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'83 legal-ese tangle forces millage vote

By MICHELE M. FECHT
staff writer

A conflicting provision in the wording of a 1983 ballot proposal will send Novi voters to the polls March 24 to decide the fate of a 13-mill renewal of the school district's operating millage.

Novi School Superintendent Robert Piwko told school board members last Thursday that in reviewing the language of the '83 ballot proposal, school officials noted there was a conflict in reference to the period of time the renewal would be effective.

While the proposition stated the renewal would be effective for a "three year period," it also specifically outlined "the years 1983 to 1986."

Piwko noted that after reviewing the proposition approved by voters in 1983, school officials determined the millage was renewed for a three-year period from 1983 through 1985 with the millage expiring last December.

"From a legal standpoint we could go one more year on the tax collection," Piwko said. However, he noted the district is "dealing with intent and not legal aspects."

"The (school) board has always been credible

with its positions and statements," Piwko noted. "Our interpretation is that the millage has expired."

The March 24 election will coincide with Schoolcraft College's special millage election, allowing the college and school district to share election costs.

Schoolcraft College (which serves a portion of the Novi district) is seeking an additional half-mill from voters to help defer rising costs and offset an anticipated budget shortfall of nearly \$700,000 to next year's program.

Although the board established a date for the district's special election at its meeting last week, school officials postponed setting the millage rate until the January 16 school board meeting.

"It is our opinion at this time that we will not have to ask for an increase beyond the 13 mills," Piwko told board members, adding that Assistant Superintendent William Barr will be looking at salary projections for the coming school year to better determine the district's needs.

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Council keeps right to OK key site plans

By B.J. MARTIN
staff writer

Big-scale developers will have yet another hurdle to clear in obtaining approval for projects in Novi's Town Center, following action by the City Council Monday.

Over objections from the Planning Board last week, the council backed Mayor Patricia Karevich's preference that council have final say on approving site plans for projects over five acres in the Town Center.

The issue of whether the board or council authorize final plan approval appeared to be a non-issue until the January 6 council meeting. At the meeting, Karevich suggested the ultimate decision on major Town Center projects should belong to the council instead of the board, as had been specified in a 12-page ordinance amendment spelling out design and use guidelines in the Town Center area at Novi Road and Grand River (see related story).

The mayor said she proposed the council's final approval measure to keep the elected body informed of planning events with a major impact on the community. She noted that without the change, the cursory project plan presentation the Trammell Crow Company made in December for a 50-acre development in the Town Center's northeast quadrant would be the last time council could review it. At that time, Trammell Crow had not even specified what businesses would operate in which buildings contained in the plan.

"It's not our intent to do the Planning Board's

Karevich: 'It's not our intent to do the Planning Board's job. We just need to stay informed about what's going on.'

job," Karevich maintained. "We just need to stay informed of what's going on... We're talking about maybe one or two projects; we're not talking about many. I think the council should be held responsible for these kinds of major projects. If it is to have a major impact on the community, we should have control over it."

Although the issue had not been debated among members of the Town Center Steering Committee, council members agreed Karevich's idea had merit, and sent it to the board for consideration on Wednesday.

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Snow-ball

John and Brian Early couldn't find a closer hill to sled on Monday after school, so they improvised. The short hill and ditch outside their home at the corner of Clark and Eleven Mile proved to be just the spot. The 10-year-old John, (top) is about to plow into his younger brother Brian.

District for convention center 'on'

Anyone who wants to build a convention center in Novi now has a place to do it.

The Novi City Council unanimously agreed Monday to create the new zoning district, which contains the new Raphael's restaurant, the Novi Sheraton Oaks hotel and property extending from Novi Road to the C&O Railroad just north of I-696.

The new convention center zoning was needed for developers to proceed with plans for a hotel-trade center project with site plans expected to debut in the upcoming few weeks. A Trammell Crow Company subsidiary, the Dallas Market Center Company, along with Pico Industries, owners of the Sheraton Oaks,

are expected to present site plans for their project within the next few weeks.

Preliminary plans already revealed to city officials contain a two-part trade center tentatively called the Midwest Expo Center and the Midwest Fashion Center, together with an expansion of the Sheraton Oaks. Gerald Abel, agent for developers, has said an eight-story addition to the hotel appears likely to accommodate out-of-town visitors to the trade center.

According to Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers, the 39-acre site Abel introduced fulfills the standards of the convention center guidelines officials established last

year.

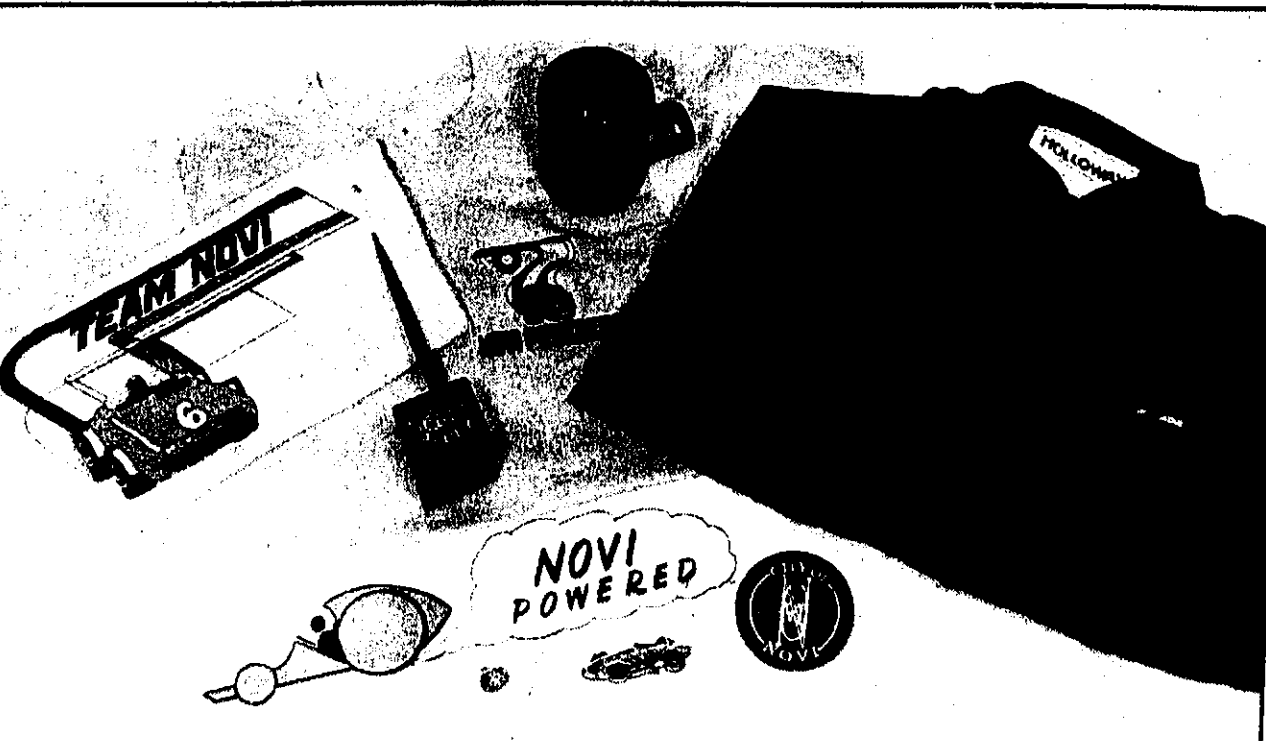
"The C (convention) district was designed to fit this type of site," Rogers reported to council members. "The site has a strategic location, good vehicular access, the presence of a high-quality, full-service hotel and related restaurant service, visibility from I-696 and can accommodate a multi-purpose, regionally-oriented convention/hotel center which can create jobs and tax base."

The rezoning and subsequent submittal of site plans had been expected for months, but the difficulties of acquiring the property parcels necessary for the project proved a difficult one for developers.

The rezoning received the Novi Planning Board's recommendation December 18, although Board Member Riley Richard had misgivings concerning the rezoning's appearance and subsequent approval prior to officials effecting a change to the city's Master Plan — which does not provide for a convention center district.

Noting Richard's qualms with the procedure, Council Member Nancy Covert said, "I would hope in the future in a situation like this we will first consider amending the Master Plan before we create a zoning district that doesn't even exist in it."

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These are a few of the items currently on sale at city hall to help boost civic pride

Novi News/STEVE FECHT

Novi knickknacks: city pride the idea

As a revenue generator, the City of Novi does somewhat better with property taxes. In fact, administrators are generally happy if the sale of items from the city "catalog" just breaks even.

The items range in price from a 28-cent race car sticker or 50-cent bumper sticker right up to the top-of-the-line \$40 racing jacket emblazoned with the Team Novi logo.

"We don't try to make money off them," says City Manager Edward Kriewall. "They're promotional in that we find a lot of pride associated with living in Novi and people are eager to buy these things. I think it's important to focus on that."

Although the city's revolving

orders make it difficult to pin down how many people actually buy things with the Novi "designer label," there is a wide range of products available.

For instance, there's the \$4 mug with "Team Novi" affixed to the side in raised letters. There's the \$2 race car lapel pin or the \$1 City of Novi pin. There's a \$1.25 City of Novi patch you can sew to your \$8.25 Team Novi sweatshirt or \$3.75 T-shirt, now available in two styles in children's and adult sizes.

For the hard-core Novi buff, there's even a \$7 pen caddy for desk tops or a \$2.25 Indy car racing poster. You may not find them at Lord & Taylor, but they're happy to take your business at city hall.

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City retains clause to allow expansion

In a split vote Monday night, Novi City Council loosened the knot on expansion rights for Town Center property owners whose businesses conflict with the long-range aims of the new district. According to Mayor Patricia Karovich, expansion rights for existing businesses were an important concession city officials made when trying to win approval for creating a "downtown district" in 1984.

The rights were incorporated into the Town Center ordinance drafted for the City Council's approval last week. But Council Member Arlen Schroeder thought the measure governing expansion rights was too permissive and persuaded council members to return the matter to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Planners last Wednesday recommended by a 5-3 vote to leave in the clause, even though taking it out would

have put more pressure on the non-conforming businesses to relocate. Noting only a handful of businesses — mostly auto service operations — would be affected, Board Member William Briggs pointed out, "I don't think the damage to the concept of the Town Center is that great."

That sentiment prevailed — barely — on the City Council as well. "We're not sacrificing the Town Center by allowing this section to stay in," said Karovich Monday. "I think our working relationship with those existing businesses is something I wouldn't want to risk by taking out the paragraph (containing expansion rights)."

Schroeder and council members Ronald Watson and Nancy Covert voted to cut out the expansion right clause. Karovich and council members Hugh Crawford, Martha Hoyer and Edward Leininger overruled them.

Volunteers sought for NYA bowlathon

Novi children and adults will pair up for free bowling in the fourth annual Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) bowlathon at the Novi Bowl on Sunday, February 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

"We're encouraging kids and volunteers from the community to participate," said Frank Pepp, manager of Novi Bowl. "We'd like to see the kids meeting community leaders and business people."

The combined scores of the adult and child teams will determine the amount of pledge money raised. The game will be nine pin no-hit, which means if nine pins are knocked down on the first ball it is counted as a strike.

Bob Campbell, WCZY deejay, will be the master of ceremonies for the bowlathon. He will award prizes donated by local merchants to lucky bowlers and those with high scores and pledges.

Terry Tarver and Gianna Amati, co-chairpersons of the event, said more

adult bowlers are needed to be paired with local kids. To participate, call NYA secretary Joan Morris at 349-8398.

All proceeds from the bowlathon and any NYA fundraising events are used to sponsor NYA programs, including STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) workshops, a Novi summer teen center, scholarships to needy families for camps and sports, programs in the schools on prevention of substance abuse and PLUS, where kids and adults are matched together on a one-to-one basis.

NYA is an organization made up of citizen volunteers assisted by professional staff provided by Oakland County Probate Court. The City of Novi and Novi Community Schools also sponsor NYA.

Volunteers are needed to help plan and implement programs to prevent youth delinquency and neglect in Novi. Those interested in joining or requesting more information, should call 349-8398.



Novi News/STEVE FECHT

Strike stride

Who says crossing that line at the end of the lane is a no-no? It's one of the kinks eight-year-old Jason Bennett is working out of his game in the Novi Parks and Recreation's youth instructional bowling

league at Novi Bowl. How did Jason do in this frame? Well, he didn't roll a strike, but he didn't throw a gutter ball, either.

Schools add computer courses

Two new offerings will be added to the course catalog for Novi High School students for the 1986-87 school year following school board approval Thursday.

"Mechanical Drawing III: CAD," a one semester, half-credit computer-aided drafting course, and "Word Processing," a one semester, half-credit course replacing the existing Business Machines class, are the two new offerings available to high school students.

High School Principal Robert

Youngberg said the new computer-aided drafting course will provide students with greater exposure to the capabilities of computers in the drafting department.

He added the district has supplied the high school drafting department with computers and software similar to equipment used in private industry. Equipment to be used in the new course consists of IBM personal computers, AutoCad software, microfilm mice, and monochrome and color monitors.

The course outline will be similar to what currently is being offered in AutoCad at the GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint.

Youngberg noted instructor Jack Jordan will be receiving training on CAD/CAM operations during the week of February 17 at GMI.

The new Word Processing course, limited to 11th and 12th graders with at least one semester of typing, will provide students with a knowledge of word processing concepts, terminology, pro-

cedures, equipment and career ladder.

Others objectives of the course are to offer students skills in the basic operation of word processing equipment and the output of documents, skills in language arts, spelling and proofreading through preparation of documents and an awareness of the operation of dictation and transcription equipment.

Costs for the course are expected to be the same as those incurred for the Business Machines class.

Highland Square delayed by board

By B.J. MARTIN
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The proposed 4.68-acre Highland Square shopping center at Twelve Mile and Novi Road hit a snag last Wednesday when the Novi Planning Board insisted it needed more information before it would recommend that the city council approve a rezoning permitting the development.

If eventually completed, the Trammell Crow Company project will contain a 21,000-square foot Highland Appliance outlet as well as another 30,000 square feet of various smaller retail stores.

The board voted 5-3 to delay a decision instead of recommending denial of the rezoning. A sign the board acknowledged the city's requirement of a report on the rezoning's traffic, social and economic impact was unclear.

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers recommended approval of the rezoning, though not of the project site plans. Board Chair Ernest Aruffo, Judy Johnson and Joseph Toth voted against delaying a decision, reasoning that since the property is earmarked for regional shopping center use in the city's Master Plan (long-range planning guide), rezoning for such use ought to be granted regardless of concerns about the specific project.

"You either have to say we support the Master Plan or you've got to persuade the legislative body to totally research and change it," said Johnson.

One reason cited for withholding a decision was insufficient information about the project's impact on traffic. Several board members agreed rezoning and subsequent development could cause severe traffic problems — problems they believed were not addressed adequately in the traffic impact report prepared by Trammell Crow consultants Reid, Cooi & Michalski, Inc. of Southfield.

Board Member Richard Clark said that while the Master Plan guideline for the area appeared to be sound, it was "not yet time" for the rezoning to take place. "We already have tremendous problems at Twelve Mile and Novi," Clark declared. "The City of Farmington Hills has already had serious concerns about traffic on Twelve Mile, to the point they say it is now affecting the quality of life in their community."

"Progress is good and wonderful if you have the infrastructure to deal with it," he continued. "But with Ramco-Gershenson (West Oaks II developers)

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coming in and other developments, we don't yet have the road system to deal with it. Everyone's saying the state or county will have to step in. That may be what you want, but you're getting the cart before the horse."

Charles Kureth seconded Clark's opinion, and said the board should stick to its procedural issue that when a rezoning is pursued by the developer rather than by the city, a thorough impact statement is required of the developer. "There is not enough information for us to make an informed decision," Kureth insisted.

Toth countered that those concerns could be addressed in reviewing site plans for the project itself — that the broader question of proper long-term land use should guide the board's decision on rezoning.

"I feel we have charted our course in bringing the big properties into conformance with the Master Plan. I realize this may cause some problems in the short run, but we either do this or sit back and watch the developers decide what they're going to do."

Trammell Crow had planned to obtain preliminary site plan approval of its project Wednesday. But since the property does not yet have the proper zoning, the site plans also will have to be considered at a later date.

Tim Barrett, a Trammell Crow representative, complained the city's requirements on the issue were "somewhat vague," but said his company will have no problem providing the additional information and re-submitting its proposal at a later date.



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Pirate party

These Novi High School thespians are buckling their swashes and ironing out their best pirate dialect for Gilbert and Sullivan's famed opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," opening at Novi High School's Furst Auditorium January 23. That's the Pirate King (John Snider) taking a dive into the arms of his marauding crew, while

heroes Samuel (Rex Bobbish), Ruth (Amy Davies) and Fredric (Kelly Rende) await their cue. Performances will be at 8 p.m. January 23-25. Tickets are \$3.50 in advance, \$4.50 at the door, and \$2.50 for children and senior citizens. Tickets may be reserved by calling Novi High School at 344-8300.

Council approves plat plan

Novi's dwindling supply of lots for single-family homes should be fortified soon, as developers of Dunbarton Pines subdivision last week obtained final preliminary plat approval for the second and third phases of their subdivision's construction from Novi City Council.

The second and third phases of Dunbarton Pines will be constructed on 72 acres of land immediately north of the existing Dunbarton Pines subdivision on the northeast corner of Nine Mile and Taft Road.

Combined, the next two phases planned by the Buziak Corporation will contain 188 new homes and a network of subdivision streets with access at one point on Taft Road and at two points to the subdivision to the south.

The firm now must submit its final plat for approval by city authorities. It is expected construction of the project will begin this spring with at least some homes ready for occupancy by fall.

Procedure reported

The Novi Community School District advises parents that the best way to find out if school will be in session during winter storms is to tune their radio dials to WJR, WXYZ or WWJ.

"Each winter there are several days when which schools in southeastern Michigan are forced to close because of inclement weather," noted Assistant Superintendent Dr. William Barr.

"On those days, many schools in the affected areas are virtually swamped with telephone calls from concerned parents and students, inquiring whether or not their school will be conducting classes."

"To help alleviate this problem," he continued, "the administration has made special arrangements with selected local radio stations to provide weather-related status reports to the public."

"When severe weather occurs that affects the normal operation of the district, appropriate information will be given over WJR, WXYZ and WWJ radio by six o'clock in the morning." Barr said parents are urged to tune in one of the three radio stations before calling the school district.

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Thieves steal cash, leave drugs

Thieves broke into the pharmacy of the Woodland Medical Center at 41935 Twelve Mile and made off with an estimated \$350 in cash. The incident occurred Monday, January 6, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Police were summoned to the medical center by the supervisor of building maintenance after he became aware of some broken windows on the north side of the building.

Responding officers discovered the broken windows and were able to determine that the responsible parties had gained access to the pharmacy. A medical center spokesman reported that no drugs were missing, but the thieves had made off with some \$350 in currency from the cash registers inside the pharmacy.

A Jacobson's Snowburst snowblower was stolen January 6 from the attached garage of a residence on Heatherbrook in the Village Oaks subdivision.

The complainant told police the garage door had been left open from 1:45 and 2 p.m., apparently giving the responsible parties enough time to enter the garage and remove the snowblower. Stolen property was valued at \$350.

Area Blotters

Another snowblower was stolen from the attached garage of a residence on Park Forest in the Village Oaks subdivision on January 8 between 12:15 and 2 p.m.

The complainant said the garage door was open when the 1985 Toro S-2000 snowblower was stolen. The man added that his wife had been inside the house at the time of the theft, but had neither seen nor heard anything unusual.

The snowblower was valued at \$400.

A snowmobile trailer loaded with two snowmobiles was stolen from in front of Michigan Mobile Glass at 41695 Grand River Avenue during the night of January 3-4.

The complainant, a resident of Taylor and an employee of the company, said he left the trailer and snowmobiles in front of the Grand River business on January 3 at 7:30 p.m. and discovered

them missing January 4 at noon.

Stolen were a Pacer snowmobile trailer valued at \$350, a 1979 Yamaha snowmobile valued at \$1,200 and a 1979 Shidco snowmobile valued at \$1,000. Total value of the stolen property was \$2,550.

A 1978 Chevrolet Nova was stolen from in front of the owner's residence on East Glenhaven in the Country Place Condominiums on January 4 between 3 and 11 p.m.

Stolen along with the automobile were a cassette tape player and two new tires. The stolen car was valued at \$300.

A 1977 Ford 4-by-4 pickup truck was stolen from the storage yard behind Evans Mechanical Contractors at 24300 Novi Road during the night of January 3-4.

The complainant told police the responsible parties also attempted to steal a 1974 Ford state truck which was parked behind the building at the same time. Police noted that the ignition of the state truck had been tampered with by the responsible parties in an apparent attempt to start the vehicle.

The stolen truck was recovered January 7 on I-96 by Michigan State Police from the Brighton post.

An alert security officer at Twelve Oaks Mall almost caught a thief in the act of stealing blouses from Woman's World on January 2 at 10:30 a.m.

The security officer said he was walking past the store when he happened to glance inside and spot a black male crouched down near a counter. When the suspect saw the officer watching him, he bolted for the door and ran out of the mall through an exit in the Lord & Taylor wing.

The suspect then got into a Mercury Marquis and left the mall property on Novi Road, turning eastbound at a high rate of speed onto I-96.

State personnel reported the theft of two women's blouses valued at \$35 apiece.

Novi News Briefs

MAYOR PATRICIA KAREVICH will deliver the annual "State of the City" address at the Novi Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, January 21. The luncheon meeting will be held at noon at the Red Timbers restaurant on Grand River Avenue.

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the Novi Chamber attend free of charge. There's a \$10 luncheon fee for non-members of the Chamber. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber's Elaine Cook at 349-5743 anytime Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS students will have a mid-January break tomorrow and Friday (January 16 and 17) while teachers finalize end-of-the-semester business. Though students will not report to school, staff members will be busy with Records Day and In-Service. Second semester will begin Monday, January 20.

SNOW EMERGENCY REMINDER: During a snow emergency as announced on radio, no motor vehicle may be parked on a street or other public right-of-way in the City of Novi. Violators are susceptible to fines.

RESIDENTS INTERESTED in identifying and addressing community needs are needed to serve on the Novi Community Education Advisory Council.

Community Education Director Clara Porter reported that there is currently a vacancy on the council due to the resignation of Hugh Crawford, who was elected to the city council in November.

Terms on the 10-member council run for three years. Candidates must be residents of the Novi Community School District.

The council meets the second Monday of each month at the Novi School Administration Building on Tatt Road at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to apply for the vacancy contact Porter at 349-1200.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL administrators are encouraging parents to attend the next Parent Advisory Council meeting scheduled Thursday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda for the meeting includes a review of the Students Smoking Policy and the General Building Smoking Policy, plans for student course selection and orientation for the 1988-89 school year and a special presentation by Dr. Eric Gordon, consultant from the Oakland County Intermediate School District, on "Preparing for the ACT."

All parents are encouraged to attend, including those with eighth graders heading to the high school next year.

Hotel planned at Eight/Haggerty Cable Listings

By KEVIN WILSON
staff writer

NORTHVILLE — A 126-room, four-story Hampton Inn hotel is being planned for the southeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty Road, across the street from the Meijer store that opened last year.

Hampton Inn is a division of Holiday Inns, Inc. Corporate officials have estimated the construction cost of the new hotel at \$6 million in documents prepared for a Northville Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting tonight (January 15).

The company is seeking EDC assistance in financing the project through issuance of tax-free municipal bonds. Last week, it also sought direction from the township planning commission, which is evaluating the entire Haggerty Road corridor plan.

In a letter to Commission Chairman

If the Hampton Inn development proceeds to completion, it would represent the third hotel at the I-275/Eight Mile/Haggerty intersection. The Novi Hilton at the northwest corner will soon be joined by a budget motel on the Farmington Hills side of Haggerty Road.

Richard Duvel, Hampton Inn's regional director of system development, Davis Smith, noted that the proposed four-story hotel would require an exception from the current zoning ordinance.

The 8.7-acre, triangular parcel is zoned for commercial use, but the maximum height currently allowed is 2½ stories. The new hotel would use 1.9 acres of the parcel, according to the request for EDC support.

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A new "freeway service" zoning category under study by the township planning commission would allow (in its latest proposed form) a 48-foot height — enough for the four-story building proposed. The revised master plan now under review calls for the freeway service zoning at the Hampton Inn site.

But the company, Smith said, cannot wait the necessary three to four months to have the property rezoned to a classification that does not yet exist.

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All weight records will be strictly confidential. Registrations will be accepted at any time, but participants who miss five consecutive weeks of weigh-ins must re-register and pay another registration fee.

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South Haggerty development to move in rapidly

By B.J. MARTIN
staff writer

The southern Haggerty Road corridor you will see at the end of 1986 will look considerably different from the Haggerty Road corridor you're seeing in January.

Oh, the Novi Hilton still will stand out as a beacon to passing travelers. But instead of perching alone on the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty, the Hilton soon will have plenty of company.

Workers already have started construction of Orchard Hill Place, a five-story office building located immediately north of the Hilton. By the end of this year, developers expect to have completed several more projects nearby, including a bank, a medical facility and more restaurants.

The Samelson Group, the Bloomfield Hills-based development firm that owns the Hilton and most of the property along Haggerty between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, intended to announce an overall plan for the area this month. But the process of obtaining a reliable marketing study has taken longer than project coordinators had anticipated.

"The earliest possible date we could announce our overall plan would be March," said Gerald Kowalski, who is heading up The Samelson Group's Novi development. Kowalski was willing to discuss in general terms what lies ahead for the Haggerty Road corridor, however.

Kowalski said he expected the

earliest construction projects would be those closest to Eight Mile and within easy reach of I-275. From there, development would spread to the northernmost parcels bordering Golden Pond subdivision.

"We're looking for something to really frame the Hilton, something designed so that it's still the focus," he said. "I envision buildings with kinds of see-

through architecture, atriums, skylights, that sort of thing."

Of particular concern, he explained, is the property immediately south of the Hilton. "What we do there will anchor that area and establish the direction (for the area). If we make a wrong move there..."

As a result, The Samelson Group is being very careful about making the

right move there — the property's proposed use is a key element in the marketing study still in progress.

Kowalski originally envisioned a retail/office complex and possible restaurants and other kinds of dining there, from (existing) McDonald's to something as new as the Crystal Swan (the Hilton's restaurant).

Kowalski said he expected by year's

end to complete construction of a bank on the northwest corner of Orchard Hill Drive and Haggerty Road and a medical building. "I'd like to do two office buildings we could use as an anchor."

Among the sites being considered for a large office building is the property just south of Norris Industries, located on Orchard Hill Drive north of Eight Mile. "We've had talks with Norris about acquiring the property, so we're not really sure what's going to happen there just yet," said Kowalski.

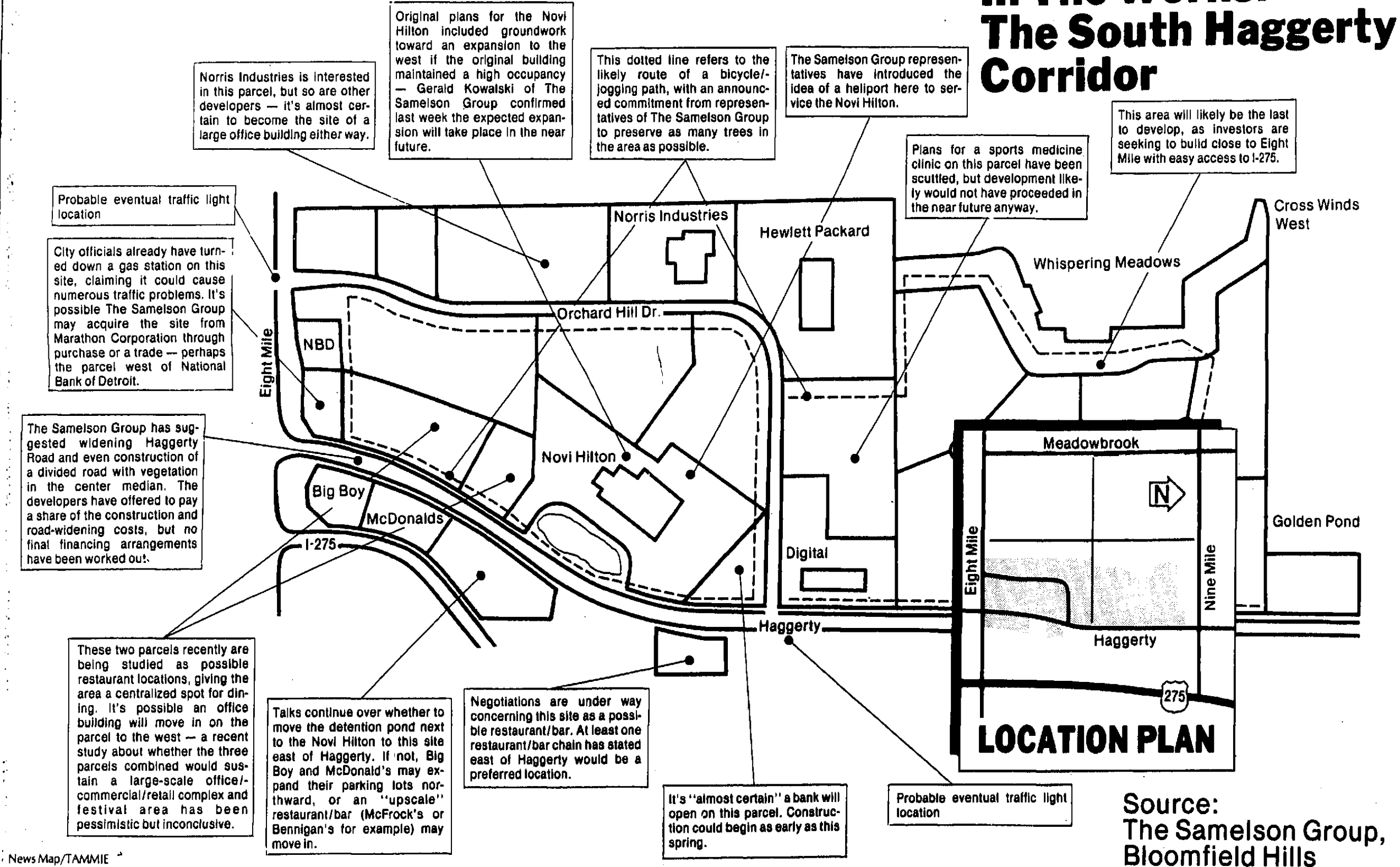
An expansion of the Novi Hilton (as soon as this year) is a virtual certainty, he added. Kowalski is also a booster of construction of a heliport to service the Hilton, although the fate of that concept is uncertain.

Kowalski said the pace of The Samelson Group's development is being forced somewhat by other projects in the vicinity.

Northville Township immediately to the south is considering an amendment to its Master Plan which would permit four-story office buildings south of the shopping center property. And last week, the Livonia Planning Commission approved a rezoning which would permit development of that city's largest-ever private development project — a 16-acre corporate office luxury park east of I-275 between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. Permitted in the new zoning district are hotels 12 stories in height — double the height of the Novi Hilton, Novi's tallest building.



In The Works: The South Haggerty Corridor



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BOB POSCH AND RON CODEN usher in a new comedy empire: joint venture, the "Comedy Crossing" at Red Cedars restaurant, Telegraph and Nine Mile in Southfield. Posch and Coden will alternate months of performing at the 175-seat room.

Posch (left in the photo) opened the nightclub last week and performs through the end of January. Joining the two comedy folk music mainstays of the Detroit area in backing the Comedy Crossing is Novi resident and noted vocalist Larry Santos. Reservations are available by calling 353-3798.

"SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR" opens the year's theatre presentations at the Marquis Theater in downtown Northville beginning this Friday. Starring in the story of two lovers who meet for an annual rendezvous are Sandi Martin and Charles Van Hoose. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31 and February 1, plus Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. January 19, 26 and February 2. Friday night is a special champagne reception benefit for the Northville Arts Commission, tickets \$8. Tickets are \$6 for Friday and Saturday shows the rest of the run and \$5 for Sunday shows. Tickets are available at the Marquis stores, 133 East Main, Northville. For information, call 349-8110 or 349-0968.

"THE FANTASTICKS," the longest running musical in the world, opens this Friday, January 17, at the Actors Theatre Company, 3080 Evergreen Road at the corner of Thirteen Mile in Southfield.

Four performances of the popular production will be offered each weekend through February 23 — Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 and 9 p.m., and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Tickets prices are \$9 on Fridays, \$8 on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., and \$10 on Saturdays at 9 p.m., and \$8 on Sundays. Call 642-1326 for reservations or more information.

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Area businesses cited for beauty

The Guernsey Farm Dairy, Novi Hilton and O'Brien Chapel of Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home were the top winners in the second annual Novi Beautification Awards presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, judges cited three other businesses — Michigan Engine Power, O'Laughlin Construction and the Country Epicure restaurant — for honorable mention recognition.

The beautification awards were initiated by former Chamber President Charles Wood last year to honor local businesses which have made outstanding efforts to improve the appearance of their buildings. The awards are further designed to encourage other business owners to improve the appearance of their property.

Rose Crain served as chairman of the Chamber's Beautification Awards Committee.

Guernsey Farm Dairy was named winner of the Chamber's "Building Renovation Award." Judges awarded honorable mention recognition to the Country Epicure restaurant, saying both were exceptionally nice sites and noting that it was a "very hard choice."

Judges noted that Guernsey Farm Dairy added on to its existing building, refacing and landscaping all sides as well as providing paved parking. The judges noted that the outside storage tanks had been covered.

Judges' comments included: "The whole site makes a nice entrance into Novi." "A real change." And, "A nice impression for people entering Novi from the south."

In granting honorable mention recognition to Country Epicure in the "Building Renovation" category, judges noted that the building has been there for many years and has received new paint and windows from its new owners, who also repaved the parking lot.

"Their sign is exceptional," commented one of the judges.

The Novi Hilton was named winner of the Chamber's "New Building Award." Judges called the Hilton "a monument to Novi — an A-1 structure." The judges also noted that "new businesses can compete with the money involved in this development" and called it "a job well done."

The O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home was named winner of the "Landscaping Award." Special recognition in the landscaping category was awarded to Michigan Engine Power Company and O'Laughlin Construction.



The Novi Hilton won the Chamber's "new building" award

In selecting the O'Brien Chapel as the winner, judges noted that the landscaping is well-balanced all around the building. "Lots of effort is put into maintaining such a high level of landscaping," judges noted. "It's always well-groomed."

The judges decided to award special recognition in landscaping to Michigan Engine Power Company and O'Laughlin Construction.

Council keeps final approval rights

Continued from Page 1

The planning board — at least the majority — was less enthusiastic. By a vote of 5-2 (Gary Phillips and William Briggs opposing) members recommended keeping the clause granting the board the final decision on all Town Center site plans, as originally had been proposed.

"I thought a lot of the last election was about the issue of how to make it easy for developers to locate here," said Board Secretary Judith Johnson.

"If we go along with this, businesses will have to appear before us for preliminary plan approval, then go before council again, then come back to us for final plan approval, then go before the council again. They'll have to prepare their presentations four times."

"When you appoint people to the board," she continued, "you apparently do it with the idea they are capable of carrying out your plans. This to me is a vote of no confidence."

"I feel the Planning Board has to have a measure of authority in this area. We're the ones working through committees, and now we'll be moving approval to the council, which may have no idea what's going on," he concluded.

Novi City Council established on Monday that only projects larger than five acres would require the council's final word. So far, only the Trammell Crow project in the Town Center would be subject to the new ordinance amendment.

In order for the new procedure to start, the amendment must be rewritten and resubmitted at the next regular council meeting, Monday, January 27.

The struggle for authority between the council and the board is expected to be among the subjects to arise at joint meetings of the board and council scheduled for Saturday, January 25 and February 1.

While some feared tacking on council's final review might chill developers already faced with an extensive approval process, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers was not among them.

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a Public Hearing relative to the re-programming of 1982 Community Development Block Grant Funds, Housing Rehabilitation Activity.

This hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday, January 27, 1986, at the Novi Public Library, 4245 W. Ten Mile Road. All interested persons will be heard.

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As We See It

Planners off base in rezoning delay

We can't agree with the reasoning of the Novi Planning Board majority who last Wednesday voted to delay approval of a rezoning request from the Trammel Crow Company. While Trammel Crow has played hurry-up-and-wait with several of its projects, last Wednesday the board bogged one down without any help from the developer.

For once, Trammel Crow actually seemed to be on a prompt schedule with its project: a 4.7-acre shopping center on the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Novi Road. By obtaining the board's favorable rezoning and preliminary site plan recommendations, the developer probably already could be preparing for final approval and construction.

But the board voted 5-3 to table the matter until the firm could provide a more thorough economic, social and traffic impact analysis — more thorough, we note, than what recently was required of the much larger Ramco-Gershenson West Oaks II project immediately west.

The majority apparently based its vote on the belief that there was not enough information to make an informed decision. We disagree, as did minority-voting board members Ernest Aruffo, Judith Johnson and Joseph Toth. Here's why:

The board is technically within its rights to require a developer asking for a rezoning to provide a statement concerning traffic, social and economic impact of

developing according to the new zoning. But Trammel Crow provided minimal information in this area for good reason: according to the city's Master Plan, the involved property is earmarked for regional shopping center use anyway.

If Trammel Crow is providing exactly what the city carefully set out to achieve when drafting its Master Plan, why should the firm be required to make as extensive an impact statement as someone seeking to rezone property for a use clearly different from what is planned? The intent of the requirement is for someone wanting, for example, to put a factory in a residential subdivision, to explain his reasoning very carefully.

What about the precedent set in not requiring this developer to furnish an extensive impact statement? Actually, we see no threat at all, since the circumstances of this case can be cited in future cases. Why should our officials get picky if someone wants to rezone property for a use consistent with the Master Plan?

The city itself has gone to no small expense to initiate rezonings in order to get the city's zoning somewhat aligned with its Master Plan. Along comes Trammel Crow, actually paying the administrative expenses to obtain such a rezoning, and the planning board hems and haws over it.

Aruffo, Johnson and Toth understood this. The board would have been well advised to listen to them and in the future, not to delay similar projects for similarly feeble reasons.

Pact's good news

Having spent the last two weeks providing readers with our assessment of the past year and prioritizing issues to be addressed in 1988, little has been mentioned of the recent contract settlement between the Novi Community School District and three of its five bargaining units.

Although we've withheld comment on the district's new two-year agreement, the issue clearly deserves consideration. Ratification of the new contracts marks the second consecutive time the district has reached early settlements with its bargaining units since the bitter employees' strike of 1982.

The expedited bargaining sessions December 10-12 between the school district and its three employee groups (teachers, secretaries-paraprofessionals and food service personnel) resulted in only minor changes to what negotiators for both sides have described as an already "good contract."

By negotiating only a few contract provisions, the district avoided the arduous and timely task of negotiating a new contract on an item-by-item basis. The six percent salary adjustment — the most significant change in the agree-

ment — represents only a slight increase over the 5 and 5.5 percent salary hikes agreed upon two years ago. School officials also noted the new salary schedule is comparable to neighboring school districts currently negotiating new contracts.

While this year's settlement may be among the earliest contract agreements approved in Novi, we are most impressed by the harmonious working relationship between the district and its bargaining units.

Negotiators for both sides noted an absence of animosity which has existed in the district since the '82 strike. We are pleased to see the remaining ill-will finally put to rest and the two sides reach amiable accord.

With current contracts not expiring until June 30, the district can spend the remaining six months of the 1985-86 school year focusing its attention on curriculum concerns, programming and — most importantly — the findings of a citizens task force studying population trends and building needs. The committee's report — expected to be released tomorrow (Thursday) night — will undoubtedly warrant considerable attention — both now and in the years ahead.

Letters welcome

The Novi News welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask, however, that they be issue oriented, confined to 500 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. Names will be withheld on request, but a brief explanation of why the request is being made should accompany the letter. Deadline for submission is 3:30 Monday p.m. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and libel.

Hanging on to 'boyish charm'



I just washed my brain and I can't do a thing with it.

Seriously, I quit smoking January 5. No longer burdened with nicotine and several thousand other poisons, my brain is getting a full shot of oxygen for the first time in years. Shocked by the sudden change, it has gone running off in all directions like an unmanageable head of hair.

An apt metaphor, perhaps, for — in a perhaps misguided bid to gain some control of what was going on above my shoulders — I further changed my life on Friday morning by ridding myself of some unmanageable hair. The beard is no longer. In fact, it's a lot shorter. Kept the mustache, which took root back in 1972 and has only missed one day since, but the beard had less seniority, dating only to 1974.

Grown in the depths of a Houghton, Michigan winter during my freshman year in college, the chin fur originally was intended only as a means of staying warm. When it grew in with a touch of gray, it was easy to convince myself it made me look older — something 19-year-olds think is needed. That's the same logic that started me smoking. Ask smokers why they started and they'll give you all kinds of weird answers, but I'd bet looking older is high on the list.

Gray beard hairs and a hacking cough are far less attractive features once you reach 30. Oh sure, gray in a beard can look distinguished, but I ain't ready to look distinguished.

Anyway, back to the washed brain and clean chin. Some of you may remember that this same guy wrote a big story some years back about how he had quit smoking and how good it felt. Yeah, that was me. Fell right off the wagon only months later — some of us are so brazenly stupid we'll smoke even after swearing off cigarettes on the front page of a newspaper. The good news is that, just like beating your head with a hammer, it still feels good after you stop. The bad news is that the three-day

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nicotine withdrawal made me a lot sicker this time around. All the better reason not to start again.

Which may be part of what the beard-shaving is about. The beard and the smoking arrived in my life at about the same time, both as adolescent attempts to project a certain image. What that says about self-confidence and the writer's ego, I don't particularly care to examine right now. That I now wear a variety of hats to both keep my balding head warm and because of the way they look suggests I'm not entirely rid of the need to show off.

Shedding the smoking habit and the beard at the same time just seemed fitting — a fresh start to the new year, though none of this was really started as a New Year's resolution. Anyway, if we got everything coordinated properly, the new image, sans hat and pre-haircut, should be evident in the photograph accompanying this column. It's astounding how much reactions differ — some people realize immediately that the beard is gone, but don't notice I've quit polluting their air. Others notice the lack of smoke, and attribute my new look to suddenly improved health.

My kids, neither of whom had ever seen Dad's chin before, are amused. The three-year-old asks frequently how long it will take to grow it back. When I tell him I shave it off every day now, he laughs — it's clear to him that you can't shave off something that isn't there. The baby didn't notice until I kissed him goodbye the first morning. Then he stared at my chin for long minutes and still does. At the weekend, he tried to move my chest hairs onto my chin. It only hurt a little, and it was a lot more fun than chasing him away from the ashtrays.

In sight

By Steve Fecht



Up hill battle

A cut-rate bargain for staying thin



Philip Jerome

I got a press release Monday about a new course being offered by the Novi Community Education Department called "The Weekly Weigh."

From what I could tell, the course consists of going to Middle School South once a week to be weighed. Reading further, I discovered the registration fee for this wonderful new course is \$7. And there's a weekly fee of \$1 for the right to stand on the scale.

And that was it. Nothing else. Thinking it was some kind of a mistake, I called Community Education Director Clara Porter to find out the rest of the story.

"Hey, Clara," I said. "There's some kind of mistake on the flyer about that 'Weekly Weigh' program. The flyer makes it sound like you're charging people a \$7 registration fee plus \$1 per week just to get weighed. There's got to be something else."

"There's no mistake," she replied. "That's it. No lectures. No gimmicks. No scoldings. They just weigh in and go home."

"Wait a minute," I said, not sure I had heard correctly. "You mean you're actually going to charge \$7 for registration and \$1 per week just for the right to stand on your scale? What's wrong? Don't people have scales at home any more?"

"I weigh myself at home every morning and it doesn't cost me a cent. I didn't even have to pay a registration fee. I just get up, walk into the bathroom, step on the scale and there it is — my weight. What makes you think people are going to pay all that money to do the same thing they can do absolutely free at home?"

If Clara was put off by my skepticism, she didn't let on. In fact, she assured me the program was very worthwhile and would help a lot of people. People will stick to their diets better if they have somebody else checking their weight every week, she insisted.

"We'll see what you have to say when we have 40 people lined up to weigh-in every Thursday," she said.

But I have a better idea . . . the Phil Jerome Weekly Weigh Program. Registration fee is just \$4 and I'll only charge 75 cents for the right to climb up on the scale at my house. Just send those checks and money orders to yours truly, care of this station.

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'Election contributions sobering' Letters

To the Editor:

Last month The Novi News ran an extensive story regarding campaign contributions made to candidates during the Novi campaign.

The Novi News called it the "Campaign Spending Race," and I quote, "In one of the most expensive campaigns in Novi history, 'People for Karvich' drummed up \$5,421.98, a third more than 'Residents to Re-Elect Mayor Schmidt,' which raised \$2,841.46 for its candidate."

I don't agree with your arithmetic. It looks to me like Karvich raised almost twice as much as Schmidt. But in any event, the Novi News then listed all major donors. You did a good job of reporting.

It was a rather sobering experience to read the list of contributors and the special interest they represented, particularly the great number of donations from contributors who do not live in Novi. It also represented a quantum leap in the increase of the amount of the individual donations over two years ago.

I can remember when Romaine Roethel, a past councilwoman and probably the most popular mayor this city has seen, would not accept a campaign contribution of over \$25 from any individual or business interest.

It is also noteworthy to reflect that when her husband, John Roethel, ran for mayor, in spite of the fact that he had name recognition and had served as chairman of the planning board for many years, he was soundly defeated at

the polls. I always attributed his defeat in a large part to the fact that John abandoned Romaine's policy and that the Novi News printed, before the election, the list of contributors from the pre-election filing.

This pre-election filing is required by law and available to newspapers through the Freedom of Information Act and can be printed before each election if the newspaper desires to do so.

Also if the Novi News announced, at this time, that it would be the policy of the paper to print contributions, both from pre-election filings and final filings, you would not only be fully reporting the news but also performing a community service.

And one more point before putting the Novi elections to bed for another two years.

The "mailbox brouhaha," as you called the issue of distribution of campaign literature in mailboxes, was unfortunate in respect to the timing involved. However, Robert Daley, former mayor, made some excellent points as reported in your paper October 30, 1985, regarding the issue. If Mr. Daley was interested in forming a citizens committee to pursue the matter, I am sure

that he would have considerable support.

Joe Brett

Requests input

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express concerns I raised regarding the 51-acre conceptual commercial plan for the Town Center Area presented by Trammel Crow representatives at a recent joint city council/planning board meeting.

All spokesmen for the Trammel Crow organization emphasized that they did not "want to lose sight of this area being Novi's Town Center."

In fact, their project is modeled after an Arlington, Texas, prototype called Arlington Square. When I asked what surrounded that development, Trammel Crow's representative indicated that Arlington's commercial center was a bright spot in an otherwise unnotable area.

I then inquired, "Do the people of Arlington, Texas, identify this square as their downtown?" The reply was, "No, we don't have downtowns in Texas; with the possible exception of cities

such as San Antonio.

Does it then follow that the Trammel Crow project represents a commercial venture that will bring Novi an identifiable "downtown?"

It may, and then again, it may not. As one of your elected representatives, I am interested in hearing from the residents. I invite your comments and viewpoints.

Nancy C. Covert

Rotary thanks

To the Editor:

The Novi Rotary Club's annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party and luncheon was held at the Novi Middle School.

There were over 250 seniors attending. The Novi Junior High School choir and band entertained the guests, singing and playing Christmas carols. Then the whole group joined in singing Christmas carols.

The gourmet chefs from the Sheraton Oaks Hotel again provided hours of delicious and special treats for the guests.

The Interact Club from the high school and students from the junior high assisted those seniors who were non-ambulatory get to and from the automobiles and busses that transported them to the luncheon.

The cooks prepared the traditional turkey dinner. Many thanks to all who helped make this annual affair a huge success.

Robert Maynes,
Novi Rotary Club

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Information concerning the proposal is available at the Dept. of Community Development, 45225 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 1988.

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LAWRENCE J. EISING

A funeral service for Lawrence J. Eising of Walled Lake was held January 9 at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Mr. Eising died January 6 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was 79. He was employed as a sheet metal worker for Local 80 for 35 years before he retired in 1971. He was a member of the Nardin Park Reformed Dutch Church and was active in 4H and the Catholic Youth Organization. He was an experimental grower of American roses for Jackson-Perkins as well as an avid rock polisher and jewelry maker. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, and four children: Patricia Carlson, Virginia Uruseau, Doris Toonder and Charles Davis. Also surviving are two sisters, a brother, 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

EDWARD J. SLENTZ

The family of Marion (Slentz) Trotter would like to thank everybody who showed their respects for the loss of her father, Edward J. Slentz. Mr. Slentz was born October 21, 1916, and died December 12, 1985 at the age of 69. He had been a Novi resident for more than 40 years and was well-known throughout the community as the owner of several gas stations. He owned the Shell station at Grand River and Eleven Mile, the Mobil station at Grand River and Novi Road, and the Boron station at Ten Mile and Novi Road. His last place of employment was at Michigan Tractor, where he retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Florence, a son, Robert, and a daughter, Marion. Two sisters, Doris and Harriet, and a brother, Richard, also survive along with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Police nab fuzz buster suspects

Novi and Farmington Hills police combined forces last Wednesday night to apprehend two suspects in a series of break-and-enterings of automobiles and the subsequent thefts of radar detectors.

Thomas Scott Brightbill, 17, of Plymouth and a 15-year-old juvenile from Canton were taken into custody when both marked and unmarked police cars from Novi and Farmington Hills converged on their vehicle while it was stopped at the traffic light at the Eight Mile/Haggerty Road intersection.

Brightbill was arraigned on two counts of "breaking and entering/automobiles" in the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

Novi Police Chief Lee BeGoole hailed the apprehension of the two suspects as "an outstanding example of cooperation and communication between police departments."

"Both cities (Novi and Farmington Hills) have been experiencing a rash of radar detector thefts from automobiles parked at hotels and restaurants," said BeGoole. "Hopefully, this will help put a dent in the number of those crimes."

BeGoole said Novi police became aware that so-

meone was stealing radar detectors from automobiles when a Grosse Pointe man reported that he left the Red Timbers restaurant on Grand River at approximately 11 p.m. and discovered the window in his 1984 Chrysler had been smashed out and the radar detector stolen.

In the same general time period, Farmington Hills police received a report from a witness who reportedly had observed someone break out the window of a car parked at the Farmington Holiday Inn, reach inside and then run to a car which exited the parking lot westbound on Ten Mile.

A description of the suspect vehicle broadcast over the police radio was heard by a plain-clothes Farmington Hills officer in an unmarked car, who reportedly observed the vehicle enter the Novi Hilton parking lot on Haggerty Road in Eight Mile.

The officer in the unmarked car positioned himself near the Hilton and reportedly observed the suspect vehicle cruise around the Hilton parking lot. The officer said he observed a passenger get out of the suspect vehicle on several occasions and walk around the lot, looking in the windows of parked automobiles.

The officer summoned back-up help from both Novi and Farmington Hills, with both police departments dispatching marked and unmarked patrol units to the location.

After some time, the undercover officer said he observed the passenger from the suspect vehicle make a throwing motion at the window of a 1984 GMC vehicle, reach inside and then run back to the suspect vehicle which was parked near Haggerty Road. The suspect vehicle then exited the parking lot southbound on Haggerty at a high rate of speed, reports indicated.

When the suspect vehicle got stopped by traffic waiting for the light at the Eight Mile/Haggerty Road intersection, police from both communities converged and took both occupants into custody.

A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered three radar detectors in the trunk and a fourth radar detector on the sun visor, according to police. The radar detectors were later determined to have been stolen that same evening from vehicles parked at Mountain Jack's and the Farmington Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills and the Red Timbers and Novi Hilton in Novi, police reports said.

Novi Library plans 'Saturdays for Kids'

Have a youngster or two who likes movies for kids, crafts, stories, magic, balloons or even sled dogs? If so, the Novi Public Library's "Saturday for Kids" series has just the thing. All the programs take place on Saturday afternoons at the library in a supervised setting. All the programs are offered free of charge except for the craft classes in which there is a fee of \$1 to cover the cost of materials. Here's what's coming up:

SLED DOGS January 18, 1 p.m. The working dogs of the north country pay a visit to the library. Learn about the

background, history and habits of these remarkable dogs. A chance to see the sled dogs in action under harness. Indoor/outdoor program, so dress accordingly.

CRRAFTS January 25, 1 p.m. for ages 4-5; 2 p.m. for ages 6 and older. Register at least one day in advance. Materials fee \$1.

"THE FIRST EASTER RABBIT" and "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree," animated movies, March 1, 1 p.m.

MAGIC WORKSHOP with Ming the Magician, March 8, 1 p.m. Ming has entertained before at the library. This time he comes to share the secrets of

designed life-size puppets. For ages 5 and older; register before March 5. "PADDLE TO THE SEA" and "Pinatso," movies, March 15, 1 p.m. **CRRAFTS** March 22, 1 p.m. for ages 4-5; 2 p.m. for ages 6 and older. Register at least one day in advance. Materials fee \$1.

"HIP VAN WINKLE" and "Rikki-Tikki Tavi," movies, March 29, 1 p.m.

For additional information on any program, call the Novi Public Library at 349-0720. Watch the "Nearby" column in The Novi News to keep posted on library events.

Wixom sets stampede

WIXOM — The Wixom Parks and Recreation Commission will sponsor its fifth annual "Cross-country Ski Stampede" at Gilbert Willis Memorial Park on Saturday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ski rental will be available during the event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The park is located off Loop Lake Road between Wixom and Benetown roads, immediately behind the VFW Post.

Individuals planning to participate in

the event must pre-register. Registration deadline is January 15.

Anyone wishing to rent equipment must pay rental fees at the time of registration. The rental fee of \$2.50 includes skis and boots.

In case of inclement weather, the stampede will be held Saturday, January 19. For more information or to register, call Cathryn at Wixom City Hall at 624-4557 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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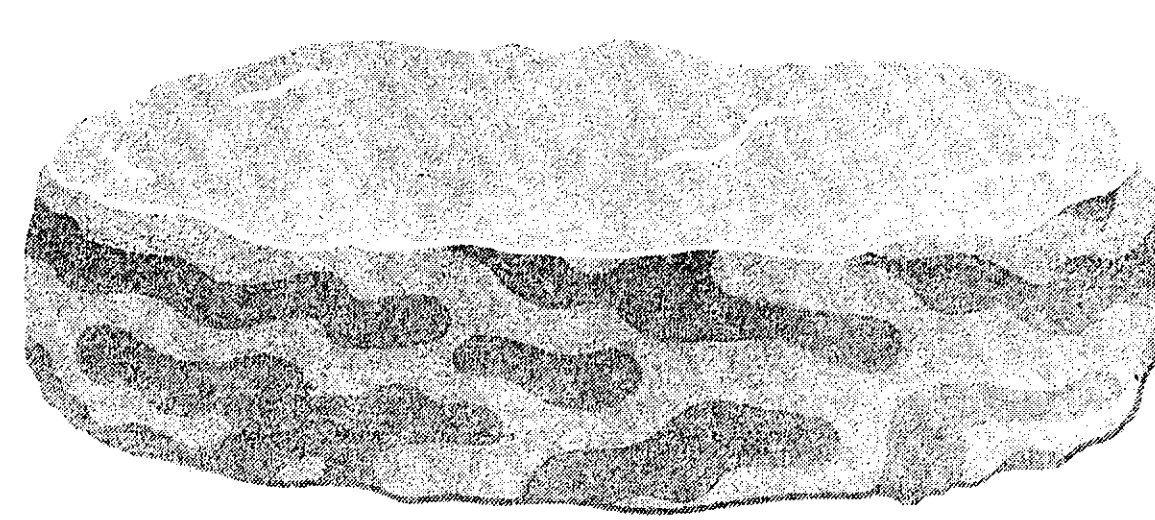
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INSIDE

Continental Boring finds new home

By MARY GEDDES

Not everyone is lucky enough to succeed in a career field that is both personally enjoyable and challenging, and also offers the opportunity for economic advancement.

But that was the case for Robert Tringali, owner of Continental Boring Incorporated, a machining company that moved into Milford Village in early November.

"I started working in machine shops when I was 18 years old," Tringali said. "I always liked machining. It came easy to me, and I was good at it. I stayed in the field that I enjoyed, and I have succeeded at it."

But that success has not been without setbacks for the Dearborn native.

After 15 years in the machining business, soliciting contracts from the likes of Ford Motor Company and John Deere, Tringali still must work more than 50 hours a week to maintain his sales and keep on top of the quality workmanship he demands.

Tringali began Continental Boring with a partner in 1971, opening their first location in Dearborn Heights. While the economy seemed advantageous for expansion, Continental moved to Farmington, and then to another larger facility in Farmington Hills.

"We moved when we thought things were going well," Tringali said. "But we never used more than a third of that building, and the whole company needed to be restructured. We needed to streamline to be more efficient."

The last five years brought economic depression for many machining companies, Tringali said. Continental Boring survived, but not without losses.

"We finally started to pick up in 1985," he said. Tringali developed a strategy for survival in a tough market.

"I bought out my partner two years ago, and began to restructure the company. I wanted to re-size the operation," he said.

A logical, but overlooked place for the smaller company, was practically in Tringali's backyard.

"I had always liked the Milford area. I use to come here when I was a kid. I'd spend time in the tent city at Camp Dearborn, and I would come into town. Later, I moved here, and I knew that

the (Old Agnew) building was right in town, but I always thought that it was too small," he said.

On closer inspection, Tringali thought it would be the ideal place for his company.

"The building is really bigger than it looks. There is about 18,000 square feet in there, and it is in pretty good shape," he said.

There are other advantages to the location.

"I like the town. Most industrial parks get to be a real drag. Being in Milford is really different. There are people around. There is the party store and bakery, and you just don't feel so isolated," he said.

The company employs 21 people, with about three living in the immediate Milford area. Tringali is still searching for more employees to fill the company's night shift.

"I hope to find people from the rural areas to work. They say that all farmers are mechanics and that they work harder than people from bigger cities. There should be a good work force out here," he said.

The employees typically work 10 or more hours a day, five days a week. Saturday overtime hours are not unusual for both the day and night shifts.

Because of his love of the machinery and his experience in operating and repairing the equipment, Tringali wishes he had more time to spend training his employees.

"When we first started the company, I would train just about every one of them. I would be with them, like I was their shadow," he said. "Now I'm available if something goes wrong. If we need someone to drive the truck, or things like that. But handling the orders and sales is a fulltime position."

Tringali plans on completing some interior and exterior improvements to the building requested by the Milford Village Council. But he also would like to further improve the appearance of the 48-year-old structure.

"And I'd like to work with the village and the Downtown Development Authority. But, on the other hand, I am an industrial site and there is only so much I can do," he said.

"I'm glad I came back here. I plan to be in Milford for quite awhile," he added.

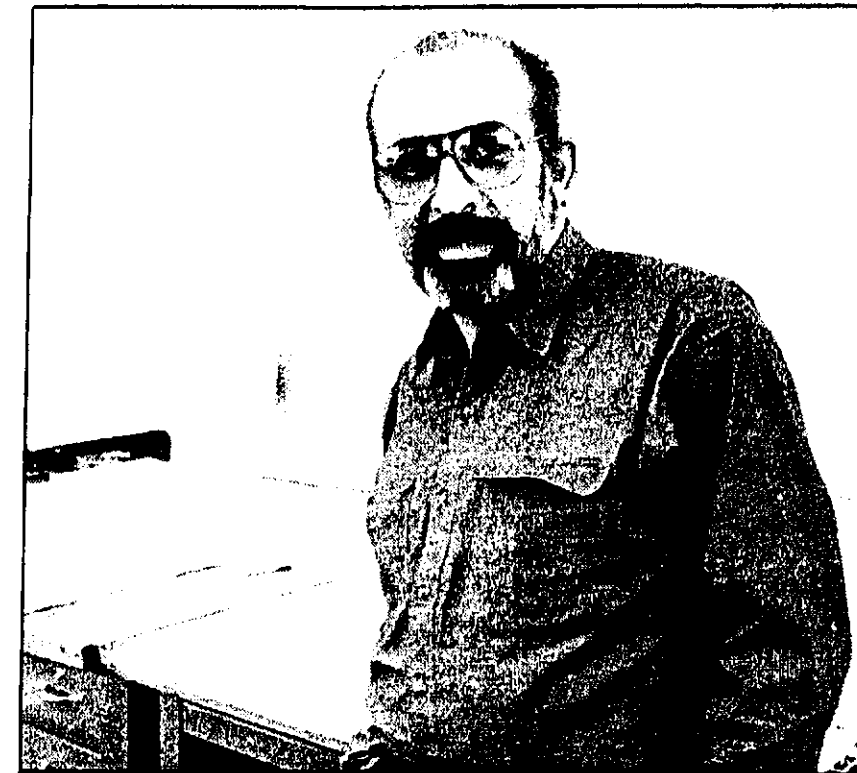


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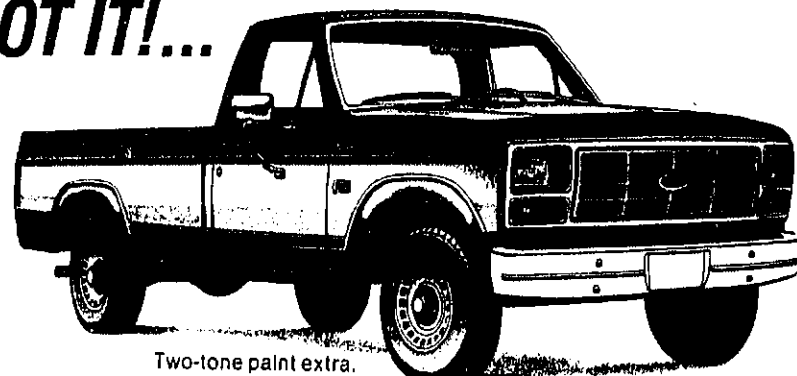
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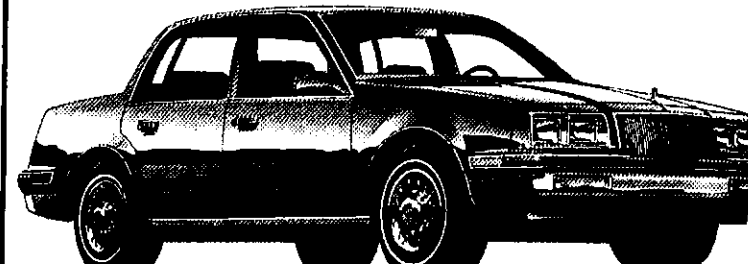
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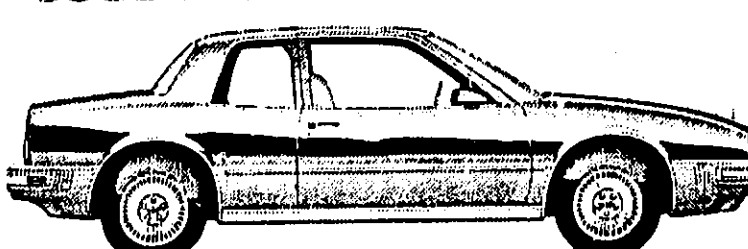
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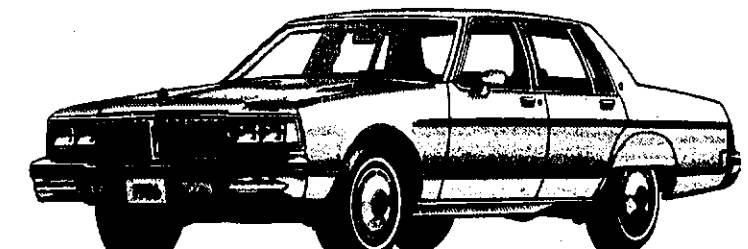
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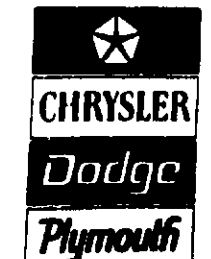
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Historical society program features 'Dutch treat'

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"Dutch Treat" will be the title of the program when the Novi Historical Society meets at the Novi Public Library tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Society President Larry Maki promises to make participants forget the "wintertime blues" with slides of his trip to Holland. The slides will include several historical sites including the "Old Church" built in 1800 and several restored castles. The slides were taken during Holland's celebration of its 750th anniversary.

The nominating committee of Bill and Charmaine Gaudin and Ralph McPherson will announce its proposed slate of officers at the January meeting. Elections are scheduled for February.

Anyone in the community interested in helping the society preserve Novi's heritage is encouraged to call Maki at 349-4553 for information about membership.

COMMUNITY ED: The Novi Community Education Department is now accepting registrations for its Winter '86 classes. Brochures were mailed to all Novi school district residents last week; additional copies are available at Community Ed offices in the School Administration Building on Taft Road at Eleven Mile. Call 348-1200 for more information.

Registrations will be limited to Novi school district residents through this Friday. Non-residents also may register for classes next week. Registration deadline is January 22. Senior citizens may qualify for dis-

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counts on many classes.

Many new classes have been added this year, including Copper Plate Calligraphy, Ceramics for Beginners, Country/Western Dancing, Personal Effectiveness for Growth in Women, Principles and Practices of Real Estate and Preparing Will Game.

Also available will be special classes for senior citizens and Adult High School Completion Credit Classes. Aquatics classes will be held in the Novi High School pool. In addition, there will be numerous physical fitness classes for people interested in getting into shape.

GIRL SCOUTS: All adult leaders are reminded that each troop must be represented at a planning session tomorrow (Thursday) at Village Oaks Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Leaders will be working on the calendar for the remainder of the Scout year and will begin planning the All-Scout Camp in May.

Service Unit Director Jill Streiff will present information about the upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Sale, and troop leaders also will receive information about special prizes to Detroit Red Wing games for Scout families. The annual Thinking Day program also will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.

All fifth, sixth and seventh grade Girl

Scouts who are working with "Group

Scouts" will be receiving an announcement of activities for the next few months. Included will be a "Color Me Beautiful" clinic for girls and their mothers, a Baby Sitting Clinic with Ann Borg and a program entitled Information on Sports with Chris Hayward. More information about the programs is available at 349-8786.

MICHIGAN SMOCKERS: The Michigan Smockers Guild will hold its first meetings of the year tomorrow (Thursday). The "day" meeting will be held in the Novi Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon and the "night" meeting will be held at the home of President Nancy Smith from 7-9 p.m.

Members will be making name tags for themselves at the meetings and are asked to bring plated material. Members also will be working on the "mystery sampler" at the meetings. In addition, the Easter Basket that will be the project for February will be displayed at tomorrow's meetings.

The Smockers have presented a copy of Diane Key's smoking book to the Novi Public Library. Special guests at the March meeting will be Melanee Woodall and Margaret Ross of Smocking Unlimited in Canada.

Anyone interested in more informa-

tion about membership in the Michigan Smockers may call 349-7046.

LIONESSES: The Novi Lioness Club is conducting a membership drive for women interested in community service. Membership is open to women from surrounding communities and prospective members do not have to have a husband who belongs to the Lions Club. Call 349-2325 for more information about the many worthwhile projects sponsored by the club.

Plans for the Lionesses' annual fashion show will be made at the next meeting at President Loretta Buffa's home on January 20 at 7:30 p.m. Fashions for the show will be provided by Women's World. In addition, Lillian Blacha will be installed as the newest member of the group at the January meeting.

Proceeds from the Lionesses' fund-raising projects are channeled into such programs as the Leader Dog School for the Blind, Novi Emergency Food Program and Beaumont Hospital's special hearing project. The Lioness Club is dedicated to helping the blind, handicapped and hearing impaired.

BEVERLY MANOR: The Beverly Manor Community Council would like to hear from individuals interested in volunteering their time to work with senior citizen residents at the Beverly Manor Convalescent Home.

Council members meet regularly with Activities Director Jeanne Kopko to plan programs for residents at the home on three levels — service, social and educational. Purpose of the council

is to provide a link between the home and the community at large. More information about membership on the community council is available by calling 477-2000.

PERSONALS: Danny Valdez, 15, received his Eagle award at a meeting of Boy Scout Troop 179 in Farmington. The son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Valdez, he has been extremely active in Scouting and has attended the Philmont High Adventure Camp in Mexico. The Valdez family has moved to Novi from Farmington recently. Danny currently is secretary of the District Council of the Arrow.

Russell and Mary Louise Taylor, longtime residents of the Novi area, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday. Mabel Ash has returned from a vacation in the south where she visited her sister, Ina Lachenmyer, in Jacksonville and her nephew, Phillip Allen, at St. Simons Island, Georgia, in addition to attending a family gathering at the home of William Lachenmyer in Atlanta, Georgia.

John and Louise Tymensky celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by flying to San Diego where they spent eight days sightseeing. They also had a chance to see the floats that had been in the Rose Parade in Pasadena. While in California, they visited former Novi residents Jim and Lynn Mitchell.

Several local residents attended the first meeting of the year of the Detroit Association of Retired School Personnel at the Westminster Church in Detroit. The program was a slide presentation of historic houses given by a member of the Detroit Historical Society.

PIN POINTERS: Debbie Lukasak won the mystery game. High bowlers were Mitzi Harvey (216 in 515 series) and Barb Dettore (191 and 183 in 547 series). Standings are as follows:

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NOVI VFW: Members of Novi VFW Post and the VFW Auxiliary will hold a special anniversary dinner at the Grand River post on Saturday, January 25, at 7 p.m. Participants should bring a passing dish.

Volunteers are needed the first Monday of each month to assist the auxiliary with its work at the Allen Park Veterans Hospital. Anyone who can help is asked to call President Winnie Dunham.

The post has awarded a 50-year service pin to Eugene Keller, who lives at the Baptist Christian Manor Senior Citizens Home in Allen Park.

Membership in the Novi VFW is open to veterans from surrounding communities as well as Novi.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Clubs and organizations may have their announcements printed by calling her at 624-0173. Individuals with news about births, showers, birthdays, anniversaries, vacations or other special events are encouraged to call her at the same number.

Weddings



MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW SWIATEK

Mary Jane Bell of Livonia and Matthew Joseph Swiatek of Walled Lake are making their home in Farmington Hills following their marriage at Walled Lake Community Church in Dearborn.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell of Livonia. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Swiatek of Troy.

Pastor Gerry Weitz officiated at the double ring ceremony August 24. The bride wore an organza gown embroidered with roses. The skirt was edged with a ruffle and extended into a train. She carried a cascade arrangement of white roses with English ivy and Stephanotis.

Cindy Bell-Hiett was matron of honor. Kathy Russell was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debbie Mann, Tiffany Bell, Theresa Beagham and Donna Whittinghill.

They were lavendar gowns em-

broidered with roses and carried bouquets of carnations and roses.

Kelly Mann was flower girl. Mike Sacco was best man. Ushers were Joe Somerville, Mike Evans, Ron Blackmere, Ron Wright and Bill Austin.

A reception for 250 guests in the Alexander Ballroom of Dearborn Inn followed the 11 a.m. ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 1980 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed as a computer programmer with Manufacturers Bank.

The bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School and a 1983 graduate of the National Institute of Technology. He is employed as a customer engineer with Xerox Corporation.

The couple met through Campus Life, ministry of Youth for Christ.

Engagements



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Births

Bill and Stephanie Kelly of 4450 Louvet Court in Novi announce the birth of a son, William Henry Kelly III, was born December 13 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit, weighing five pounds, five ounces.

The baby is welcomed at home by a

brother, Tanner, 1½. Grandparents are Mrs. William H. Kelly of Northville, Mrs. Carolyn Butler of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Huston Butler of Neshos, Missouri. Mrs. W.D. Robertson of Houghton, Michigan, is the baby's paternal great grandmother.

Applicants sought for Fashion Panel

Twelve Oaks Mall is looking for young men and women to serve on the 1986 Fashion Panel. Deadline for applications is Sunday, January 19, at 5 p.m.

The Fashion Panel is designed to give young men and women between the ages of 16 and 22 experience and exposure in the fashion world with modeling and restaurant modeling as only a few of the fashion-oriented activities they will experience. Twelve Oaks also provides monthly workshop instruction on make-up application, hair styling,

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The Fashion Panel not only benefits young men and women, it also is a support system for Twelve Oaks. The panel helps with distributing promotional materials and assists with photo shoots for the various fashion publications produced at Twelve Oaks.

Participation on the Fashion Panel is on a voluntary basis. It gives an opportunity to develop modeling portfolios and fashion skills. Applications are available at the information desk in center court. For more information call Twelve Oaks management offices at 349-9400.

Series explores 'the single life'

A weekly series of classes entitled "Enjoying the Single Life" will be offered at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College beginning Tuesday, January 21.

The nine-week series will focus on a different topic each week and is designed to enhance and enrich the lifestyle of the single person.

Classes will meet for two hours on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Students may register up to and including the first class session. For information about registration call the Orchard Ridge Office of Community Services at 471-7500.

Participating students will have an opportunity to select from six to nine topics of interest.

"Skiing in Michigan" is the topic of the January 21 session. A panel of ski experts will offer tips on ski resorts, ski clubs and buying and caring for ski equipment. The session is geared for beginning and advanced cross-country and downhill skiers.

On January 28, the topic will be "Profile of the Image You Project." Participants will learn to identify their typical behavior patterns through the Performax Inventory Test conducted by Creative Change Consultants of Bloomfield Hills.

"99 Ways to Meet New People" is the title of the February 4 session. Participants will learn all about the singles scene — including where to go, singles clubs and dating services — from Marcia Biggs, singles columnist for the Detroit News.

"Traveling Solo: What to Know and Where to Go" is the topic of the February 11 session. Detroit News Travel Editor Claudia Capos will talk about vacations, singles cruises and travel clubs for the solo traveler.

On January 28, the topic will be a program titled "Easy Gourmet Cooking for One" on February 18. He will show how to prepare nutritious quick-and-easy dishes and share tips on cooking for one or more. The session is geared for the single cook on the fast track.

"Wine: More than just a Pretty Grape" is the title of the programs to be presented February 25 and March 4. Heidi Wine Consultants will explore the various qualities of domestic and foreign wines in a two-session wine tasting seminar. While wines will be featured February 25 and red wines on March 4.

On March 11, the topic will be "Investments for the 80s. IDS Financial Consultants of Farmington Hills will present a general economic outlook and brief overview of the future of stocks, mutuals, real estate and other options for the single investor.

The series concludes March 18 with a program entitled "Tax Planning and Tax Shelters." Smart money management tax strategies for the single taxpayer — with or without dependents — will be covered in a program presented by IDS Financial Services of Farmington Hills.

members will receive help in understanding the intergenerational squeeze and learn strategies for coping. The class will be led by Dolores Heeg, MSW, a family therapist at Counseling Concepts in Northville.

"Life Transitions" is a discussion group geared to helping people who are growing through a life transition that involves loss and grief such as death, divorce, forced job change or loss of a family member. The class is open to people who want to learn how to be supportive of those experiencing loss and grief. The class will be taught by

Reverend Harold Ellens, a psychologist, counselor and author from Farmington.

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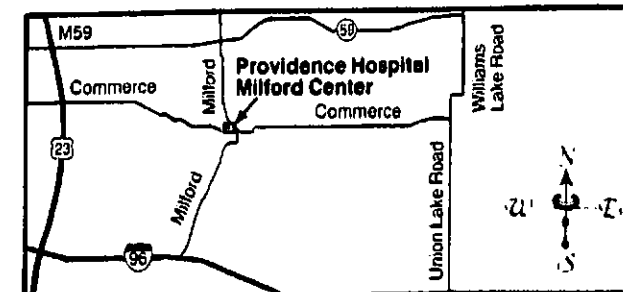
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Milford thumps Novi grapplers

Novi has made some waves in the 1985-86 wrestling season, but the Wildcats quickly found out last week that they are still light-years away from the top of the brutal Kensington Valley Conference.

Powerful Milford, the second best team in Oakland County and one of the elite squads of the state, had little mercy in bombarding Novi 55-12 on January 9. But in classy fashion, the Wildcats (5-2, 1-2 in KVC) rebounded a couple days later to perform well in the eight-team Holly Tournament, ending up in second place, just a half-point behind the winner.

"The competition (at Holly) was nowhere near what we saw at Milford but I was pleased," coach Tom Fritz said. "It was very good competition for a lot of our younger kids."

But the showing at Holly did very little to reduce the sting of the league loss to Milford.

"Milford had us anyway they wanted us," Fritz admitted. "It went about as I had expected, but I'm not happy about it."

The Redwings won 10 of 13 matches — seven of them on pins. Novi's weakness in the upper weights was glaring. After taking a short-lived lead with wins in two of the first three matches, the Wildcats lost eight in a row and nine of the last 10.

Brett Keir at 198 notched the only Novi points in the final 10 bouts, but it was a big win. In the best match of the day, Keir defeated Karl Strand 10-8, avenging a loss he suffered in the Oakland County Championships back in December.

Super-sophomores Ron Nutt and Scott Brown did their part by giving the Wildcats the lead with wins in the early going. Nutt, bombed Darrin Elgert 15-9 in a technical fall at 98 and Brown decisively Mark Lillemoen 3-1 at 112.

"Milford had 10 seniors in their lineup and nine won," Fritz pointed out. "We did come back in the tournament though, that was one pleasant fact. I think reading the riot act to them after Milford helped out a lot (at Holly)."

Mason won the tourney with 141 points but Novi was right behind with 140.5. If the Wildcats could have pulled out one more win or one less pin, they would have won it all. But three Novi wrestlers did notch first place medals at Holly and another six finished in the top five.

Brown pinned Holly's Gary Marcus in the finals for first-place honors at 112 and was equally effective all day. He ended with a 3-0 record with three first period pins. Kurt Schuster bounced back from the earlier loss against Milford to grab the championship at 138, pinning Robert Silva of Flint Carmen at 2:45 to go 3-0 on the day as well.

The final Wildcat champion was Ron Fritz at 145. The coach's son decisively Steve Boyd 6-1 in the finals.

HEALTHY AGAIN:
Tanderys returns
return to pace cage squad/5C

NO CONTEST:
Underclassmen lead
Novi tankers to victory/5C

WILDCAT I:
Tanderys returns
to lead Wildcat five/5C

WILDCAT II:
Ron Fritz claims
two tournament crowns/5C

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Novi's Ron Fritz (right) struggles to elude the grasp of Milford's Jim Vaughn

Henstock sparks net squad

First-year volleyball coach Kathy Bedor wasn't around to see the Novi team stumble through a three win season a year ago, but she was determined not to let it happen again.

The way things are going for the Wildcats so far this season, there is little chance of a repeat. After two regular season dual meets, Novi has yet to lose and is quickly approaching last year's win total.

Last Thursday (January 9) the Wildcats defeated Milford 15-4, 15-11 in the Kensington Valley Conference opener for both squads, raising their record to 2-0 overall.

In the first game, Novi jumped out to a 5-1 lead and never looked back. The big factor was the outstanding serving of 5'7" sophomore Jen Henstock who served for the first five Wildcat points to open up the lead.

The second game saw the Redwings turn the tables on Novi and score the first five points on their initial service. But the Wildcats didn't panic and continued to chip away at the lead and finally pulled away.

For the match, Henstock served 12 of Novi's 30 points, while Erin Barry and Vicki Muzzin led the way up front. Barry, a 5'10" senior was successful on nine spikes and Muzzin connected on four.

Bedor entered the Wildcats in a tournament last weekend, but the results weren't as encouraging. Novi finished fourth out of five teams in the second pool of the Bishop Borgess Invitational January 11.

Wildcats of the Week



JEFF TANDERYS



RON FRITZ

Jeff Tanderys and Ron Fritz have been selected Wildcats of the Week for their achievements last week.

After missing the Wildcats' first five games with a fractured finger, Tanderys returned to the starting lineup January 7, scoring 11 points in a 67-46 loss to Dearborn Edsel Ford and exploding for a game-high 17 points in a 65-45 conquest of Milford.

Fritz sat out most of December with a bout of flu, but returned to action in January by winning championships in two different tournaments. Fritz pulled off a monumental upset at the 16-team Riverview tourney on January 4 by defeating Avondale's Rob Campbell 8-4 in the finals of the 145-pound division. And then beat Holly's Steve Boyd for the 145-pound title in the eight-team Holly Invitational last Saturday.

Wildcat swimmers triumph

It wasn't a case of the Novi swim team looking past an opponent, but rather a case of coach Larry Teahan looking ahead.

With a scouting report that indicated Truman High School in Taylor wouldn't be much competition for the regular Wildcat swimmers, Teahan stayed behind with the upperclassmen and regulars for an intense work out at the Novi pool while assistant coach Chad Balk made the trek down to Taylor with the rest of the team for the meet on Thursday (January 9).

The play worked like a charm as the Novi youngsters had little trouble with the Truman regulars in a 96-72 win, thus raising the Wildcats' season mark to 4-1.

The switch was designed to get as many young swimmers into the competition as possible, while at the same time helping the seniors and juniors to prepare for the toughest challenge of the season — class B powerhouses Chelsea.

"Chelsea is a powerful team with a lot of depth, and I thought this was the best way for us to prepare for them," Teahan said. "No seniors and just one junior made the trip, and it gave a lot of our younger swimmers a chance to compete and win some races."

Why so much concern about Chelsea? Because the Bulldogs were second in the state Class B championships a year ago and have a good portion of that team back in 1986. You can be sure Teahan and the Wildcats are taking tomorrow's (January 16) home meet with Chelsea very seriously.

"Sure, it's one of the meets we point to," Teahan admitted. "We would like to think we can rise to the occasion against good competition."

Acting captain Tim McBride was the only junior to make the trip to Taylor, but following the meet, but many freshman and sophomores led with wins and finishes usually reserved for the more experienced swimmers.

"It was a good meet for the youngsters," Balk said. "It gave them a chance to move around in events they haven't tried yet. All in all, it went quite well."

Novi took control early and stretched the lead with every race, winning eight of the 11 events, including a sweep of the first three places in both the 200-yard IM and 100 butterfly.

Not surprisingly, McBride led the way with firsts in the 100 backstroke (1:38.4) and as the anchor of the winning 200 medley relay team along with Dave Suchyta, Matt Lorenze and Dave Bolton. In addition, Suchyta won the 100 breaststroke (1:13.4), Lorenze the 100 butterfly (1:04.4) and Bolton the 200 IM (2:26.7).

Freshman Steve Warthman and Josh Mattia also got in on the action with firsts in three events. Warthman's 24.2 in the 50 freestyle and 53.7 in the 100 freestyle were winners, while Mattia added a win in the 200 freestyle (2:13.8). Second place finishes were recorded by McBride (2:27.5) in the 200 IM; Bolton in the 100 butterfly (1:09.8); Chris Carothers (7:07.1) in the 500 freestyle; Brad Fraley (1:12.2) in the 100 breaststroke; Joe Jablonski in the one meter diving and the team of Lorenze, Carothers, Mattia and Warthman in the 400 freestyle relay (4:03.1).

Wildcat cagers down Redskins

BY NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

A nightmare-like December has temporarily turned into sweet dreams for Novi cage coach John Cicchelli. With most of the disasters of the early going behind them, the Wildcats are now poised and ready to make an impact in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) and Milford was the first victim.

For the first time this season, Cicchelli had the services of his top five players, and lo and behold — all five were actually on the floor at the same time in last Friday's 65-45 victory over Milford.

Almost lost in the shadow of the key league win though, was Novi's poor performance in the non-league game against Dearborn Edsel Ford three days before the Milford win. The Wildcats came out uninspired after the three-week holiday break, and Ford suited to a 67-46 triumph. But Cicchelli isn't likely to forget the debacle in Dearborn and neither will the players.

"We were flat, lifeless and lackluster," Cicchelli admitted. "It didn't look like we wanted to be there. Nobody played very well — it was just a bad game."

Cicchelli let the Wildcats (now 2-1, 1-1 in KVC) know how displeased he was following the loss and he obviously got the point across. The on-again-off-again Wildcats were definitely on against the unwitting Redskins.

"It was by far the best game of the season for us," Cicchelli said. "The kids came out with fire in their eyes and hungry for a win."

"We had good offensive balance and played well as a team for a change. Our top six players all played outstanding. I'd say it was the best defensive game we've played in two years."

There is little doubt that the Wildcat habit of playing great one day and poor the next is a concern and a bit of a puzzle to Cicchelli. But it's hard for him to knock the team after playing so well at Milford. He is hoping the message got across loud and clear.

"I hope this showed them (the players) that they have to go out and play hard every single game," Cicchelli pointed out. "It's not too late for us to do something in the KVC."

"We're still contending and I think the kids realize that. If we play hard, we'll be competitive in the KVC."

Milford found that out in a hurry as the pumped-up Wildcats tore out of the box to an early 13-4 advantage after one quarter of play.

"And it could have been worse," Cicchelli said. "We might have been too fired-up at the beginning and we missed some easy shots."

The second and third quarters saw the Redskins slowly crawl back into striking distance. At the half the lead was eight and after three it was down to six at 45-39. Milford, who trailed by as much as 12 points in the first half, actually pulled to within a basket late in the third stanza.

But Novi responded with perhaps its relatively close contest into a full-fledged blow-out. A tight and spirited defense held Milford to just six points the rest of the way, while the offense kicked into gear with 20 points.

"The last quarter was a good thing to see because up until that time, it was really anybody's ball game," Cicchelli said. "The Milford kids looked a little tired and we were ready to play."

The biggest lift was supplied by junior guard Jeff Tanderys, who finally returned to action after missing all of December recovering from a broken finger. The fourth quarter he hit seven points, while 6'6" forward Ray Samolin poured in eight. For the night, Tanderys had a game-high 17 points and added six assists.

"Tanderys played the best game of his high school career," Cicchelli said. "He has the potential to be the player we've been looking for to provide some added scoring."

But Tanderys had a lot of help. Improving Matt Kamish had 15 points despite some poor free throw shooting. Joe Miskovich added 12 and Samolin chipped in 11.

Cicchelli was also very pleased with the play of Steve Shankel and Brian Schram. They combined for just 10 points but both were outstanding at the defensive end and scored in crucial situations. Shankel held Milford's top scorer Shaun Hayward to just three baskets.

The loss to Edsel Ford was as disappointing as the win at Milford was satisfying. Novi found itself in an early hole and never recovered. The Wildcats trailed by 10 points after a quarter and at intermission.

The two teams traded buckets in the second half, and with Novi failing to gain any ground, the game was over. Miskovich paced the Wildcats with 13 points and Tanderys, in his first game of the season, chipped in 11.

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