's reproductive science program, Christman explains that the more accurately termed "myomas" behave differently from

tumors. "They have chosen a different behavior than normal uterine muscle," he says. These cells have adopted the same behavior as uterine muscle cells during labor. "The uterus in labor has to be ready to repair itself in case there should be any injury during childbirth, so it tends to want to grow quickly and be able to release collagen to repair itself if there should be an injury during delivery."

Christman says uterine muscle cells "communicate" with one another in pregnancy to coordinate contractions to deliver the baby. He has found that myoma cells are not abnormal, they are just acting inappropriately in the non-pregnant state.

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Christman has learned that myomas seem to have a hereditary component, as previous studies have shown in different ethnic groups, therefore signaling a possible genetic predisposition to the condition. "Some of the work that I do at the University of Michigan is studying the delivery of DNA into uterine leiomyomas as a possible treatment in the future." He says that, at a recent National Institute of Health conference, the cause of uterine leiomyomas was the focus. Preliminary findings indicate that when certain genes are altered in research animals, leiomyomas develop. "[This research] allows us to think about possible molecular and genetic approaches that may solve this

dilemma in a way much simpler than surgery."

In his current research, Christman is exploring the "introduction of DNA to accomplish the same thing that surgery does." A therapy using DNA to "instruct" the tumor to disappear slowly over time "would entail virtually no discomfort for women," he says.

However, it is very early in the game. Christman's preliminary gene therapy research has numerous safety issues that must be addressed. "Gene therapy," he explains, "is still investigational and our concern is that we want this therapy, when it becomes available, to have absolutely no safety concerns whatsoever." He says his focus over the next few years will be on the development of safe DNA therapy for uterine fibroids that would have a very localized effect.

So far the research is promising. "Using a safe approach to DNA will be feasible," he says. But before human clinical trials can begin, researchers will work on demonstrating in an animal model that this approach is absolutely safe. "Our data so far is very encouraging," he says, "and we have no reason at this time to believe that this safety data won't be verified, and I'm certainly expecting it will be successful."

Depending on the location and size of the tumors, not all patients experience symptoms. The most common symptoms are heavy/abnormal uterine bleeding; pressure, creating an urgency to urinate or constipation; and increased risk of miscarriage or infertility.

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Health Notes

Cancer Support Group

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

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

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

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

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

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

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

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

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

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

Child Health Clinics

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

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

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

Healthy Solutions Seminar

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

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

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

Blood pressure checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

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

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

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

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

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

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

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

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

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

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