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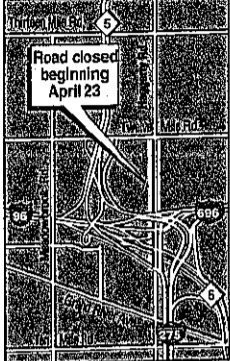
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Haggerty Rd. closing



Haggerty will close for 135 days

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

Commuters traveling along Haggerty Road south of Twelve Mile Road will have to choose a different route to take.

Beginning April 23, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will close the road for an estimated 135 days, for repairs.

According to MDOT officials, a repair project will close the road that crosses over I-96, I-696, M-5 and east bound I-96.

repair.

"The four bridges that go over the freeway in need of maintenance," Cooper said. "Two are scheduled for total deck replacement and the other two will get resurfaced. We're looking at a 135 day window to get it done. About four and a half months."

Novi police are asking that commuters be aware of the closure and MDOT is suggesting a detour of Twelve Mile Road to M-5 to Grand River and vice-versa. Police are expecting traffic congestion in the area beginning the morning of April 23. MDOT also said there will be

"The four bridges that go over the freeway in need in maintenance."

Dennis Cooper MDOT lead engineer for Haggerty Road

of the road over the freeways, Cooper said. "We have numerous things like this down the road," Novi city manager Richard Helwig said, noting the eventual demolition of the Grand River bridge. "We just have to get going and get them all done."

The project is being done by the C.A. Hull Company of Walled Lake.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.

Intermittent lane closures along northbound M-5, west and east bound I-96 and both lanes of I-696. Essentially, MDOT will be replacing the entire surface

City looks to fill two positions in parks and rec

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The hunt for a new Novi parks and recreation director is still on, according to Novi city manager Richard Helwig.

"We're still casting our net, so to speak," he said. So far that net has been empty.

Helwig said while the city has received applications, no candidates have been singled out and no interviewing has taken place.

"We're taking a lot of time to ensure that we have a good pool to select from," he said.

The search for a replacement came in February after former director Dan Davis left the department.

Davis, who had been with the department for 16 years, announced his departure in January saying he was "ready for a change."

Adding to the department's search, the city will also have to find a new deputy director to replace Martlyn Troshack who will leave on April 27.

"I just want to be at home and be an advocate for my kids," Troshack, who lives in Howell, said. "I know it's not a good time for the department, but my kids need me."

In the past year, Novi has seen a large turnover in the city administration.

Aside from the loss of recre-

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Lake Area Times debuts today

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Hometown Communications Network welcomes a new addition to its long chain of newspapers with the Lake Area Times.

The new Lake Area Times will cover the areas of Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce Township and Union Lake.

Editor of the Novi News, Kelli Cooley, will double her role as the new Lake Area Times editor, and Diane Dempsey Deel will be the paper's reporter. Hometown's Grace Perry will be publisher.

"We are really excited about reestablishing a connection with Hometown and the lakes community," Cooley said. "The area is growing by leaps and bounds and we look forward to providing the local newspaper for the lakes area for a long time to come."

The paper will include information on Walled Lake municipal government, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Wixom municipal government, police and court matters, as well as community information for

Commerce and Union Lake.

According to Bob Jackson, Hometown managing editor, the new paper is the result of the communities current population and business boom.

"These areas- Walled Lake, Wixom, Union Lake and Commerce- are experiencing tremendous growth," he said. "They each have created their own identity and we wanted to create a paper that reflects those identities."

According to Jackson, the Lake Area Times will share its coverage with the Novi News for the first year or two, before branching out on its own. Jackson added that the coverage will be more intensive and prominent.

"Our goal is to eventually bring the Lake Area Times to a fully independent, free-standing newspaper," he said. "Readers in Walled Lake, Commerce, Wixom and Union Lake can't expect more intensive coverage of their communities. If it is important to our readers then it needs to be in our newspaper. That is our goal."

Jackson added that the intent of the new paper is to become an information powerhouse for the lakes area.



Valeria Duperron and Gloria Fontan of Ole Latino perform for Village Oaks students last Friday afternoon.

Olé

Students learn art of Spanish dancing

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

From the fiery moves of salsa to the passionate and romantic rhythms of flamenco, the students at Village Oaks Elementary witnessed first hand the alluring art of Spanish dance.

On April 6, the Spanish group, Ole Latino, captivated the school with a number of Spanish and South American dances for a culturally upbeat event.

"The performances were really lively and dramatic," said ten-year-old Anthony Berchery. "It made you want to get up and dance."

The elite group of dancers and musicians combined acoustic guitar playing, singing, chanting, and stac-

cato hand clapping to convey the multicultural origins of each style of dance.

Belling out "Ole," the dancers rapidly stomped and clapped to the music, practically hypnotizing the students with their powerful moves.

"It's full of rhythm and energy," said student Keith Saopes. "It's really fun to watch."

Adding to the fervor were the beautifully colored costumes that ranged from hot pinks to dark violets. Each costume was complete with props like hats, headdresses and fans.

The group's director Gloria Fontan explained to the students that in high society, the fan was used as a language tool.

"If you were to wave the open fan in front of your face, below your eyes, it means, 'I like you,' but if you closed the fan and put it up to your chin, it means 'I don't like you,'" she said.

The students also had the opportunity to learn some hot and spicy steps of their own, as they were invited to join Fontan and some of her dancers for a quick dance lesson.

"It was really entertaining," said fourth grader Joshua Moses. "The dances looked cool, but I don't think I could do them."

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Novi High student to perform in Europe

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The sweet sound of Novi High School student Jeff Gdowski's trombone has earned him the opportunity of a lifetime.

This summer, the talented senior will join 90 other talented musicians as they travel across the globe for the American Musical Ambassadors 30th annual European concert tour.

Gdowski, who has been playing the trombone for eight years, will head out on July 5 to perform in ten concerts throughout Europe and England.

"I'm really excited," Gdowski said. "This is a great opportunity because it gives me the chance to see Europe and explore my musical talent."

Band members for the touring ensemble are selected on the dual bases of musicianship and citizenship, based upon past accomplishments and recommendations from their high school band directors.

Gdowski said he received notice after receiving an MCBA scholarship of \$1,000.

"Jeff was the first Novi band student to receive this kind of scholar-

ship and this just adds to the pride we're feeling," said Novi High School band director James Sheckler. "The tour is a great experience because not only will he get to travel but also have the chance to perform with some of the finest young musicians in the country."

James Sheckler Novi High School band director

"During the three-week concert tour conducted by Professor Jerry F. Junkin, members will travel to Belgium, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France and London. Highlights of the tour will also include visits to important musical, cultural and historic sites.

"Two things I'm really looking forward to seeing is the site where they filmed the Sound of Music and



Novi High student Jeff Gdowski is going to Europe with a music ensemble.

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Man tries to accost male teen

Novi police would like to question a 40-50-year-old suspect last seen driving a red Pontiac Grand Prix or Grand Am after he offered a teen money for sex out in front of the Dick's Sporting Goods store in Haggerty Road on April 4, around 9:25 p.m.

According to the police report, the man was described as wearing a white dress shirt and black plaid striped pants with no facial hair or glasses. The suspect weighs approximately 275 lbs. and was described as being partially bald.

The victim told police that he was offered \$100 for oral sex. The victim immediately called police. The teen's mother was called. No further information was released on the incident.

Police News

and slap him in the face. On April 5, the man said he was sitting in his car along Montmorency Street about 11:30 a.m. when he saw his former boss walking up to him. The man said he waved a polite hello and his boss retaliated with the slap.

Though he reiterated that he had no idea why he was attacked, the victim did note that he owed his former boss \$600 worth of work uniforms he never bothered to return.

The slapping victim told police he wanted to press charges. Police have forwarded the case for review.

GRAB AND DASH
Two suspects walked into the

Comp USA computer store on Crescent Drive around 7:46 p.m., picked up a computer and left the building with little resistance. The April 3 incident was only questioned by a security guard who was told they had a receipt for the item.

Police records show the men merely walked out the front door of the establishment with the \$1,900 computer.

The suspects were described as males, approximately 5'8" tall. One was wearing a gray and yellow jacket and the other was wearing a dark jacket with dark glasses.

The two left the scene in a black Yukon SUV license number XSW 139.

Novi Briefs

Novi Parks & Recreation Announces Final Choices for New Park Name
The Novi Parks & Recreation Commission and the Novi Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the children at Deerfield Elementary and the community with their help in coming up with three final name choices for the new park at 11 Mile and Wixom Road.

They are:
1. Exploration Park
2. Friendship Park
3. Wildlife Woods Park
The department is enlisting the children at Deerfield Elementary, as well as the entire community to vote on the final name. Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for one of the three choices at the Parks & Recreation office, located in the Novi Civic Center, at 5 p.m. The park name and winners will be announced during the May Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.

NHS Winter Drumline Ranks 12 out of 30 International Winter Drumlines
The Novi High School Winter Drumline participated in the WGI (Winter Guard International) Championships in Milwaukee this past weekend. They competed first in the Preliminary Round, earning an 88.4 (out of 100). The score allowed them to advance into the Semi-Final Round where they then earned 83.2, scoring.

Only ten groups were advanced into the Finals. Although they missed the Finals Round by two placings, they (students, parents and staff) felt they accomplished their goals for the season. Not bad for a young group of high school percussionists.

NHS Winter Drumline is now six time State MCGC Champions and two time MCBAIA State Champions.

Blockbusted

Manager, roommate steal money from video store

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

It started off with two friends drinking, playing cards and talking about how easy it would be to rip off a local video store. The plan may have been 'easy does it', but the consequences are more like 'hard time.'

A former manager of the Blockbuster Video store on Novi Road and his roommate were arrested for felony larceny that could cost them four years in the state prison in Jackson.

According to Novi police detective Ron Roy, the inside job was hatched by the manager of the store who convinced his roommate that the theft would be simple.

"They were sitting around one night talking about how easy it would be to rip-off the store," Roy said.

Brandon Novara, 22, of Wixom and his roommate, Michael Schaeffer, were arraigned last week in 52-1 District Court on charges of felony larceny.

Roy said on March 2, around 9:50 p.m., Schaeffer entered the front of the building and went right to the back of the store unseen and entered the manager's office - where the safe was. Schaeffer, who had been briefed on the layout of the store by Novara, easily secured the estimated \$4,500 inside the safe and left through a back exit. Unfortunately for the two, it was a slow night and the store had brought in only a third of what would actually have been in the safe.

"They were sitting around one night talking about how easy it would be to rip-off the store."

There should have been three times as much in the safe," Roy said. "It was a slow night."

According to police reports, Novara took a polygraph on March 22 which he failed. In the post-polygraph interview, Novara decided to tell the truth, police note. According to Novara's statement, he told police he provided Schaeffer the combination to the safe as a way to pay off a debt he owed Schaeffer.

When police interviewed Schaeffer, he denied he knew who stole the money from the store. Police confronted Schaeffer with the surveillance photos and Novara's confession, where upon he confessed to his part in the theft.

Asked why the two committed the crime, Roy said there was no particular reason given.

"Merely greed," Roy said.

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North, south corridor study gets feedback

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The west Oakland corridor study group took their study to the road in Wixom last week and received feedback from the estimated 300 citizens that showed up for the meeting on April 3.

The study group has been holding informational meetings on a new north-south corridor proposal in west Oakland County.

"We're looking at environmental concerns and constraints before any decision is being made," corridor study project manager Adeu Nwanikwo said. "We are collecting information right now. No final decision has been made."

The study looked into a potential north-south trunkline between M-23 in the west and I-96 in the south and M-59 in the north.

Some of the Wixom residents who attended the April 3 meeting felt the new road was a "done deal" but an even larger majority came to the Wixom Civic Center and said they did not want the road "in their backyard."

"It's already been decided,"

Wixom resident Terry Tuck said. "They want to put this road right up Wixom Road."

Lee Caccaglia, a former Lathrup Village resident who now lives in Wixom, told how he was forced to "capitulate" to the construction of I-96 through his property and how it forced him to take a loss when he finally sold his house. Caccaglia said he felt the new road's construction was inevitable.

"It's a done deal," Caccaglia said. "We did everything to try and stop it (I-96). They put up beautiful wall at the end of my property. The noise, the pollution, the aluminum siding I had to scrub three times ever spring, summer and fall. You couldn't keep your door open. It took me 18 months to sell my house at a great loss."

Most of the residents at the meeting were from Wixom and all but one who came to the microphone to speak on the issue were against the idea of the corridor going up Wixom Road.

"We should at least listen," the man said, refusing to give his name.

Highland Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) member B.J. Andrews, one of the few non-Wixom residents at the meeting, was concerned that the routes for the new corridor ran along lines where housing and commercial development was beginning or soon to begin in the near future.

"The prime real-estate that has not been developed yet in the northwestern end of Oakland County could be affected," Andrews said. "We do not want to be a throughway for development in northwestern Oakland County."

"Nwanikwo said the 'facts of life' are the road will disrupt those who live in that particular area and but the needs of keeping traffic flowing through the area continue to create problems.

"Wixom is a dynamic community," Wixom Mayor Michael McDonald said. "In the sixties, we put in sewers before any of these communities out here thought of doing it. And we have supported road improvements along Wixom Road. This is the most open study I have ever seen. We can have a

discussion and a debate, but the fact is that this road probably will not be built for at least twenty years. What we are doing to come up with a plan, that we can get enough support for, that in 20 years could be built. It doesn't mean that it is going to be built. If the impact is too great it won't be built."

"The federal government has many places that federal dollars can go for road improvement," McDonald continued. "They are not going to force it down your throat if you don't want it. But in order to get the federal dollar, you have to have a study."

"The \$1 million dollar funding for the study was secured by Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) in November 1999. At the time funding was announced, the cost of a new road was well over \$450 million.

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Community Education Briefs

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- "top down -bottom up" theory of stock selection
- determining what stocks to buy based on Fundamental Analysis
- deciding whether to use Technical Analysis when buying stocks
- learning the indicators to watch before you buy or sell
- why stocks instead of mutual funds

Class will be held at Novi High School Room 129 from 7-9 p.m. This class is two weeks; held every Tuesday, April 24-May 1. Fee is \$17 (Sr. Citizens \$15).

Mosaic Bird House

In this class learn the "direct" mosaic technique. With bits of colorful glass and grout, you will transform a bird house into a stunning item for your home or garden.

After completing this class you can go on to mosaic table tops, picture frames, bird baths, and many other objects. The first class will be a demonstration and introduction to the supplies needed.

There will be an approximate \$20-\$40 additional cost for the materials needed in the class. (Supply cost can vary.)

Class will be held at Novi High School Room 119 from 6:30-9 p.m. Class is 3 weeks long, held on Wednesdays from April 25-May 9. Fee is \$28.

Wildlife Acrylic Painting

Learn start to finish painting techniques using acrylic paints. Beginning wildlife art class conducted by Ducks Unlimited artist Andi Kubacki. Take home your own 16 x 20 inch wildlife masterpiece. Wear your messy clothes and bring your creative side. A material fee of \$55 is payable the first night of class. Samples of Andi's work are on display at the Community Education office.

Class will be held at Novi Middle School in Room 316 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This is a six week class held every Tuesday, from April 24-May 29. Fee is \$130.

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Class will be held in the Novi Middle School Media Room from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. Fee is \$23.

Dog Obedience Training

All participants will meet in the evening the first night only. Bring dog's shot records. Dogs do not attend this first class.

• **Puppy Training** (3-6 months) from 6:30-7:20 p.m. Start out with your puppy on the right foot. Instead of writing for problems to develop, learn how to avoid them. You will learn basic obedience and commands such as sit, down, come and heel. You will also work on common puppy problems like nipping, jumping and house training. A fun and educational class for both puppies and handlers.

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Hip Hoppin', Groovin' & Movin'

This class, for ages 7 and up, is filled with the latest styles of dance. Learn some Hip Hop/Funk and Jazz dances that are put together with fun in mind! So call your friends and get ready to have some fun. No previous dance classes are necessary.

Class will take place in the Deerfield Cafeteria from 6-7 p.m. Class is 5 weeks, every Tuesday, April 24-May 29. Fee is \$49.

Painted Pottery Creations

This workshop for ages 4 and up with a parent, will prove that everyone can be an artist! Spend a special afternoon with your child while

creating a unique work of art. Techniques will include sponging, stamping and stenciling. Children will have a sense of accomplishment after creating something that is functional, as well as fashionable, on a pottery piece.

Class will be held at Novi Ready, Set, Paint! located in the Novi Town Center. A \$7 material fee will be collected at class for each pottery piece. Class will run from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 17. Fee is \$20 parent & 1 child and \$10 each additional child.

For more information on these classes or to register, call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Trombonist to become world traveler

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Julie's (as in Romeo and Juliet) balcony," Gdowski said.

The senior also added that he is excited to meet and perform with other band students sharing similar interests.

Before setting off to Europe, Gdowski and the other band members will meet in Washington D.C. for three days of rehearsals.

The song selection for the tour will include a wide range of music from contemporary to marches, to selections from musicals and lighter numbers to section solos.

Since its inception in 1971, the American Musical Ambassadors has sent nearly 6,000 students to Europe.

Organized by Professor Maxine LeVeuer, the American Musical Ambassadors has a long history of distinguished conductors. Past conductors have included Richard E. Strange from the University of Michigan and from Michigan State University, James Carnow. This year's conductor serves as artistic director and conductor of the Dallas Wind Symphony, as well as director of bands and a Frank C. Erwin Jr. School of Music professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

For the kids:

• **I'm Peer Proof**, for grades 4-6, offers hand-on activities that teach students skills to resist negative peer pressure. Be assertive, and maintain positive friendships. This program uses role-playing, skill practice, discussion and problem solving as teaching techniques. It is designed to teach children how to maintain friendships, react toward friends when faced with issues of cheating, stealing, teasing, fighting, trying drugs, cigarettes, and rebelling against their parents.

Class will be held in the Novi Meadows 6 Cafeteria from 6-7 p.m. Class is six weeks long, held every Tuesday, April 24-May 29.

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Walled Lake considers foreign languages for elementaries

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

Many parents might not know Spanish but their children might get the opportunity to become fluent.

Educators in Walled Lake Consolidated Schools are considering a world language curriculum that would teach students Spanish at the elementary school level. Two foreign language committee leaders outlined how the program would work and benefit students at last week's board meeting.

They hope to educate children at an age when it's easier to learn a foreign language. The program would continue until graduation when they would then be able

in their second language. Jim Lewis, who teaches German and Russian at Walled Lake Central High School and is a elementary school language organizer, said starting early instruction is crucial.

"Current brain research shows that kids' ability to learn a foreign language peaks in fourth and fifth grade," Lewis said. "When they go to middle school, they lose that spark."

In October, approximately 92 percent of parents supported the plan for world language instruction. A second language survey was conducted in November with approximately 76 percent of parents in support of Spanish as the preferred language.

Lewis pointed out that studies have also shown that it is important to start language instruction in early childhood for brain and ear development. It's important for children to start young because they will become more proficient in time and it will help them with English skills.

Sue Matz, director of instructional programs, said nine traveling language teachers would get the program off the ground. They would teach students twice a week for 30 minute sessions.

Students would be expected to achieve novice foreign language skills, she said.

"Students would engage in Spanish language activities to reinforce, remediate, and enrich grade

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level objectives in the district's course of study in math, science and social studies," Matz said.

Learning a foreign language would develop their listening and speaking skills for their age group, she said. They would also develop oral and written proficiency skills basic to their age and interests. Students will learn about the cul-

ture of Spanish-speaking people while they learn to speak the language.

Lewis hoped that the program would be adopted.

"Let's get the kids involved at an earlier age when it's compatible," he said. "We encourage the Board of Education to consider this proposal. I think it would be a great benefit to

the school district."

Superintendent James Getzler said although he favors the language program, funding would be a problem. However, the cost could possibly be worked out.

"It comes down to priorities," Getzler said. "We would have to start a program one year and not be able to sustain it the next year. We know we can't increase revenue. Days of being able to add on are gone. Something would have to go. It's one of the things that we are working on now. I love the foreign languages idea."

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lakes Area Times. She can be reached by e-mailing her at dddeelt@homecomm.net.



Parks and rec loses second staff member

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ation department heads, the city lost planning official Jim Whal and was without a DPW director for over a year, until former Wisconsin DPW director Benny McCusker was hired in January.

Over the past few months, the city has added David Evans to replace Whal as planning director as well as assistant

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Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror, and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with The United Way Volunteer Place, have established the HomeTown Heroes awards to recognize, encourage and reward outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support nonprofit organizations in Oakland County.

The United Way Volunteer Place will be North Oakland County's new one-stop shop for volunteer recruitment,

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HomeTown Heroes™ will honor volunteers in six categories: Seniors (65 and over), Youth (18 and younger), Direct Service, Faith-based, Board Member and Business (a business

encouraging employee volunteerism). The business award is sponsored by Crain's Detroit Business.

Nominations and awards will be recognized at a luncheon on June 14 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The public is invited to attend this event.

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Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon to allow volunteers to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford to go. A table of 10 is \$400. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 920-0000 to sponsor a table.

Planning disputes proposed budget

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Novi Planning Commission could see a hit in their annual budget.

Commissioners balked at the proposed \$15.0 budget last week, requesting an additional \$20,000 from Novi City Council for the 2001/2002 Fiscal year.

"I know that \$15,000 is not a small change, but this year's budget is meager at best," said planning commissioner Andrew Mutch.

The request for additional funding would go to provide conferences and workshops, as well as fund two major studies: a ranking of environmental areas study and a Beck Road corridor study.

"The Beck Road corridor is a growing problem and we've done zero to plan for it," Mutch said. Last year, the commission's

budget took a nose dive, dropping from \$42,000 in 1999 to just \$8,000 in 2000.

The drastic cut was due to the heat on the Sandstone lawsuit, which had a rippling effect on all parts of city administration funding.

While the commission took the cut in stride, this year they feel more money is warranted.

"This commission is responsible for guiding the long-term development of this community. Our decisions have enormous impact on the city's financial future and the character of our community," Mutch said. "If we want to have a quality commission, we have to fund it."

Andrew Mutch, Planning Commissioner

commission has requested additional funds, we've gone ahead and forwarded those recommendations to council."

Pearson said council will review the request and finalize the city budget some time in May.

Hens other than planning that are included in the city budget are EMS, roads, police and public safety.

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County's top volunteers due for heroes' welcome

HomeTown heroes in Oakland County — those who volunteer their time and effort for the betterment of their community and to help others — will be honored at an awards ceremony in June.

Nominations are now being accepted for the HomeTown Heroes Awards, to be given to volunteers in six categories — seniors (65 and older), youth (18 and under), boards and commissions, direct service, faith-based and business.

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Obituaries

JANIS LAIZURE
Janis Laizure, 56, of South Lyon died April 2 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born in 1944.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; two sons, Tony (Colleen) and Tom; one sister, Ruth Bauer; and two grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, April 6 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. McBride was employed with Burroughs Corp. in human resources for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Northville; one daughter, Linda Smith of Westland; sons, David (Brigitte) of Addison, N.Y., Brian (Cathy) of Loomis, Mass., and the Rev. William Smith of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mr. McBride was preceded in death by his former wife, Shirley McBride.

Services were held on Saturday, April 7 in Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi. The Rev. Leslie

Harding officiated. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorial contributions to the Holy Cross Episcopal Church Building Fund, 46200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374 would be appreciated.

EARL E. POWELL SR.
Earl E. "Griz" Powell Sr., 75, died April 4. He was born Dec. 31, 1925, in Piggott, Ark., to Hylof Hawley and Lala Mae (Sutton) Powell.

Mr. Powell was a lifelong resident of South Lyon until his move to Luzerne in 1990. His memberships included the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, V.F.W. No. 2502, and a

Mason. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Company B 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion.

Mr. Powell is survived by his wife, Dorothy Della (Witrick) of South Lyon, whom he married in November 1946; daughters, Pamela (Michael) Mills, Gretchen (Dannie) Rose, and Kris (Loren) Sharrard, all from South Lyon; and Jeff (Teresa Killeen) of Whitmore Lake; and ten grandchildren, Brandon, Brandy, Shane, Justin, Melony, Jason, Billy, Shane, Brooke, and Brian; and one great-grandson, Tony.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Services were held on Saturday, April 7 at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, with the Rev. Robert A.

Beddingfield officiating. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Memorials to the Beiderman Cancer Center, Munson Hospital, Traverse City, MI would be appreciated by the family.

BERNICE D. STACHERSKI
Bernice Dolores (Misiak) Stacherski, 86, of Novi died April 7 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. She was born in Posen on June 3, 1914.

Mrs. Stacherski received her high school education in Detroit. She was a homemaker and had memberships in St. Suzanne parish, Detroit and Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Farmington.


She is survived by her husband, Leo J., of Novi, who commented they had

"63 wonderful years" together; sons, Dennis (Janith) of Shelby Township and Robert (Ann) of Troy; daughter, Marilyn (John) Jacobs of Farmington Hills; daughter-in-law, A. Rao Stacherski; and nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stacherski was preceded in death by a son, Frederick and daughter, Janice Kay.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 10 in the chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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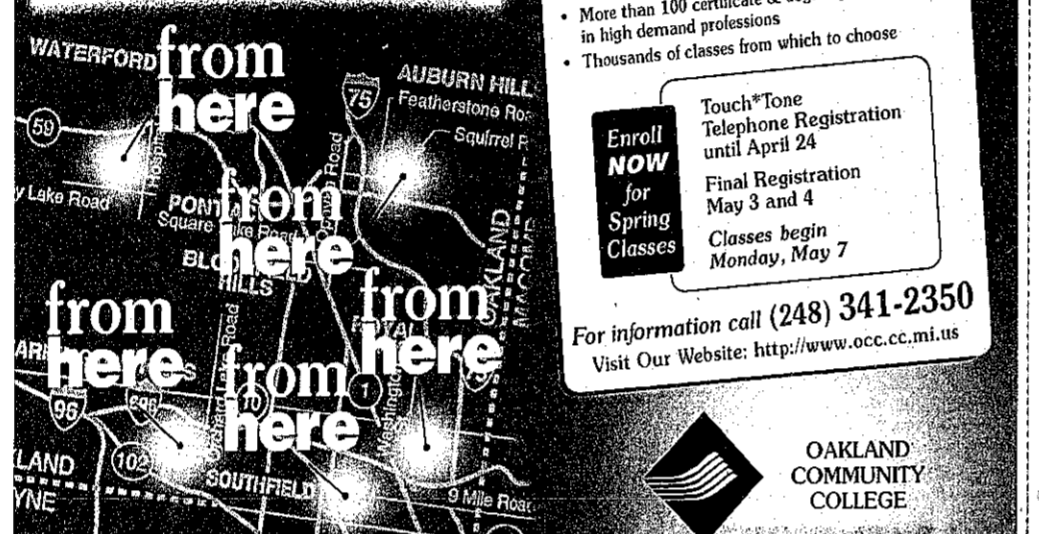
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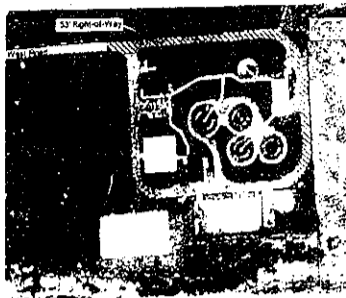
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Social event raises money for Paralyzed Veterans

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Magie filled the air as the Novi Chamber of Commerce and Paralyzed Veterans of America hosted their annual community auction on April 7. Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford, Mayor Richard Clark, council member Craig DeRoche, and his wife and executive director of the chamber, Stacey DeRoche all attended the gala that also included former Detroit Lion Lem Barney and Detroit Tiger great Willie Horton.

Novi residents David and Moira Robinson, who took a night off from kids, also enjoyed a night out at the auction.

"We came last year," Moira said, a

smile arriving on her face. "I got a ceramic vase but our 10-year-old got it with a soccer ball."

The Robinsons, who have both served the country as part of the United States military, were aware of the significance of the PVA cause.

"It's a great event and a great way to support the paralyzed veterans," Moira said.

During his introductory speech, Master of Ceremonies Lem Barney offered up praise to the PVA's Ian Minceul, who Barney called a "good friend."

"There isn't a morning that I don't pray for the PVA," Barney told the crowd of over three hundred. "I met Ian (Minceul) three years ago and

"Stacy is amazing. Keeping all those balls in the air is a great feat."

Craig DeRoche
Stacey DeRoche's husband

saw the tenacity that this brother has. He never, never, never, ever gives up."

Council member DeRoche gave credit where credit was due to the chamber director on helping organize such a meaningful event.

"Stacy is amazing," DeRoche said.

"Keeping all those balls in the air is a great feat."

The auctioneer for the evening was Glen Raistrich of Americana Auctions. Raistrich specializes in art, antiques and estate auctions and works in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Glen's wife, Linda, has been assisting her

husband with his auctioning for over a decade.

"About fifteen years ago," Linda said, "He (Glen) knows how to chatter up a crowd. That is part of the job too, not just talking fast."

One of the most popular auctioned items was a Shetland Sheep Dog provided by Novi Petland in Twelve Oaks. Also in attendance were former Red Wing Captain and NHL Hockey Hall of Fame member Alex Delvecchio.

Proceeds from the auction went to both the PVA and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryaky@ht.homecomm.net.

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More luxury homes to be constructed in Novi

By RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

Even with the slowing economy, Novi's western end continues to be a place where development prospers. Plymouth-based developer Multi Building Corp. Inc. will be developing 137 acres of land north of Eight Mile Road along a stretch of Garfield Road for homes that are expected to range from approximately \$650,000 to \$1 million in price.

According to Multi Building Chief Executive Officer Adrian Paciocco, the new homes are right for an upscale Novi west end.

"We'll be going in front of the Planning Commission for preliminary site plan approval in May," Paciocco said.

The homes are expected to be between 3,500 and 5,000 sq. feet and construction could begin as early as next fall. Paciocco said he is not apprehensive that the economy would slow to the point that it would affect the sales of new homes in Oakland county.

"The economy has been slowing since the second

quarter of 2000," Paciocco said. "We aren't in a recession. We're a big believer in the 'Baby Boom Theory' that there will be slowdown and then pick up again."

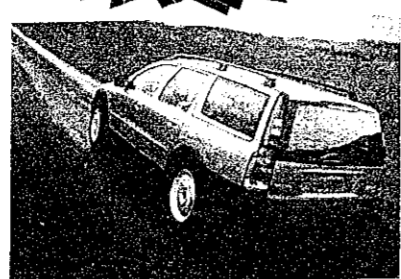
The plans for the subdivision will incorporate the preservation of nearly 40 percent of the property set aside as woodlands with walking trails. The project was sited for the responsibility to the environment by the way Multi Building Corp. utilized wetland and wooded areas in their design, according to planning officials. The company would like to get the project started by this fall at the latest.

The plans for the new subdivision would allow the developer to build on smaller lots in order to preserve a large number trees on the development. Multi Building Corp. also was the developers of the Woodlark South subdivision at Joy and Beck Roads and the Beacon Meadows subdivision at North Territorial and Sheldon Roads in Plymouth.

Randal Yakay is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at ryakay@nlh.com or by phone at (248) 624-0400.

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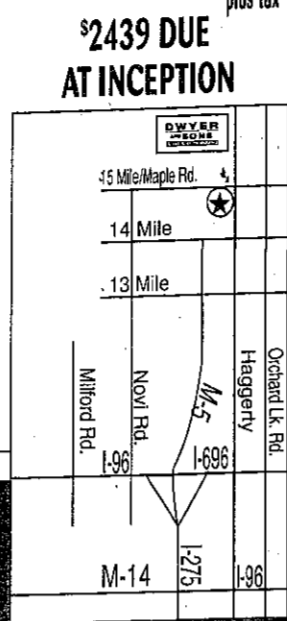


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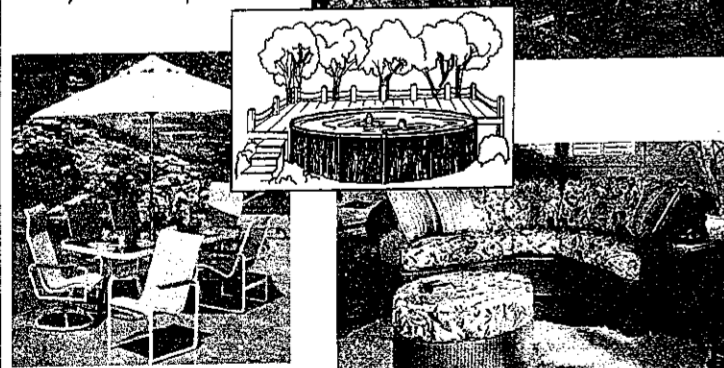
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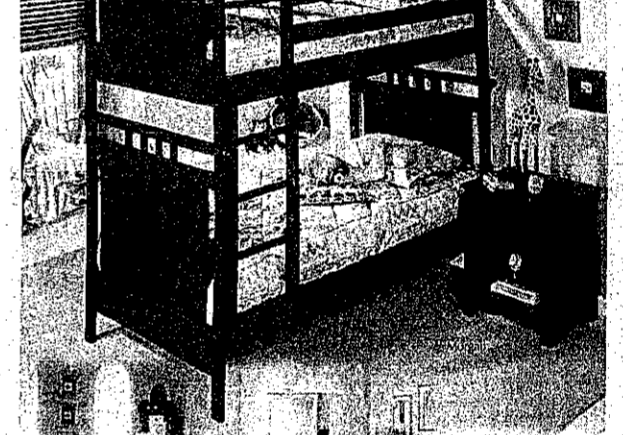
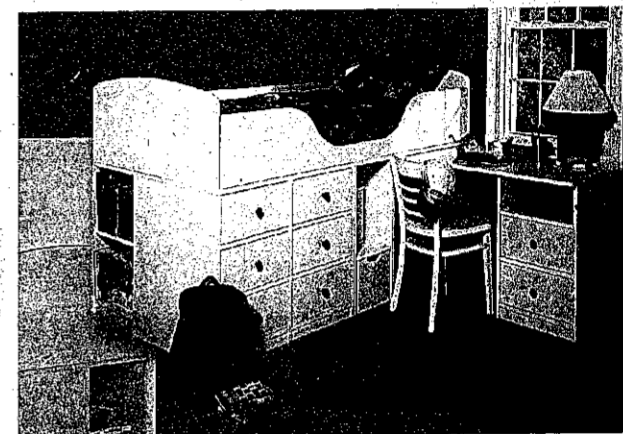
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Key Plastics judgment decided

By RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

A bankruptcy judge has cleared the way for the sale of Nov's Key Plastics, according to the company's Chief Executive Officer, David Benoit. Key Plastics has been in negotiations with Carlyle Management Group (CMG) of Dallas, Texas for the past couple of months.

"This is a big hurdle," Benoit said last week. "It clears the way for us to get the sale done."

United States Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes approved the deal transferring Key Plastics' assets to the control of CMG, estimated at nearly \$175 million.

The business, located at 21333 Haggerty Road, has been

undertaking a reorganization plan. Benoit said there would be no layoffs as part of the sale, however the decision did depend on "economic conditions."

Key Plastics filed Chapter 11 Bankruptcy last winter for having more than \$300 million in debt and approximately \$500 million in corporate assets.

Key Plastics, a world supplier of plastic components and sub-systems, has 38 locations world-wide including facilities in the Czech Republic, Italy, France, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Key Plastics also has facilities in Canada and Mexico.

CMG could take over most of Key Plastics' holdings in North America and Europe - after the sale is completed, CMG is part of the Carlyle Group of

M-5 will not extend

By RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

If there was any thought that M-5 would go further than Pontiac Trail, those thoughts are now dead in the water.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, when the M-5 Haggerty Corridor reaches Pontiac Trail the project will end.

MDOT Regional Planner Andrew Ziegler said "no way" will M-5 go any further due to environmental issues.

"It has to do with the lakes, the environment, the air quality," Ziegler said. "The Haggerty Road Connector was never intended to go beyond Pontiac Trail. It provides connection

to I-96 and local roads. And that is all."

According to Ziegler, there was an agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that the road would have too much of an impact on the environment if it were to be extended to M-59.

Hai Sperlrich, Orchard Lake resident, told the crowd gathered for the west Oakland corridor meeting that M-5 should be considered for an extension through Commerce Township, Union Lake Road area and up to M-59.

"M-5 is where the problem originates," Sperlrich said. "If you push

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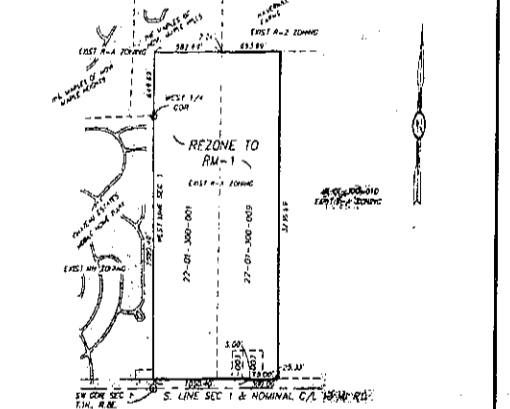
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Medical Training Supplies according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, April 26, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI, CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Medical Training Supplies" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446 (4-12-01 NRRN 1040023)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.607 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR BEZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE ROAD AND NORTHWEST OF HEADBROOK ROAD, FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (R1) DISTRICT TO R1-L (LOW DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH PD-1 OPTION OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.



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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a portable concrete batch plant from April 23, 2001 through June 7, 2001, at the northeast corner of Lewis Drive & Cabot Drive for paving of the Regency Centre project. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on April 18, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 18, 2001. C. J. KILBREW, BUILDING PERMIT COORDINATOR (248) 347-0415 (4-12-01 NRRN 1040028)

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Students view wonders of science

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer
Making glow-in-the-dark slime, examining the inside of a real shark, and making bubbles the size of an elephant. These were just a few of the incredible hands-on activities Parkview Elementary students had the chance to participate in at Wonders of the Family Science Night. As part of the school's science fair on April 8, students had the opportunity to explore the fun that comes with science in this interactive event. Wonders, a part of East Lansing, Michigan is an educational program designed to introduce students to a number of concepts and experiments. "This is pretty awesome," said fourth grader Nick Nuttle. "There are tons of cool things to see and make, and the best part is you can take some of the experiments home with you." Through the 14 different activities, students learned about chemical changes, reflection of sound, energy storage, gravity, matter, gases and liquids. From making balloon rockets to creating personal constellations, Wonders proved itself as one of the best programs of the year. "It's a great night for students and even their parents to engage in some fun scientific activities," said Wonders representative Debbie Rosher. "This kind of program exposes students to a world of knowledge and helps them understand that science is used almost everywhere, even in their daily lives." Student Bradley Laski said he enjoyed making the glow-in-the-dark slime the best, while Kris Brudzynski said his favorite activity was the shark dissection. "It was cool to see all of the shark guts - even though it smelled pretty bad," Brudzynski said. Nonetheless, the students said they would welcome the program back again. "It's interesting, entertaining, and messy," Laski said. "I love it." Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@home.com.net

Creative paint store thinks smartly

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer
The first thing customers see when they walk into Paint Smart in Walled Lake are beautiful paintings, candles, antiques, and scented soaps with the store's name on them. But then again, Paint Smart isn't your average paint store and owner Leslie Craigie wants to keep it that way. "The worked in the paint field for a long time and I was not comfortable in paint stores," Craigie said. "So why should other people be?" She wanted the store to be homey and inviting to customers. So she added some decorations and other gifts to be sold at the store. "Paint should be fun," Craigie said. "It's fun here, but I don't think it's fun at hardware stores." My husband and I are natural collectors and this was a natural transition to paint and elements together. It's a paint store that parents can feel free to bring their children to, she said. Many children will enjoy seeing her friendly Dalmatian at the store, who is named Matisse after the famous painter. "We're definitely kid friendly and we try to help the moms as much as we can," Craigie said. She also wants parents to get the best paint on the market, she said. That's why she sells her family's own quality paints that her father creates. Many of the paints are color reproductions of leading brands. "It's our own brand but their color," Craigie said. Paint means a lot to the Craigie family, whose history in the business goes back three generations. Her grandfather started Craigie Paints in Detroit in 1919. Her father took over the business in the 1960s and Craigie continued the business tradition in the 1980s. She opened the Walled Lake store in 1998 and she is now president of Craigie Paint Company in Detroit. Craigie said she is proud of her family's paint-making heritage. Only the best of resins and pigments are used when formulating paint. "It's washable, durable paint," Craigie said. "We've developed our own color line called Smart Tints. We have Indian Village Red, Cork Town Tan and Walled Lake Blue. We tried to name colors that are reminiscent of the area."

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"Crucible" tells tale of unfortunate misconceptions

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

It didn't take witchcraft to make Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible" magical at Walled Lake Central High School.

Elizabeth Rexroat, drama and speech teacher, said the play was a success when it was performed last month. About 600 people attended the play on the weekend, which was about 100 more people than she had hoped for.

"It went great," Rexroat said. "It was very well received. There were a number of repeats, who wanted to see it again. That was so nice."

The play begins in old Salem where girls cry witchcraft to get out of trouble when they are caught dancing in the woods. That causes many people to be accused of witchcraft and eventually put to death.

"The Crucible" was written during the McCarthy era when many people were falsely being accused of communism, Rexroat said. Miller was blacklisted by Senator Joe McCarthy and that gave him the idea for "The Crucible."

Rexroat said she was not in favor of doing the play at first. She had only read it and had never seen the play acted out before.

"Other plays are a lot lighter. They're not so intense. This play has historical significance because it was written during McCarthyism."

Megan Burke-Beyers as John Proctor

It was the students who wanted to do the play, however. She agreed to do it because it had a large cast and she could put 30 students on stage.

"She's now glad the students wanted to do the play, she said.

"Working on it was incredible easy," Rexroat said. "They were able to motivate lines, relationships and dynamics between characters because the play was so well written."

The cast worked hard and she never had to make them study their lines.

"They wanted to be great," Rexroat said. "They wanted it to be something special."

According to many of the actors, the theme in the play still has home today.

"I think this play is very important to see because it shows what can happen in society when there is no expression and everyone is judging everyone," said Audrea Liddle, a senior who portrayed Ann Putnam. "I think that although the end is sad, it's uplifting to look at the sacrifice these people had to make because of the mass hysteria."

Morgan Burke-Beyers, a senior who played the lead as witchcraft-accused John Proctor, said the play

"With a show like this, everyone has to put everything into it. It was an amazing experience. It gives students some positive energy to give back to the community."

"(The play) can be applied to some real life issues," Shaw said. "It may not involve witchcraft, but it involves betrayal, honesty and accusations, which all makes the show more meaningful."

Larry Davis, a junior who played outspoken Giles Corey, said he hopes being in the play will help him to pursue future acting roles.

"I was able to strengthen my acting abilities," Davis said. "I've been in plays since the 8th grade. I've always wanted to be a lead and this play taught me so much so that I can go further."

Kate Wearsch, a senior who portrayed Rebecca - a witchcraft accuser - said it was fun to be in such an emotional show.

"It's the atmosphere," Wearsch said. "There's a lot of passion and intensity and when you leave here, you still feel it."

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Wildcats make mark on All-Area

Brad Zarem, Jared Genso and five other 'Cats lead a talented bunch of skaters on Hometown's All-Area hockey team

This past hockey season was the year of the Wildcat.

Novi blasted through the KVC, earning their first solo championship. But they didn't stop there. The winning continued all the way to the Division 2 state semi-finals, where they dropped quadruple overtime game to Sault Ste. Marie. Forward Brad Zarem tore through the league as well, earning KVC Player of the Year honors.

While both Zarem and the Wildcats may have been the class of the area, there were several other terrific team and individual performances in 2000-2001.

Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon finished 4-5-6 in the KVC at season's end. One of Milford's biggest wins game when they handed Novi one of its four losses. Lakeland also held their own against the Wildcats, playing to three one-goal finishes, with a 1-0 loss in the regional finals the most bitter.

The area's only non-KVC team, the Mustangs of Northville, struggled early, but because of the play of first teamers Aaron Selwood and Rob Ryan, they were able to turn it around. The 'Stangs finished up 11-11-3 in the very competitive WAAA conference, and had several talented players on offense and defense who were all worthy of first team honors.

So in an area of solid teams and terrific performances, HomeTown Newspapers takes a closer look at the best of the best by selecting the six top players Northville, Novi, Lakeland, Milford and South Lyon could offer.

Brad Zarem Novi senior forward

Not many players meant more to their hockey team than Zarem. The senior led his team to the state semi-finals, but was forced from the game prematurely because of severe illness related fatigue, and missed the later stages of the loss to Sault St. Marie.

In only two years at Novi High School, Zarem put up amazing numbers: His 73 points this season were a school record. He also holds records for most assists in a season (43) and most goals in a season (42), marks that should remain in the books for years to come. His numbers earned him

ALL AREA HOCKEY			
First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Brad Zarem	Novi	12	Fwd.
Cam Kiesgen	Milford	12	Def.
Rob Ryan	Northville	12	Fwd.
Brian Cervin	Milford	12	Goalie
Jared Genso	Novi	12	Def.
Aaron Selwood	Northville	12	Def.
Second Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Jim Freeman	Lakeland	10	Fwd.
Adam Haberman	Novi	11	Fwd.
Matt Kowicz	Lakeland	10	Fwd.
Scott Schueler	Northville	12	Fwd./Def.
Jeremy Goodman	Novi	12	Goalie
Tim Hillebrand	Northville	11	Fwd.
Honorable mention			
Northville - Brandon Caverly, Bill Salliotte			
Novi - Brian Markowicz, Kyle Major, Justin Collins			

KVC Player of the Year, a spot on the All-State team, and a place on the Michigan Coaches Association "Dream Team."

Jared Genso Novi senior defenseman

If Zarem was the lightning on offense, then Genso was the thunder on defense. The senior roamed the ice thwarting opponent attacks, and making plays to generate offense. His 22 assists were third on the team, and he was key factor in the teams huge 1-0 win against Lakeland in the regional finals. Genso was selected to the All-State team, and KVC second team.

Cam Kiesgen Milford senior defenseman

Kiesgen anchored what was probably the best defense in the KVC. His opponents noticed — he was voted first-team all-conference by the league's coaches.

"I was very pleased with his leadership," Milford coach Gary Johnson said. "In every game he was one of the best — if not the best — player on the ice. You talk about a guy who goes up and down, that's Cam."

When he wasn't laying bone-

crushing hits on one end, Kiesgen



Brad Zarem seen celebrating his game winning goal in the regionals.

was initiating the Redskins' offense on the other. He was their leading scorer. And he certainly knew how to choose his moments. In one instance Kiesgen scored a goal with 12 seconds left to give Milford a 1-1 tie with third-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Jeremy Goodman, a second-team All-Area selection, stares down an advancing South Lyon skater.

ranked Livonia Stevenson. Kiesgen was a four-year varsity player, during which time Milford won 67 games.

Brian Cervin Milford senior goalie

Playing behind an often impotent offense — there was nary a Redskin among the KVC's top 20 scorers — Cervin gave his team a chance every game. His 576 minutes in net were the second-most in the league, and he still only gave up 2.73 goals a game. Cervin stopped 26-of-28 shots in a 2-0 loss to Brighton and had 20 saves in Milford's 2-1 win over Novi. He was the winning goalie in 11 of the Redskins' 12 victories, including shut outs of Hartland and Pontiac Notre Dame. Cervin was a

"first-team-all-conference" selection.

Aaron Selwood Northville senior defenseman

The first team WAAA Western Division selection was a defensive terror for the Mustangs. Whenever the team needed a stop, Selwood would sacrifice life and limb to get it done. He was also slouch on the offensive side, managing 15 points (5 goals, 10 assists) for the season. For his career Selwood tallied 10 goals and 31 assists.

"Aaron was our defensive captain, and the anchor of the blue line and special teams. He gave everything he had to the winning effort game in and game out," said his coach Brad O'Neill.

Rob Ryan Northville senior forward

Look at just about any school record, and the name Rob Ryan will appear before it. This season he had 19 goals and 25 assists, and holds the school record for career points (136), career goals (71) and career assists (65).

Ryan earned first team all-conference in the WAAA, one of the state's toughest conferences, and led a Mustang team that got hot in the second half to turnaround what could have been a down year.

"He knows how to put the puck in the net and still get his teammates involved. That's the sign of a special player," his coach Brad O'Neill said.

Young golfers make strides in the early going

W.L. Central Golf

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

They struggled through a tough 2000 season, going 3-9, but the Central girls' golf squad will usher in a bevy of fresh faces, and work hard to establish themselves this season.

The team returns only four girls and will welcome 14 new members to the team in 2001. In the Lady Vikings' first action of the season, they dropped a 209-221 match against South Lyon on April 6.

Sam Sinclair shot a 50 to lead the Vikings. Sarah McDonald was just behind her with a 54, with Jakqule Rowden walking away with a 56 and Nikki Kish with a 61.

"It was a pretty good start even though we lost. We have a ton of new girls on the team this year and I can see the progress they are making. If everything can come together, we should be able to improve on last season's record," said head coach Jody VanSicklen.

Central hosted Novi on Tuesday afternoon, but results of that contest were not available at press time. Following the spring break, the girls will be back on the links to face off against Livonia Franklin in an inter-division affair on April 23.

Jody VanSicklen
Central Golf coach

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi sophomore shortstop Kendall Hobart prepares to rocket a throw to first base in a last week's game against Brighton.

Sluggish start plagues 'Cats softball squad

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The Novi softball team can't seem to shake the winter rust out of their gloves.

The young squad has been plagued by lackluster defense since the start of the year, and this past week it cost them severely in several games against Brighton and South Lyon.

Novi dropped both games of a double header to South Lyon last Friday, 11-1 and 5-0. In game one, The Lady Lions clawed out to a 5-0 lead after two innings, but an RBI single by Wildcat first baseman Megan Colligan put Novi on the board in the top of the third. Unfortunately that would be the last run the 'Cats would score on the day, as South Lyon would plate six more before game one was over.

The second game wasn't much better for Novi, as they could only manage two hits against the Lion's pitcher. Sophomore shortstop Kendall Hobart continued to excel from the leadoff position, working her way on base with two

walks. Coach Sunny Litteral was troubled by her team's lack of aggression at the plate.

"I kept telling the girls to get the bat off their shoulders. They were taking way too many third strikes. The pitcher we faced was good, but certainly hittable," Litteral said. "Some days we come out swinging at everything and other days we take too many strikes. It confuses me a little."

BRIGHTON 12 NOVI 0

BRIGHTON 15 NOVI 2

On April 4, the Wildcats played their first of two straight double headers against Brighton. Two games against the Lady Bulldogs meant two games against their pitching ace, Jill DeRoche. And as expected, DeRoche saddled the 'Cat hitters, allowing only a single by Kendall Hobart. Novi struggled in the field as well, yielding 14 errors that led to 11 unearned runs.

Game number two started out much better, as Novi held a 2-0 lead after four innings. But after

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Golfers show strong signs of improvement

Girls Golf

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The Novi girls golf team may have ended the week with a dark gray sky overhead, but with several quality performances and noticeable progress, there appears to be a break in the clouds.

On April 3, Novi hosted non-conference opponent Walled Lake Western in the season opener for both teams. As can be expected from an early season game, the golf conditions weren't ideal and the players clearly weren't at their sharpest. But Western was able to hold off the Wildcats for a 219-224 win.

Senior Jodi Waara led Novi with a 54 followed by junior teammate Carolyn Vermeulen with a 55. Right behind Vermeulen was junior Sarah Ehlers with a 57, junior Lindsay Broadwell with a 58, sophomore Brittany Neville with a 59, and finally Sarah Wilson with a 60. Western's Becky Finley was the match medalist with a score of 51.

and Holly Graziano shot a 65 in her first action of the year.

LAKELAND 203 NOVI 205

Novi may have dropped their third match of the season last Thursday, but they lowered their score by a whopping 27 shots and nearly pulled out a win against the Eagles. Vermeulen once again led the Cats, lowering her score and finishing with a 45. Ehlers and Wilson shot identical 52 scores. Waara finished with a 56, followed by Neville with a 57 and Broadwell with a 63.

The Varsity B team also got some terrific scores from its younger members.

Deb Harris, Nov 1000 coach
Sophomore Rachel Glass and freshman Kristin Kobylarek shot 57s, and freshman Carrie Capanyola finished close behind with a 58. Novi Coach Deb Harris was pleased with the effort and improvement the team showed against Lakeland and felt good about the direction of the team.

"Progress is being made and we will see success in the wins and losses [column] soon."

The team's final action of the week, the Grasse Ile Invitational on Saturday April 7 was cut short due to weather conditions.

Novi visited Walled Lake Central on Tuesday afternoon and Northville yesterday, but those results were not available when the Novi News went to press.

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Novi golfer Sarah Wilson lines up for a putt in the Wildcat's season opener at Pebble Creek. Novi lost to Walled Lake Western, but has steadily improved each match.

Close start, but Western wins big

Warriors break open game with 7-run sixth

Western Softball

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

What looked like yet another "heart-in-your-throat" type game, the Western softball team finally played a game that wasn't settled by one run.

Using a seven-run rally in the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Warriors pulled away to stamp out Marian, 9-0.

Once again, Western got off to a slow start as the plate, notching only one run through the first four innings. But in the bottom of the fifth, Jenny Kosieracki lit the fuse by leading off with a smashing home-run. That put the Warriors up 2-0 and set the stage for the seven-run in the sixth.

Kosieracki finished the day 2-3 with two runs and two RBI. Courtney Dye, Estee Adery, and Kristen Burgess each went 2-4 from the plate, and Danielle Bongoro had a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored. Sophomore hunter Nicole Lown pitched seven innings and struck out four to earn the shutout. Lown was also golden with her glove, tallying five infield assists.

"We played excellent, flawless defense," said coach Ron Replecky. "Nicole was superb on the mound and our fielders played aggressive - going all out for every ball that was hit."

The win sent the Warriors record to 2-1, with a battle against Central that took place yesterday afternoon. After the break, Western will host Livonia Franklin in an inter-division matchup on April 23.

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Two meets, two wins for solid track squad

Boys Track

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

Two meets, two wins. After a historical 2000 season, the boys track team is off to yet another terrific start this spring.

"Both the teams we have faced have given us a different view on ourselves. We still have some work to do, but I'm really pleased with the way things have started," said Novi coach Bob Smith.

The team picked up victory number two last Thursday with a 90-57 win over Lakeland. For the afternoon, the Wildcats took first in 10 of the 17 events, starting with the 3200 meter relay team's 6:47.15 winning time. Scott Kosieracki's first (1:18.48) and Tristan LaChance's second (16.5) in the 110 high hurdles staked Novi to an early 13-1 lead.

Eric Schiuderer (1:17.72) gave the Cats their third straight victory over the Warriors (4:08.57) in the shot put and Matt Emmenecker (6:27) in the high jump combined with second by Jamie Schram (10:19.57) in the discus and Ken Delgreco (11:67) in the pole vault were more than enough to maintain the lead, and send the Eagles to the 80-57 loss.

Smith thought the team had some outstanding performances against Lakeland.

"Chris and Tim are running very well, and I'd say they are in mid to late season form already. Eric Schiuderer has established himself as the go-to guy in the sprints, and will really do a great job of filling a hole in that event," Smith said.

Novi hosted Brighton Tuesday afternoon, but results were not available at press time. On tap for the team is the Novi Relays, which is set to take place on April 14 at 10 a.m.

Novi have won the Novi Relays a few times in the past. There are a bunch of unfamiliar teams that we will be up against, but we are hoping to do well," said Smith.

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"We have some work to do, but I'm really pleased with the way things have started."

Bob Smith
Novi boys track coach

and Tim Moore (4:19.4) finished in their customary 1-2 slots in the mile to give Novi a 27-10 lead. A win in the 400 meter relay and second by Arne Meyer (59.9) in the 400 dash and Derek BuWalds (45.2) in the 300 hurdles opened the Wildcats' lead even wider.

Wins by Toloff (1:59.6) in the 800 run, Schiuderer (23.3) in the 200 dash, and Moore in the 3200 run gave Novi a comfortable cushion after 11 events. Lakeland won four of the final six events, but the wins by Mike Hendricks (4:08.57) in the shot put and Matt Emmenecker (6:27) in the high jump combined with second by Jamie Schram (10:19.57) in the discus and Ken Delgreco (11:67) in the pole vault were more than enough to maintain the lead, and send the Eagles to the 80-57 loss.

Kickers bounce Lakeland after losing big to Canton

Girls Soccer

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

The future might belong to the Novi girls' soccer team, but the Lady Wildcats got a close look at who could be their biggest competitor.

On April 4, the Cats visited the number two team in the state, Plymouth Canton, and went home licking their wounds after a 6-0 loss.

For 22 minutes, Novi held its own against the more experienced, battle tested Chiefs, but Annie Morelli showed why she is one of the nation's best players, when she gave Canton a 1-0 lead, and later pushed the score to 2-0 just before the half.

The score was 2-0 at halftime and we were happy with that," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "We had 4 good scoring chances to their 6, and to play as well as we did in the first half was pleasing. We played hard and didn't back down against a team that lost in the state finals."

Monica Booth was the hitting star going 2-3, and Erica Breisacher allowed only three hits in seven innings. Novi won the game in the seventh, when Allison Tingwall started the inning by getting on base and eventually came around to score on a hit by Shannon Shrader.

The team's record now stands at 1-6, but coach Littoral has been able to recognize the team's weak points and has taken steps to make sure the squad is heading in the right direction.

"We aren't playing very good defense. Our infield is very solid, but our outfield is very inexperienced, and it's showing. We are

last season."

About 10 minutes into the second half, Canton increased their lead to 3-0, and three minutes later that lead ballooned to 4-0. The Chiefs put two more into the net, and Novi found itself with a 6-0 loss.

"The only thing I was disappointed with was it seemed we gave up or ran out of gas after 3-0," O'Leary said. Overall, we learned a lot about physical play and sportsmanship. We are capable of physical play, but at this point with our young team we are not ready for 80 minutes of physical play, but that will come with time and experience."

Novi's Lakeland 2
It wasn't all bad for the Wildcats last week. On Friday night, they got a glimpse of promise when they hit the road for the fourth time in four games this season and came home with a solid, 5-2 win against Lakeland.

All the Cats scoring happened in the first 30 minutes, as they staked themselves to a comfortable half-time lead. Freshmen Nikai Hermann (2), Maureen Pawlak (2)

and Colene Brockman (1) provided the goals. Coach O'Leary took advantage of the opportunity and was able to get some work for some subs and try a few girls in different positions. O'Leary pointed to his defensive effort as a major factor in the win.

"Overall the defensive play of Lisa Checchobelli, Nina Schmitt and Katie Ales has made great progress. We are changing things defensively the most since last season and they are doing a great job of learning quickly," O'Leary said.

The win pushed the Lady Cats record to 2-2 (1-0 in the KV). The Lakeland win is a good start to the conference season, as the team's remaining 10 scheduled games will be against conference opponents. The team played their home opener last night against Brighton, but results were not available at press time.

After taking a week off for Easter break, the Wildcats resume play on April 25 on the road against South Lyon at 7 p.m.

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Way to go BobCats!

The Novi Bobcats, Peewee hockey team won the division championship at the Great Lakes Tournament Series 2000-2001 on March 23-25 in Holland Michigan. They went undefeated in four games on their way to the title. Pictured above is: Head Coach Roy Lee, his assistants Dave Donohue, Dave Modic, and Dorn Lynch. Members of the team include, Justin Asenzo, Jeff Donahue, Nick Galdes, Mitch Gaynor, Andrew Hoy, Colin Kobe, Adam Lucacei, Derrick Lynch, Kenny MacDonoghue, Chris Machisak, Michael Mehl, Ben Modic, Kyle Mouch, Matt Thrush, Stephen Wilder and Jason Yokubison.



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Hidden away among the turn of the century homes refurbished into mortgage companies and law offices long East Main Street, is the pearl of Northville art scene: McGuire's Fine Art Gallery.

Proprietor William McGuire, who has been a private art dealer in Northville for the past 20 years, has accumulated an enormous amount of art spanning generations and including many noted Detroit area artists.

The gallery, located at 341 East Main Street, has paintings from Robert Hopkin, Dutch painter C.C. Swan, Hungarian-born Pal Fried, Michigan artist Roy Gamble, New Yorkers Douglas Arthur Tweed and Ernest Harrison Barnes in residence. Many of the artists have works that hang in some of the great museums of eastern United States including Boston, Detroit and New York.

Unlike many of the modernistic art galleries that are scattered across Oakland and Wayne Counties, McGuire has many of the works by artists that worked in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century.

McGuire, a graduate of Mackenzie High School in Detroit, has been long been an aficionado of fine art, especially artists that set up shop in the metro Detroit area.

"I took painting lessons as a kid, and could copy pretty good, but then got into collecting," McGuire said. "There are a few paintings in this building that I bought while I was in high school. I took art classes at Cass Tech High School."

"Most collectors will become dealers to continue collecting," McGuire said, as sifted through the rows of paintings in his upstairs office.

"Teed was originally from upstate New York and was in North Africa, Algeria. Most Detroit collectors who think of Teed think of Arabic pictures," he said.

Another New Yorker who came to Detroit was Ernest Harrison Barnes, educated at Hillsdale College and became Professor of Art at the University of Michigan in 1915.

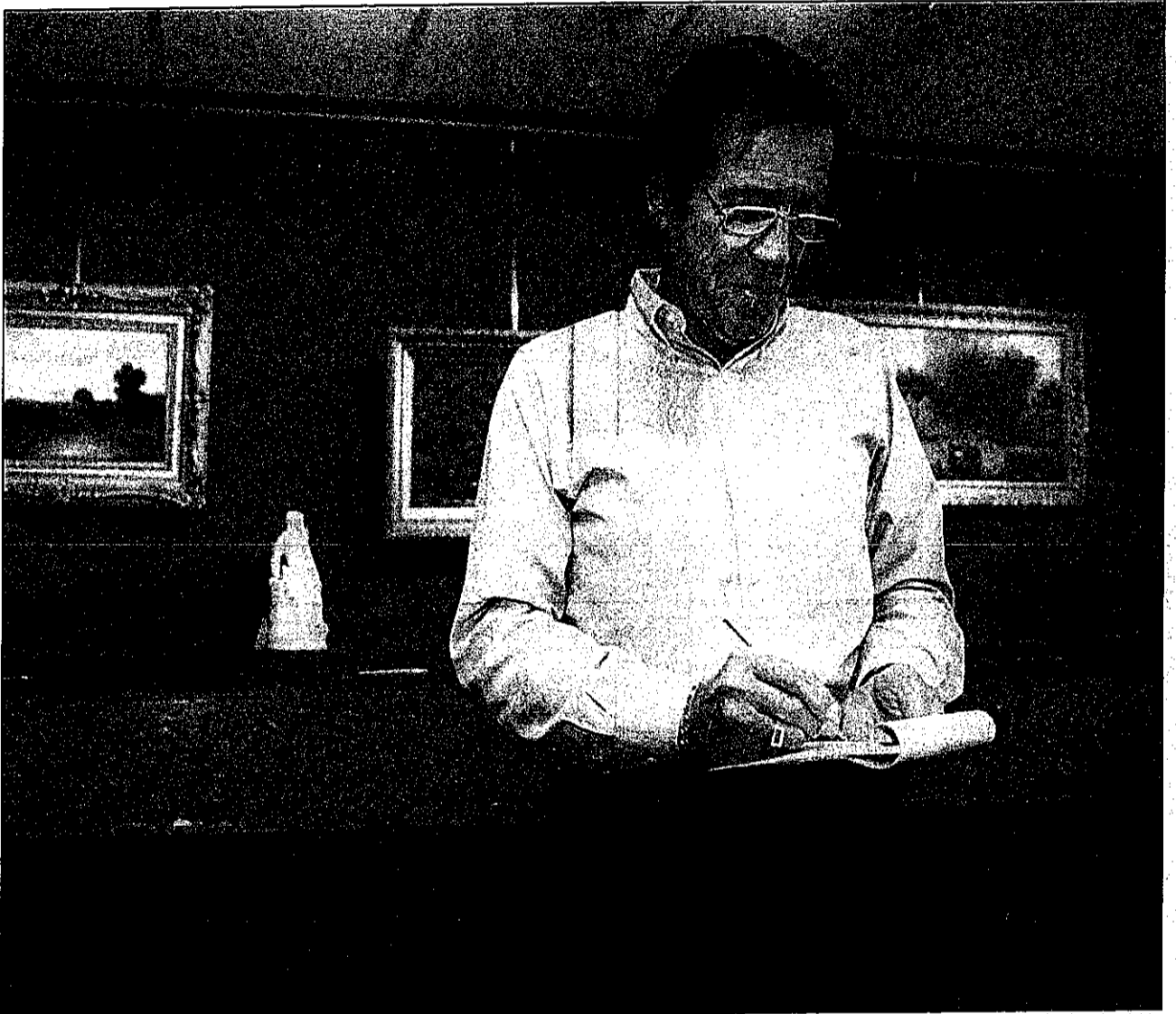
"Barnes painted in the Detroit area," McGuire said. "He did a painting of the Rose Cottage, the building Henry Ford brought to Greenfield Village."

McGuire also has paintings by Roy Gamble. Gamble, who studied at the Detroit Fine Arts Academy, then at the Art Student's League in New York and the Julian Academy in Paris. He earned a majority of his commission for works depicting the early history of Detroit. Gamble is said to have lived in Sylvan Lake area and is noted for doing paintings of children.

"If you were anybody in Detroit in the 1920's to the 1950's, you had to have your portrait done by Gamble," McGuire said. "He painted Ty Cobb, Mayor Cobo and James Couzens, among others."

One of the more colorful characters of Detroit paint scene in the early part of the 20th century was Pal Fried (in Hungarian, "Fried Pal"). Apparently, Fried was the typical starving artist and would often trade paintings for nourishment.

"I used to go Harold's Bar in Redford and there were a number of painting by Pal Fried," McGuire said. "Harold told me that when the bar was in Detroit, years ago, the artist used to eat and drink there and that is how he used to pay his bar bill. It's funny, because I just sold a Fried the other day."



Bill McGuire stands in his lower-level art gallery in his East Main Street business. He's an avid collector of paintings created by Detroit-area artists.

Fried was, according to McGuire, a "painter of beautiful women" who painted many nudes, of which McGuire has a few in his upstairs hall.

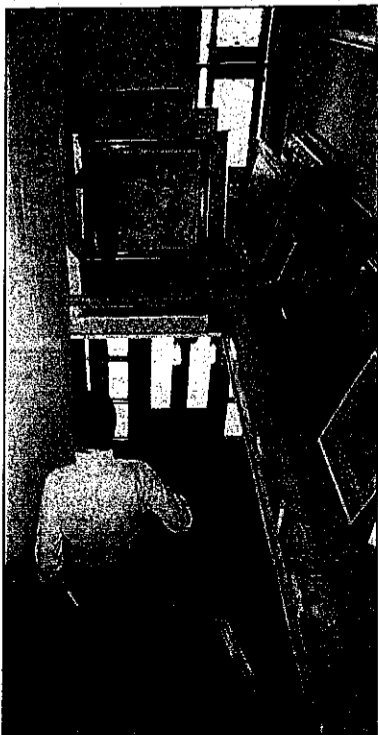
"I have enough paintings by Pal Fried to have a special exhibit," McGuire said. "Just hang the whole gallery with Pal Fried paintings." But the man who McGuire calls his "main guy", possibly because of his connections to Northville, was the Scottish Artist Robert Hopkin.

"He painted the sets for the Northville Opera house that was over on Center Street," McGuire said. "It used to be called Little's Opera House. It was torn down about 20 years ago. He did the interior decor, scenery and curtains in 1877."

Hopkin, who work was likened to that of the Impressionist by former Detroit Institute of Arts Chief Curator William Peck, tended to follow in the footsteps of the Hudson River School of artist painting sea and landscapes.

"He used to go over to Belle Isle and paint all the time," McGuire said. "He moved his family to Chicago just in time for the 'Great Fire'."

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William McGuire walks down to the first floor of his art gallery. The second floor is crowded with neatly-stacked oil and watercolor paintings.



Bill McGuire hangs Pal Fried's "Camella," which was painted in the 1940s.

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