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'Novi El' goes for \$1.7 million

By MICHELE M. FECHT
 staff writer

Novi Community Schools turned over the keys to Old Novi Elementary Friday to Trammell Crow development company — ending a 20-month option agreement on the 11-acre site and transferring ownership of the district's oldest school.

The Dallas-based marketing firm paid the district approximately \$1.63 million for the school property, considered by city officials to be a key to the development of the Town Center project. Though Old Novi Elementary carried a \$1.7 million price tag, approximately \$60,000 had been applied toward the purchase price through various payments made by Trammell Crow and Weatherford Walker since a purchase option was approved on the property in August, 1984.

Closing on the sale of the Old Novi Elementary property prompted

Novi school board members and administrators last Thursday night to consider the disposition of nearly \$1.7 million in proceeds from the sale of the site.

In the hopes of gaining public input about where those dollars should be spent, the school board has scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) at the Administrative Services Building. The hearing will precede the board's regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion about the use of those funds was initiated last Thursday after board members voiced concern about funding a proposal to renovate Orchard Hills Elementary.

The proposed renovation is expected to cost the district approximately \$400,000. At issue, is whether the district should take

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Police and fire budget topics

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
 staff writer

Monday, while the Air Force was bombing Tripoli, while the Tigers were ripping the White Sox, while Detroit News and Free Press employees were busy getting their resumes in the mail, Novi City Council quietly began the mind-numbing process of establishing the city budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year.

The first of several budget talks scheduled this month centered on City Manager Edward Kriewall's recommended minimum general fund budget of just over \$6 million — almost exactly the same figure as in this year's general fund and about \$1 million less than what city department heads consider justified.

If the council approves Kriewall's figures, the general fund millage will go up by about 0.48 mills, or 48 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation more than Novi property owners now pay.

For example, if your home's market value last year and this year is \$100,000, your assessed valuation for each year would be one-half that figure, or \$50,000. An increase of 0.48 mills (0.48 times 50) would cost you \$24 more in property taxes than last year.

The city's general fund millage rate currently is 5.42 mills. Kriewall's proposed budget would raise that rate to 5.9 mills or \$5.90 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation. The highest general fund millage rate the city may levy without voter approval is 6.5 mills.

The city's projected state equalized valuation (SEV) for 1986-87, is \$519 million — about 8.35 percent more than the current SEV of \$479 million.

Despite this anticipated increase in the city's tax base, Kriewall termed the proposed budget a "maintenance budget," enough to maintain existing city services, but not enough to provide for often-expressed needs for staff increases in the city's public safety departments.

Kriewall's "maintenance budget" did not include any new police and fire personnel, but Police Chief Lee BeGole and Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan appeared before council Monday night to plead their cases for additional manpower.

Chief BeGole proposed to add six additional patrol officers, an administrative assistant, and to promote two officers to sergeant.

"I do have some concern with delaying hiring until we have to hire a larger number of officers," said BeGole. "It takes about two years (training and experience) before they're any use. If you try to rush them, they fall further, flatter and more often."

"I don't think you'll want to turn a bunch of them loose on an unsuspecting populace," he added wryly.

BeGole stressed his most important personnel request was for an administrative assistant to run the police department's sophisticated computer system.

"We're not getting the full value out of it. We could make much better use of available manpower if we had someone to handle the computer," he said.

Chief Lenaghan for years has sought a chance to add full-time daytime personnel to the fire department staff (now all-volunteer/paid-on call except Lenaghan and two part-time assistants).

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Novi High School teacher Don Crockett guides his advanced biology students through osteology

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Novi High among 7 honorees

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Announcement last month that Novi was one of seven high schools in the state deemed exemplary by the Michigan Department of Education once again has placed the local district in the limelight.

The high school's distinction — the third such honor bestowed on the Novi Community Schools in the past two years (Middle School South and Orchard Hills also have been cited as exemplary schools) — culminates a more than five-year "commitment to excellence" by staff, students and the community.

"It's more than a reflection of the evaluation," said Principal Robert Youngberg of the state's assessment of Novi's program. "It's a reflection of the positive school setting as well."

Youngberg, who headed the staff effort in putting together the 20-page application to the Michigan School Recognition Program, said he views the honor as a community recognition.

"The important thing is the fact that our community has an opportunity to receive recognition for something it made possible," Youngberg noted. "The community's support has made it possible to attain an exemplary program."

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Noting that the application was "a tough document to put together," Youngberg credits the team effort supplied by staff in compiling the information.

The Michigan School Recognition Program identifies and recognizes schools that are successful in meeting the educational needs of all their students, and schools that have overcome obstacles and problems and continue to concentrate on improvement.

While the application has been the primary vehicle for consideration by Department of Education officials, this year's program had a new twist. In addition to the lengthy application, the seven finalists received an on-site visitation to verify information provided in the application.

In evaluating the overall quality of the school, officials looked at some 25 indicators of success ranging from clear academic goals and high expectations for students to daily student and teacher attendance rates and student awards and scholarships.

In assessing the improvements made at Novi High School during the past five years, Youngberg says he attributes "a great deal of it to the changed attitudes of students."

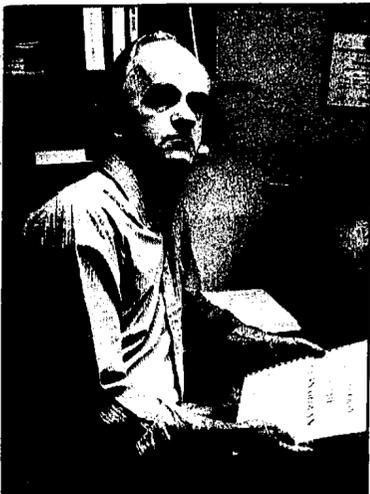
"Students have come to realize that greater demands are being put upon them shortly after graduating from high school," he notes. "Most of our students realize there is a pretty good chance that soon they will be out on their own."

Youngberg, who has been principal of Novi High School since the 1977-78 school year, says there is a seriousness of purpose in today's high school student.

"Students realize that post high school training and education is very expensive," he explains. "There is a total change in the seriousness of their pursuit of knowledge and training."

One indicator of that seriousness has been the steady increase in the number of students enrolled in advanced courses.

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Novi's Carl Gowan tells you how to dig up the roots of your family tree on Page 1C.

Housing returns to Novi

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
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Maybe you think that with the community's enormous commercial growth, the City of Novi's residential development won't be able to keep pace.

Consider that by the end of this year — or more realistically by mid-1987, no fewer than nine brand-new subdivisions may open inside the city. When completed — perhaps by 1989 — the subdivisions alone will add close to 1,000 homes to the city's tax rolls and house at least 3,500 new city residents.

On the drawing boards are, in alphabetical order:

BRADFORD OF NOVI, formerly known as Willow Creek. City council members granted conditional plat approval to developers Singh Associates Monday. Located west of Taft Road, south of Nine Mile. Singh plans to develop 54 residential lots on its 41.7 acres. By mid-May, lots for homes selling from \$135,000 up are expected to go on sale.

CEDARSRING ESTATES More than 200 lots are proposed on this preliminary plat for 81 acres of land

south of Eleven Mile, east of Taft.

DEERBROOK MEADOWS, currently the subject of a debate on preservation of trees in new developments (a woodlands ordinance is being reviewed by city officials, Deerbrook will be located west of Meadowbrook Road and south of Nine Mile. Planned on the 38.2-acre site are 89 lots, selling for upwards of \$100,000. Construction is expected to begin this year, providing the city's official approvals are granted in timely fashion.

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Town Center: New projects nearly ready for city's review

A tower outfitted with bells or chimes will be the proposed landmark for the Trammell Crow Company's Town Center project, according to recent talks between the development firm and city officials.

Detailed plans for a commercial center located on 68 acres of the Town Center's northeast quadrant are expected to be submitted to city planning staff for review this week.

The plans will reflect recent adjustments which expand slightly the conceptual "footprint" of the project approved earlier this year.

Trammell Crow representative Timothy Barrett said the tower here would have a similar "flavor" to the tower the firm is using in a Pontiac development. At their April 7 meeting, members of the Town Center Steering Committee informed Barrett they favored the concept of the tower, but did not want it to be so similar to the one used in the Pontiac tower that its individuality would be compromised.

In other Town Center developments:

□ Trammell Crow will pay for the first phase of park construction close to the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, with a joint financing agreement anticipated for funding the second and third phase.

The first phase (expected to be completed in 1987) will contain lighting, a walkway, pavers and a centralized raised platform. Phase two (expected by 1988) would contain landscaping, a fountain, additional paving and lighting. Phase three, expected to be completed in early 1989, will contain brick landscape elements, a gazebo and various recreational materials.

The estimated cost of the park will be at least \$450,000, with \$130,000-150,000 going into phase one, \$100,000 in phase two and \$100,000 in phase three.

□ Novi planning commissioners are

scheduled to review site plans for an expansion to Roman Plaza at tonight's commission meeting. The expansion will increase the size of the center by about 50 percent, and change its "L" configuration to a "U" configuration. Additional landscaping will include more parking, sidewalks, streetlamps, benches, greenbelts, trash receptacles and a bicycle rack, plus improvements to existing building facades (including canopies).

□ Bob Evans Restaurant has re-submitted site plans for a restaurant north of the Elias Brothers Big Boy franchise on Novi Road north of Grand River. While significant variations from the prototypical Bob Evans building as to color, illumination and sign size are proposed, the shape of the building itself and the script Bob Evans logo adhere fairly closely to the prototype.

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OCC sets election

Novi voters will help fill three trustee vacancies on the Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Education in the annual school election on Monday, June 3.

OCC trustees are elected on a non-partisan, at-large basis from the Oakland Community College District, which roughly corresponds with the boundaries of Oakland County. Board service is voluntary; trustees are not paid for their services.

The OCC board generally meets during the evening of the fourth Thursday of each month. All residents are invited to attend board meetings.

Checkup

Lou Scovill was one of nearly 750 people who came from as far away as East Tawas to take advantage of Providence Hospital-Novis Project Health-O-Rama Sunday. Volunteer health aide Carolyn Gartner here takes a blood sample from Scovill, a resident of Novi. Vehicles jammed the hospital's parking lot throughout most of the day as people lined up for many of the free services, including cancer and allergy testing, physicals, blood pressure monitoring, vision tests and more.

"We were very pleased with the response and with the cooperation of all the participants, as well as with the dedication of our volunteers,"

said Sandy Lopatowski, coordinator of the event. Cars overflowed from the hospital parking lot onto surrounding grass areas to accommodate the influx of people. Many of the participants in the Novi Center Health-O-Rama were senior citizens who appeared to be pleased at a chance to receive free health care. Doctors, dentists, nurses and health aides volunteered their time Sunday to process the weekend of activity. Officials of the Providence Novi Center expect to announce expansion plans in the near future, but declined specifics as to where or when the expansion would take place.

County sponsors auction and swap

PONTIAC — One sure sign of spring is Oakland County's annual spring auction. Another sign that spring has sprung is the recreational vehicle swap meet sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Both events will be held Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m. The auction will be conducted behind the Oakland County Central Garage. The swap meet will take place in the main parking lot of the Oakland County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both sites are in the Oakland County Service Center Complex at 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

Gates for the auction open at 8 a.m. so the public can view all the items for sale. Interested persons may inspect all motor vehicles in the auction on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vehicles will be in a roped-off area in the parking lot directly behind the east wing of the county courthouse.

The auction features stolen property recovered by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department as well as property no longer used by the county.

Special interest items in the auction include a late model Sea Ray speed boat and trailer, a post-World War II vintage armored personnel

carrier (half-track) and an Army surplus 2½-ton wrecker truck.

Other items to be auctioned off are jewelry, various types of name-brand tools, approximately 85 bicycles, more than 50 office machines including IBM typewriters, more than 100 pieces of office furniture and a large quantity of commercial land and grounds equipment.

Approximately 60 late-model General Motors vehicles including Chevrolet patrol cars, Sunbirds, LeMans, Catalinas, Bonneville and GMC trucks and subtrucks also will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

"We're proud to offer the auction and recreational vehicle swap for the public," said County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Bidders purchasing vehicles will be required to pay a 25 percent deposit on the day of sale and to bring in the remaining balance within three business days.

Other items may be purchased at the auction with checks, money orders, cashier's checks and cash. The County Auction Hotline (858-1063) has more information on both the auction and the vehicle swap meet.

RA zone can be 'holding' district

The residential-agricultural (RA) zoning of nearly 0.5 square miles north of Twelve Oaks may not be the prohibitive zoning designation some planning officials may have believed.

The zoning had appeared to be a significant stumbling block to a comprehensive land use plan for Section 11, the entire square mile bounded by Twelve Mile to the south, Novi Road to the west, Thirteen Mile to the north and Meadowbrook Road to the east.

But Planning Department Director James Wahl's investigation into the city zoning ordinance has determined the RA designation does not automatically mean the property is to be used for farmland and low-density housing.

According to the city ordinance, "The RA Residential Agricultural Districts are intended to provide areas within the community for agricultural uses until such time as the land may be eventually developed in other uses pending proper provision of utilities, transportation and other facilities; and to provide for a particular living environment characterized by large lot, low-density single-family dwellings."

While that wording does not describe the mixed-use Section 11 development proposal outlined by a group of property owners April 2, it's a far cry from the perceived limitation of the property's development to low-density residential housing stock.

The Section 11 development plan may have philosophical support from language in the city's zoning ordinance.

Of particular concern to many longstanding residents of Novi is the picturesque Tolgate Farm located on the northwest corner of the Meadowbrook/Twelve Mile intersection. The developers have said they would like to preserve "a significant part" of the farm.



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'Adventures in food'

There aren't many towns where you can enjoy the variety or quality of foods found at restaurants in Novi. And that's exactly the point the Novi Chamber of Commerce was trying to make when it sponsored "Adventures in Food" at the Novi United Methodist Church last Friday. Chefs from 12 restaurants served up their

specialties which was termed a "smashing success" by Novi city manager Edward Kriewall. In the picture above, John Najdich enjoys some Swedish duck liver pate with brandy lingonberry sauce served up by Chefs Hasan Altaie and John Gillis of the Sheraton Oaks.

Aiding criminals can be SIN(ful)

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

Leaving your garage door standing open may become a S.I.N. in Novi under a program currently being considered by the Novi Police Department.

"The whole emphasis now in law enforcement is on pro-active rather than reactive enforcement," explained Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner.

"We want our patrol officers to think just as hard about preventing crimes as they do about solving crimes," he continued.

"In the future we hope to print up

some cards that patrol officers can give to the homeowners whenever they drive by and see a 10-speed bicycle left unattended on the front yard or a garage door standing open.

The cards may be labeled S.I.N. — security information notice, a phrase coined by Patrol Officer William Charles.

"We want to get the citizens involved in the fight against crime," added Faulkner. "It's a lot easier to prevent a crime than to solve a crime."

As one of the first steps toward implementing its crime prevention focus, the Novi Police Department is sponsoring a special seminar for police officers entitled "Crime Prevention on Patrol Training."

The seminar is being coordinated by Charles and led by Inspector Garrett Ochalek and Sergeant Thomas Crane of the Detroit Police Department. The five-day, 32-hour training program also features a series of special speakers, including representatives of the Michigan State Police.

Topics include locks and hardware, self-protection, security survey, neighborhood watch, crime and the elderly, auto theft, security lighting, alarms, residential burglary, commercial loss prevention, internal theft, retail security and fire science.

Although sponsored by the Novi Police Department, the training program is being attended by approximately 30 officers from approx-

Signatures sought for birthday card

Novi residents looking for an opportunity to express their patriotism are urged to participate in a program being offered by the Novi Jaycees.

The Jaycees currently are collecting signatures for a birthday card-book that will be placed on permanent display at the Statue of Liberty Museum in New York City.

Anyone wishing to sign the birthday card/book will find signature sheets at the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile. All Novi citizens are encouraged to stop by and sign their names on the papers which are titled, "Novi, Michigan, Wishes the Lady

Happy Birthday."

The Jaycees already have collected the signatures of Novi City Council members and Novi students in the third through eighth grades. Signature sheets will be available in the library until Thursday, April 17, when they will be placed on permanent display at the Statue of Liberty Museum in New York City.

In addition, the Jaycees have placed canisters at 15 locations across the city to collect donations for their final contribution to the "Save the Lady" campaign.

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- Motorcycles, mopeds or minibikes may not be ridden on sidewalks or bikepaths.
- Passengers may not be carried on a moped — even if extra seating space is provided.
- Minibikes and go-carts are not considered motorcycles or mopeds. They cannot be licensed and are not permitted on public roads.

Because of the increasing number of serious accidents, police have begun to impound illegally-operated vehicles and, in some cases, are issuing citations to parents for allowing their children to ride illegally.

Youths under 16 do not always realize moped violations can hurt their future driving records. The court sometimes sends a record of the violation to Lansing so that the youngster will have two points on his license upon issuance.

It also is possible that a moped violation would result in the youth being restricted from obtaining his driver's license until he is 17 years old.

Laws governing the operation of mopeds, minibikes and motorcycles are available in brochures available at any Secretary of State's office or the Oakland County Probate Court.



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OCC sets election

Novi voters will help fill three trustee vacancies on the Oakland Community College (OCC) Board of Education in the annual school election on Monday, June 3.

OCC trustees are elected on a non-partisan, at-large basis from the Oakland Community College District, which roughly corresponds with the boundaries of Oakland County. Board service is voluntary; trustees are not paid for their services.

The OCC board generally meets during the evening of the fourth Thursday of each month. All residents are invited to attend board meetings.

Nominating petitions containing the signatures of no fewer than 50 and no more than 200 registered and qualified voters of the Oakland Community College District must be filed with Anne Farrell, assistant to the college chancellor, on or before Tuesday, April 22, at OCC's Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Nominating petitions and additional information may be obtained through the Office of College Communications in the Bee Center. For more information call 540-1540.

Checkup

Lou Scovill was one of nearly 750 people who came from as far away as East Tawas to take advantage of Providence Hospital-Nov's Project Health-O-Rama Sunday. Volunteer health aide Carolyn Gartner here takes a blood sample from Scovill, a resident of Novi. Vehicles jammed the hospital's parking lot throughout most of the day as people lined up for many of the free services, including cancer and allergy testing, physicals, blood pressure monitoring, vision tests and more.

"We were very pleased with the response and with the cooperation of all the participants, as well as with the dedication of our volunteers," said Sandy Lopatowski, coordinator of the event. Cars overflowed from the hospital parking lot on to surrounding grass areas to accommodate the influx of people. Many of the participants in the Novi Center Health-O-Rama were senior citizens who appeared to be pleased at a chance to receive free health care. Doctors, dentists, nurses and health aides volunteered their time Sunday to process the weekend of activity. Officials of the Providence Novi Center expect to announce expansion plans in the near future, but declined specifics as to where or when the expansion would take place.

Other items to be auctioned off are jewelry, various types of name-brand tools, approximately 85 bicycles, more than 60 office machines including 18 M typewriters, more than 100 pieces of office furniture and a large quantity of commercial land and grounds equipment.

Approximately 60 late-model General Motors vehicles including Chevrolet patrol cars, Suburbs, LeMans, Catalinas, Bonneville and GMC trucks and subtrucks also will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

"We're proud to offer the auction and recreation vehicle swap for the public," said County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Bidders purchasing vehicles will be required to pay a 25 percent deposit on the day of sale and to bring in the remaining balance within three business days.

Other items may be purchased at the auction with checks, money orders, cashier's checks and cash. The County Auction Hotline (858-1063) has more information on both the auction and the vehicle swap meet.

County sponsors auction and swap

PONTIAC — One sure sign of spring is Oakland County's annual spring auction. Another sign that spring has sprung is the recreational vehicle swap meet sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Both events will be held Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m. The auction will be conducted behind the Oakland County Central Garage. The swap meet will take place in the main parking lot of the Oakland County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both sites are in the Oakland County Service Center Complex at 1206 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

Gates for the auction open at 8 a.m. so the public can view all the items for sale. Interested persons may inspect all motor vehicles in the auction on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vehicles will be in a roped-off area in the parking lot directly behind the east wing of the county courthouse.

The auction features stolen property recovered by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department as well as property no longer used by the county.

Special interest items in the auction include a late model Sea Ray speed boat and trailer, a post-World War II vintage armored personnel carrier (half-track) and an Army surplus 2 1/2-ton wrecker truck.



'Adventures in food'

There aren't many towns where you can enjoy the variety or quality of foods found at restaurants in Novi. And that's exactly the point the Novi Chamber of Commerce was trying to make when it sponsored "Adventures in Food" at the Novi United Methodist Church last Friday. Chefs from 12 restaurants served up their specialties which was termed a "smashing success" by Novi city manager Edward Kriewall. In the picture above, John Najdich enjoys some Swedish duck liver pate with brandy lingonberry sauce served up by Chefs Hasan Altaie and John Gillis of the Sheraton Oaks.

The seminar is being coordinated by Charles and led by Inspector Garrett Ochalek and Sergeant Thomas Crane of the Detroit Police Department. The five-day, 32-hour training program also features a series of special speakers, including representatives of the Michigan State Police.

Topics include locks and hardware, self-protection, security survey, neighborhood watch, crime and the elderly, auto theft, security lighting, alarms, residential burglary, commercial loss prevention, internal theft, retail security and fire science.

Although sponsored by the Novi Police Department, the training program is being attended by approximately 30 officers from approx-

Aiding criminals can be SIN(ful)

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

Leaving your garage door standing open may become a S.I.N. in Novi under a program currently being considered by the Novi Police Department.

"The whole emphasis now in law enforcement is on pro-active rather than reactive enforcement," explained Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner.

"We want our patrol officers to think just as hard about preventing crimes as they do about solving crimes," he continued.

"In the future we hope to print up

some cards that patrol officers can give to the homeowners whenever they drive by and see a 10-speed bicycle left unattended on the front yard or a garage door standing open. The cards may be labeled S.I.N. — security information notice, a phrase coined by Patrol Officer William Charles.

"We want to get the citizens involved in the fight against crime," added Faulkner. "It's a lot easier to prevent a crime than to solve a crime."

As one of the first steps toward implementing its crime prevention focus, the Novi Police Department is sponsoring a special seminar for police officers entitled "Crime Prevention on Patrol Training."

Signatures sought for birthday card

Novi residents looking for an opportunity to express their patriotism are urged to participate in a program being offered by the Novi Jaycees.

The Jaycees currently are collecting signatures for a birthday card, which will be placed on permanent display at the Statue of Liberty Museum in New York City.

Anyone wishing to sign the birthday cardbook will find signature sheets at the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile. All Novi citizens are encouraged to stop by and sign their names on the papers which are titled, "Novi, Michigan, Wishes the Lady Happy Birthday."

The Jaycees already have collected the signatures of Novi City Council members and Novi students in the third through eighth grades. Signature sheets will be available in the library until Thursday, April 17.

Anyone who would like to circulate signature sheets to their club, family or church should contact the Jaycees at 348-NOVI.

In addition, the Jaycees have placed canisters at 15 locations across the city to collect donations for their final contribution to the "Save the Lady" campaign.

The Section 11 development plan may have philosophical support from language in the city's zoning ordinance.

The residential-agricultural (RA) zoning of nearly 5 square miles north of Twelve Oaks may have been the prohibitive zoning designation some planning officials may have believed.

The zoning had appeared to be a significant stumbling block to a comprehensive land use plan for Section 11, the entire square mile bounded by Twelve Mile to the south, Novi Road to the west, Thirteen Mile to the north and Meadowbrook Road to the east.

But Planning Department Director James Wahi's investigation into the city zoning ordinance has determined the RA designation does not automatically mean the property is to be used for farmland and low-density housing.

According to the city ordinance, "The RA Residential Agricultural Districts are intended to provide areas within the community for agricultural uses until such time as the land may be eventually developed in other uses pending proper provision of utilities, transportation and other facilities; and to provide for a particular living environment characterized by large lot, low-density single-family dwellings."

While that wording does not describe the mixed-use Section 11 development proposal outlined by a group of property owners April 2, it's a far cry from the perceived limitation of the property's development to low-density residential housing stock.

The property owners, represented by the Thompson-Brown real estate company, intend to build a variety of uses in Section 11 which would condense development in one sector, leaving significant portions of the land in their natural state.

Of particular concern to many longstanding residents of Novi is the picturesque Toligale Farm located on the northwest corner of the Meadowbrook/Twelve Mile intersection. The developers have said they would like to preserve "a significant part" of the farm.

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Welch Drive thief steals gifts

Wedding gifts, still unwrapped, were among the items stolen from a home on Welch Drive during a breaking-and-entering which occurred April 8 between 6 and 9 p.m.

Area Blotters

The complainant told police her daughter arrived home at approximately nine o'clock to find the door of the attached garage standing open. Upon entering the house, the girl found drawers throughout the house had been pulled out with the contents scattered on the floor.

Responding officers reported that every room on the main and upper floors had been ransacked by the responsible parties in their search for valuables. Police also noted that the thieves had pulled down all the shades so as not to be observed from the outside and cracked the windows, apparently to be able to hear anyone arriving at the residence.

Stolen property included two mantel clocks, a videocassette recorder, an Olympus 35mm camera with a wide angle lens and a telephoto lens, one place setting of fine Lenox china, seven gold and sterling silver necklaces and two jewelry boxes.

Unknown individuals pried the padlocks off three lockers in the men's locker room at Novi High School and stole the wallets of three individuals participating in a school-sponsored activity. The theft occurred April 7 between 7 and 9:35 p.m.

Police said the padlocks had been forcibly removed from all three lockers. Victimized were a Union Lake man and two South Lyon men. A total of \$174 was removed from the three

wallets, which later were recovered near an exit door from the locker room.

A resident on East LeBost in the Willowbrook subdivision reported that unknown individuals shot a shotgun pellet at his home on April 4 at approximately 9:10 p.m.

The resident said he heard the bb strike the picture window on the front of the house and then heard a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The bb penetrated an exterior window but did not enter the house, according to reports.

A Farmington woman and a West Bloomfield woman reported that their purses were stolen from the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home on Grand River on April 8.

The women said they placed the purses on a couch near a casket and discovered them missing when they were preparing to leave.

Someone broke into the former Cervi's White House Manor on Nine Mile on April 7, although owners reported nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Responding to an alarm, police observed a broken window on the north side of the building. A metal pipe apparently used to break the window was found lying on the ground amidst the shattered glass.

Further investigation showed the responsible party had gained entry to

the building and attempted without success to kick in a door in the basement. No other damage was reported, however, and the owner said nothing was stolen from the building.

A Plymouth woman reported the theft of an \$80 Gucci purse containing \$350 in cash from the Goat Farm Tavern on April 8.

The woman told police she left the purse under her chair at 7:48 p.m. and discovered it missing 10 minutes later.

In addition to the money, the purse contained 21 credit cards, pearl earrings valued at \$70, a Cross pen and pencil set valued at \$45, a Texas Instruments calculator, a Mary Kay cosmetics case and a check book.

The theft of a \$500 pair of roller skates from a residence on Paramour was reported by a Novi girl on April 6.

The girl said she left the skates at her friend's house at 8 a.m. on April 5 and found them missing when she returned the following day at 9 p.m.

Three black male teenagers are believed responsible for the theft of three pairs of eyeglass frames from Tuckerman Optical at Twelve Oaks Mall on April 7.

The theft was reported by a clerk, who said an unknown citizen reported seeing the youths remove the frames from a wall display on the

west side of the store. The citizen waited until the clerk completed a conversation with a customer before reporting that he had seen the theft, reports indicated.

Stolen were a pair of Cazal eyeglass frames valued at \$100, a pair of Altamoda eyeglass frames valued at \$125 and a pair of Revue eyeglass frames valued at \$89.

Three white male teenagers are believed responsible for at least two incidents of malicious destruction of property which occurred on Park Ridge Court in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision on April 2 between 9:40 and 9:50 p.m.

Police were summoned by two residents who reported observing the youths commit the vandalism. One resident said the youths broke out two floodlights along the rear of the residence, while the second resident said the youths knocked a crockle off its stand, causing it to break on the sidewalk.

They also said the youths had been responsible for several minor incidents of vandalism in the past, but it was the first time their vandalism had amounted to a significant amount of money. Police are investigating the reports.

The purse of a Novi woman was stolen by unknown individuals as she was changing her baby's diapers on a bench outside the Slide-Rite shoe store at Twelve Oaks Mall on April 5 at approximately 4 p.m.

The woman said she had laid the purse on the bench beside her and found it missing when she went to pick it up. The purse contained her wallet, a driver's license and several charge cards.

Novi News Briefs



THE PROVIDENCE NOVI RUN, sponsored by the Providence Hospital Novi Center and Novi Parks and Recreation, will take place Sunday, April 27, with a 1 p.m. fun run/walk and a 1:30 p.m. 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs. Races begin at Novi High School, Taft Road south of Ten Mile. Registration is \$7 before April 23, \$9 the day of the race. The first 500 entrants will receive a reflective headband/wristband set and runner's ID tag. For more information, phone 349-1576.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP was evident at the Novi school board's meeting last Thursday night when Novi Woods Principal Roy Williams and Village Oaks' David Brown proved to Joe Imrick that Orchard Hills' recent recognition as one of Michigan's exemplary elementary schools has not caused any professional rivalry in the administrative ranks.

In presenting Imrick with two red roses, Williams quipped, "I hope you'll still talk to us." He also advised his colleague to "be kind to your friends on the way to the top because you'll meet so many on the way back down."

THE FUERST SISTERS' HOME on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft Road will be tapped into a new public sewer following the Novi Board of Education's approval Thursday to allow the Novi Historical Society to tap into the high school's sanitary system.

ROUGE CLEANUP DAY is tentatively set for June 7. The day-long volunteer project will be followed by a celebration party this year.

MICHIGAN WILL CELEBRATE its 150th birthday in 1987, and the City of Novi is forming a Sesquicentennial Agency to help plan and coordinate appropriate local events.

The Mowbrays reside in the Village Oaks subdivision and they're popular, involved members of the community.

Members of the club, she adds, range in age from 17 to 56. "The thing we have in common is the enjoyment of riding Gold Wing motorcycles," she said. "We have rides every Sunday, and we try to make them family affairs. We all get together and go out to breakfast. In the summer, we'll schedule picnics."

Statistics provided by the Michigan Department of State Police support the claim. Based on deaths



Tom and Ginny Mowbray with son Greg show off their '82 Gold Wing motorcycle with California sidecar

Novi cyclists shed stereotypes

Tom and Ginny Mowbray don't look like members of the stereotypical motorcycle gang. The Mowbrays reside in the Village Oaks subdivision and they're popular, involved members of the community.

"Nope, there's nothing wrong with the Mowbrays. But there's everything wrong with the stereotype."

The Mowbrays are members of the Novi chapter of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association — an organization which takes its name from the fact that its members like to ride the Honda Gold Wing motorcycles.

And during Michigan Motorcycle Safety Week (April 13-19), the Mowbrays are trying to get out the message that stereotypes about motorcyclists are often incorrect in addition to making people aware of the importance of motorcycle safety.

per 10,000 registrations, the mortality rate for motorcycles is 7.1, while deaths for all vehicles is 2.4 per 10,000 registrations.

State police figures also show that motorcycle registrations have declined during the 1980s. Registrations were at a peak in 1980 when 254,129 registrations were issued. The figure has fallen steadily since that time to 1984 when there were 212,613 motorcycle registrations — a 3.3 percent decrease over 1983. During the same period there has been a 1.1 percent increase in total motor vehicle registrations.

The Mowbrays note that safety classes are available for individuals interested in taking up motorcycling as a hobby. In the immediate area, motorcycle safety classes are offered at both Schoolcraft College in Livonia and the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

More information about membership in the Gold Wings Road Riders Association is available by contacting the Mowbrays at 349-0659.

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Ex-Novu man shaken by shootings

FARMINGTON HILLS — Last September, Bernie Harrison moved from Novi to a ranch house on Thirteen Mile east of Drake in Farmington Hills. Now, following an April 7 incident in which teenage snipers riddled his new home with gunfire, he might not be glad he did.

"I doesn't make you feel too safe to live in your own house. You wonder if there'll be a next time," said Harrison, a computer service manager. Harrison and his wife Mueli were working at the time of the gunshots.

The shootings reportedly began close to 3 p.m. Monday, April 7. At least 40 shots were fired, — we probably would have taken several bullets," he said.

Three Farmington Hills teenagers face felony charges in 47th District Court after police allege they opened fire on the house and on passing vehicles, damaging eight cars, a Michigan Bell Telephone Company building and the Harrison home.

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'Measles Alert' issued by county

A "Measles Alert" has been issued by the Oakland County Health Division. Joel Blostein, an epidemiologist with the Health Division, said reports from the Federal Center of Disease Control show the number of states reporting measles have increased steadily through the first 10 weeks of 1986.

Some 733 cases of measles, also known as rubella or hard measles, have been reported in the United States from January 1 to March 31. "Although Michigan hasn't reported any cases so far in 1986, we're concerned because several states in the Midwest have reported cases within the past several months," said Blostein.

"Measles is one of the most highly communicable diseases, and we're very concerned about it," he added. "Measles outbreaks can spread across state borders very quickly."

Vaccination levels tend to be lower among high school and college students than grade school students, making teenagers and young adults a group currently considered at higher risk for measles.

"Traditionally, many teenagers and young adults travel out of state at this time of year, the Easter and spring vacation periods, and they can be exposed to the disease in other areas that may be experiencing measles activity," said Blostein. Since measles has an incubation period of up to 14 days, they often bring it back to their home community and spread it to others who are not immune.

Measles is characterized by a red, blotchy rash that usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. The rash is preceded by fever, runny eyes, runny nose and cough. Contrary to popular belief, it is often a severe disease and can be complicated by ear infections and

pneumonia. Brain infections are a less common but very severe complication. Measles, which is caused by a virus, can be prevented by a vaccine. In fact, the use of the vaccine in the U.S. starting in the 1960s has resulted in a dramatic decline in the number of measles cases reported every year.

Measles vaccine, usually given with vaccines against rubella (German measles, which is caused by a different virus and different disease) and mumps, is recommended for children at 15 months of age. Michigan children are now required to have been immunized for measles, mumps and rubella prior to entering school.

Although the incidence of measles has dropped off substantially in the past 15-20 years, several outbreaks have occurred in recent years. There were several outbreaks in Oakland County in 1985, most occurring among students on college campuses.

Blostein noted that Oakland had school-centered outbreaks in both 1984 and 1985. An outbreak of 100 cases at a college in Illinois in 1985 resulted in three deaths. Health officials recommend that parents check to make certain their children have been vaccinated against measles, rubella and mumps. Measles and rubella vaccinations given before the first birthday should be repeated, and children who received the killed measles vaccine available prior to 1967 should be re-immunized.

Vaccination also is recommended for adults, especially those born after 1956. If they do not have proof of being immune to either, through having had a doctor-diagnosed case of measles or through a previous appropriate vaccination or through laboratory tests showing immunity.

State curbs ATVs

The Michigan Department of State will no longer register three-wheel All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) for use on the state's roads.

In the past, modified three-wheel ATVs could be used on roads and highways and that has caused concern because of the rising death rate for ATV operators and a warning by manufacturers of the potential hazard for operating the vehicles on Michigan roads during 1985, 10 of them opted to stop registering them.

ATV owners may still register their vehicles for off-road use. All of the three-wheel ATVs have balloon tires. The live axle drive system causes the vehicles to lose stability when driven on paved surfaces and that loss of stability could result in injury or death.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said at least 15 people died in ATV-related accidents in Michigan during 1985, 10 of them under 15 years old.

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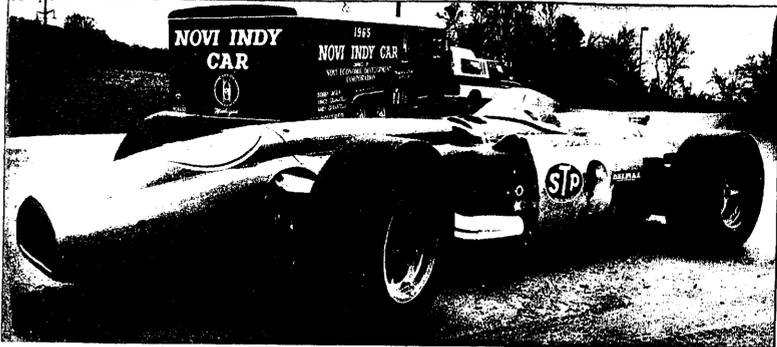
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The Novi Indy race car will be on permanent display in the proposed Novi Motorsports Museum

Museum plans moving forward

By KEVIN WILSON
staff writer

Plans for a motor racing museum in the Town Center area are expected to gain momentum this week with designation of a professional fundraising organization for the project.

Ciancio: 'We want to be able to fire it (the Novi Special) up and take it around to races for parade laps once in a while. We could use some help from someone who understands racing engines to help put them back together.'

goals of the committee include finished restoration of the car, including installation of one of the five engines now housed in a DPW garage.

"We want to be able to fire it up and take it around to races for parade laps once in a while," Ciancio said. "We could use some help from someone who understands racing engines to help put them back together."

The five engines obtained from the Novi's former owners, Andy and Vince Granatelli, are mostly unassembled pieces shipped in crates. All restoration of the car to date has been without taxpayer expense, and corporate donations (most notably the Delval Corporation's \$33,000 a year for five years to purchase the engines) have been a major element of the program.

Two interested firms are competing for the designation, having determined that the museum is a legitimate project for a fundraising drive.

The goal is to raise \$2.5 million to build a 52,000 square foot museum for display not only of the city's 1965 Novi Special Indy racer, but also other racing vehicles (cars, boats, snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc.) and to house two halls of fame, one honoring Michigan racers and the other national motorsports stars.

Those plans include garage space for the Novi Special, the city EDC's rendering of the museum plans to

help in the fundraising effort. A conceptual plan drafted by city architects has been used for promotion purposes, he said, but now the museum committee has had a detailed proposal drafted by its own architectural consultant.

Ciancio said he also expects to receive soon a finished architect's rendering of the museum plans to

Novi Chamber

GOOD-BYE TAXES PARTY: The atrium of the Sheraton Oaks Hotel will be the site of a "Good-bye Taxes" party sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce today (Wednesday, April 16) from 5-7 p.m.

The social mixer is open to both members and prospective members of the Novi Chamber.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will publish a newly-designed Business Directory highlighting Chamber members in mid-1986. Instead of an alphabetical listing, the directory will be categorized by type of business.

RISE & SHINE BREAKFAST: The April Rise & Shine Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 23, at 7 a.m. More details will be presented in the future.

DUES NOW DUE: Chamber members who have not yet renewed their memberships for 1986 are reminded to do so as soon as possible.

Obituaries

DALE E. GRIGSBY

Funeral service for Dale E. Grigsby, 37, who had lived most of his life in the Novi area, was held April 15 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Austin C. Demey of Meadowbrook Christian Church in Novi officiated.

Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Grigsby, a self-employed dry wall tapper, died unexpectedly April 11 in Canton Township.

RUTH E. LUKE

Memorial services will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 21 for Ruth E. Luke, a resident of Novi for close to 25 years. Mrs. Luke died March 17 in Lapeer at the age of 80.

Mrs. Luke had been owner-operator of Delakes Cutter Grinding in Detroit and had many friends in the Novi community, where she and her late husband J. Lowell Luke moved and built a home on Eleven Mile more than 30 years ago. J. Lowell Luke died in 1964. Since 1980, Mrs. Luke has lived in Lapeer.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Traub of Lapeer, her brothers Fred Beckmeyer of Florida and John Beckmeyer of Missouri, and many nieces and nephews.



Novi News/JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Final rehearsal

Cast members of Novi High School's upcoming production, "You Can't Take It With You," will have one final rehearsal tonight before opening tomorrow in Fuerst Auditorium. The Kaufman and Hart Pulitzer Prize-winning play will be presented at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Friday and Saturday under the direction of Richard Hendin. From left to

right are Matt Austin, Carle McCarter, Rex Bobbish, Ken Polesnell, Laura Clary, Jim Chasses, Sanjay Gupta, Sue Schram and Amy Davies. Tickets are \$2.50 presale for senior citizens and children under 12; \$3.50 at the door for adults. For further information, phone 344-8380.

Northville Township hits it big

By KEVIN WILSON
staff writer

NORTHVILLE — First quarter building activity in Northville Township shows dramatic growth compared with last year, community development director Matt Modrack told the township board recently.

An increase of 64 percent has been registered in issuance of building permits and inspections, while the valuation of on-going construction has jumped 296 percent, Modrack reported at the board of trustees' April 10 meeting.

A large portion of the difference is due to the 168-unit, 15-building Cedar Lake apartment complex on Six Mile west of Winchester. Permits for single-family house construction in-

creased by approximately one-third, with 28 tallied in the first quarter of 1985 and 37 this year.

Value of the single-family homes under construction increased from a total \$2.3 million in the first three months of 1985 to \$3.4 million in the same period of 1986. Multiple-family value jumped from \$301,000 to \$6.4 million year-to-year, while commercial permit values went from \$6.4 million in 1985 to \$680,500 in '86.

The recently hired community development director said the increased activity justifies the addition of a part-time (24 hours per week) building inspector to the township staff. More inspectors will be needed, Modrack said, since the demand for inspections seems to be increasing rather than fading as Cedar Lakes

nears completion.

On top are Northville Place and Harbour Village multiple-family complexes, while permits for the new Maple Hill single-family subdivision are expected to start being issued soon. Continued activity at other subdivisions is also expected, as is expanded commercial and office construction, particularly along Haggerty Road.

With the rise in inspections and permits, the department's revenues have increased enough to cover the costs of additional help, Modrack said.

Department revenues in the first 90 days of last year totaled \$21,000 — this year the figure is \$71,000. Expenses rose only from \$11,000 to \$16,000, so the surplus revenue

returned to the township general fund has increased 409 percent, Modrack reported.

"The general conclusion is, obviously, the demand is there for additional inspection capability," Modrack said. "There is room in the budget for an additional 24-hour/week inspector."

Building permit fees were also increased last week, such that the total building permit cost for a \$125,000 house will rise from \$531.25 last year to \$660.75 this year.

Large-scale developers will also see increased fees for planning and engineering reviews, reflecting increases in the cost of consultant services and the institution of a township administration cost factor allowance.

Area Briefs

ABBEY KNOLL ESTATES is the name of a single-family residential subdivision to be developed in Northville. It is the first sub to receive final plat approval from the Northville City Planning Commission in 10-12 years, according to Planning Consultant Ron Nino.

Abbey Knoll Estates is to be built on a 49.58 acre site on the north side of Eight Mile, immediately east of the existing Northville Estates subdivision. The parcel is zoned R-1, which requires one-story homes to contain a minimum of 1,000 square feet and two-story homes to contain a minimum of 1,500 square feet.

Northville City Planners are expected to review final plat plans for another subdivision, the Ponds of Northville, in the near future. The Ponds of Northville will be located between Abbey Knoll Estates and Lexington Commons.

SERIOUS CRIME IS ON THE RISE in Farmington Hills. Due to significant increases in the number of larcenies and robberies, Farmington Hills experienced more than a 10 percent increase in serious crimes in 1985, according to year-end statistics.

Serious crimes — homicides, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson — increased to 3,186 in 1985 from 2,794 in 1984.

Police Chief William Dwyer noted, however, that the city would have had a decrease in the total number of serious crimes except for larcenies and robberies. Two of the categories under serious crimes were up and six were down, said Dwyer.

PUBLIC SAFETY CALLS rose to the highest level in the last 10 years in the City of Farmington, according to the 1985 annual report.

A total of 10,887 calls for non-criminal assistance were received in 1985, compared with 5,705 calls the previous year — an increase of 14 percent.

Public Safety Director Frank Lauthoff attributed the statistics to both increasing activity in the community and an increased awareness by the citizenry of available services.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS may hire an investigator to determine if non-residents are being educated in the school district.

"The need to look into hiring an investigator was caused by a buildup of claims from concerned parents and staff members over the past 1 1/2 years that non-residents are attending Southfield schools and being educated at the district's expense."

The Oak Park school district already has employed a residency investigator, Ollie Brown, now in her second year as residency investigator in Oak Park, estimated that nearly 300 students have been dropped from the Oak Park rolls during the past three or four years. A part-time residency investigator was employed for two years before Brown's tenure began.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICIALS are attempting to promote residential development in the city's central business district.

They currently are weighing a proposal to raise height limitations for residential and part-residential buildings on nine selected sites in the downtown area from four to six stories.

The proposal is designed to encourage developers to build residential apartment buildings instead of office buildings. Under the same plan, new office buildings on the nine selected sites would be further restricted from four stories to three stories.

SIXTY APPLICATIONS have been received for the position of superintendent for the Farmington School District. The school board is seeking a replacement for Lewis Shulman, who retired as superintendent December 31.

The board is considering a "cafeteria" concept for luring a new superintendent. Under the concept, a dollar cap is placed on the position and the applicant can select a menu of salary plus other benefits, depending on individual need.

Specifically, the board is looking at a \$72,000 annual salary figure with substantial reward for a good first year, district-owned car for business and personal use, and other benefits totaling between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

A PROPOSED HOTEL/SHOPPING CENTER on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and I-96 has been rejected by the Farmington Hills City Council. The council voted not to reconsider a rezoning request for the 6.5 acre plot across of Oakland Community College.

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BY LAURIE KIPP

TICKETS FOR THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY'S NEW WEEKLY GAME, SUPER LOTTO WENT ON SALE APRIL 14 AT \$1 EACH. RECENT QUESTIONS FROM COLUMN READERS ON THE NEW GAME INCLUDE:

Q: What is the difference between the regular and Super Lotto games?
A: Regular Lotto asks players to match four, five or six numbers from a field of 40. Super Lotto will ask players to make the same matches from a field of 44. This means longer odds and larger prizes for Super Lotto players.

Q: Is Super Lotto being offered in place of regular Lotto?
A: No. Super Lotto will be a companion to, not replacement for, regular Lotto. Both will be weekly games. Regular 6 of 40 Lotto drawings will be on Wednesdays, while 6 of 44 Super Lotto drawings will be on Saturdays.

Q: What is the minimum jackpot for Super Lotto?
A: The 6 of 44 Lotto currently has a minimum jackpot of \$1 million. The first Super Lotto jackpot was guaranteed at \$2 million. From then on, the amount of play will determine the jackpot amount.

Q: If Super Lotto creates larger jackpots, isn't better that 20 people each win \$1 million than if one person won a \$20 million jackpot?
A: No matter the jackpot size, there may be more than one winner. The average size of a jackpot share has been about \$1.7 million.

Q: Since Super Lotto will create longer odds, wouldn't it make sense to give prizes for matching three numbers?
A: Awarding prizes for matching three numbers would decrease the amount of money available for the jackpot, defeating the game's most popular feature. Both players and the State School Aid Fund would be shortchanged.

Q: How will the new Lotto game affect my current Lotto subscription?
A: No subscription play will be allowed for Super Lotto. The first 6 of 44 Lotto to the full number of drawings purchased, but on a weekly basis. Subscriber markings enable players to figure new expiration dates.

Q: Some of their Super Lotto questions, 50 "Winds of Fortune" instant game tickets were sent to Marie Burehard of Eastlake, Dorothy E. Carter of Birmingham, Elaine Cleveland of Lansing, Sandra G. Hodge of South Livonia, Sue Lockwood of Taylor and Marlene Silbert of Troy. If you have a Lottery question you'd like answered in this column, send it to "Winners Circle," Michigan Lottery, P.O. Box 30077, Lansing, MI 48909.

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New subdivisions taking off in Novi

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DUNBARTON PINES II AND III, northward extensions of the high-priced existing Dunbarton Pines subdivision north of Nine Mile, east of Taft, should begin phased construction by this summer. Although within the City of Novi, it is in the Northville School District. Betzak Construction expects to build 189 homes on 71.8 acres.

ORCHARD MANOR ESTATES, which may be named Yorkshire Place to avoid confusion with existing subdivisions Orchard Hills, Old Orchard and Orchard Ridge, is expected to begin going up this spring. Expected are 188 homes on the 60.6-acre site, west of Taft and north of Ten Mile.

PEBBLE RIDGE, which developer William Gladden says he "hopes to be ready by late summer" plans to expand on a similar plot that expired four years ago. The 49 lots will be fairly large, each more than half an acre on the 31.5-acre site east of Wixom Road, north of Ten Mile.

SUNRISE SUBDIVISION, the

smallest-scaled subdivision concept, contains only eight lots on 63 acres on Meadowbrook Road north of Nine Mile.

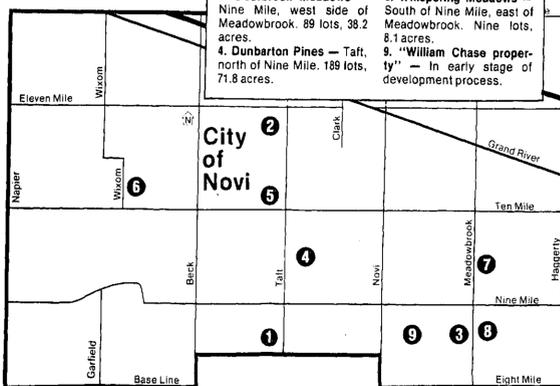
WHISPERING MEADOWS, east of Meadowbrook, south of Nine Mile, is expected to be reviewed soon. Like Sunrise, it too is a fairly small-scale affair: nine lots on 8.1 acres.

"THE CHASE PROPERTY" Representatives of owners of what has long been known as the "Chase property" presented conceptual plans for a single-family subdivision on some 137 acres of property east of Novi Road from Eight and Nine Mile. Developers in the past have claimed the site is suitable only for more high-density development.

About 70 acres would be contained in the first phase of development, which backers hope will begin as soon as possible. In the first phase alone, more than 200 single-family home lots are expected to be proposed, with prices expected to fetch \$79,000 and up.

Doing the Splits

Proposed subdivisions in the City of Novi



- Key:**
- Bradford of Novi — Willow Creek Taft, south of Nine Mile. 60 lots, 41.7 acres.
 - Cedarsprings Estates '73 Taft, south of 11 Mile. 203 lots, 80.9 acres.
 - Deerbrook Meadows — Nine Mile, west side of Meadowbrook. 89 lots, 38.2 acres.
 - Dunbarton Pines — Taft, north of Nine Mile. 189 lots, 71.8 acres.
 - Orchard Manor Estate — West of Taft, north of Nine Mile. 188 lots, 60.6 acres.
 - Pebble Ridge — East of Wixom Rd., north of Ten Mile. 49 lots, 31.45 acres.
 - Sunrise Subdivision — Meadowbrook, north of Nine Mile. Eight lots, 2.63 acres.
 - Whispering Meadows — South of Nine Mile, east of Meadowbrook. Nine lots, 8.1 acres.
 - William Chase property — In early stage of development process.

Foreign language pour vous

FARMINGTON — Conversational classes in French, German and Spanish will be offered this spring at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Don Nichols, academic dean, noted that Saturday classes in the three languages are being added because of high interest.

"Students can travel across the Detroit River and practice French in Windsor's restaurants," said Nichols. "They can travel to Mexico to use conversational Spanish. And while Europe has become more expensive, students can practice their German by visiting many German-American communities right here in the Midwest."

Classes in conversational Spanish and German will meet for 15 weeks on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon beginning May 3.

Conversational French classes will meet for 7 1/2 weeks on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tutoring and modern language laboratories are available.

Registration for the Spring 1986 term at the Orchard Ridge campus will be held May 1. The semester officially begins May 2.

For registration information call the Orchard Ridge admissions office at 471-7595 or the Foreign Language Department at 471-7791.

Walled Lake sets pre-school tests

WALLED LAKE — The Walled Lake Consolidated School District will conduct its pre-kindergarten testing program beginning May 1.

Parents who wish to have their children tested before entrance into kindergarten are encouraged to participate in the program.

The testing schedule is as follows: **COMMERC**: Testing will be held Thursday and Friday, May 12; Friday, May 9; and Friday, May 16. Call 363-3411 for details.

DECKER: Testing will be conducted Monday through Thursday, May 19-22. Call 624-2981 for details.

DUBLIN: Testing will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, May 5-6, and Thursday and Friday, May 15-16. Call 698-3806 for more information.

GLENGARY: Testing will be conducted Tuesdays and Wednesdays, May 13-14 and May 20-21. Call 624-2392 for details.

KEITH: Testing is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 6-8 and May 13-15. For more information call 363-7021.

L'ON LAKE: Testing is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, May 14-15, and Monday and Tuesday, May 19-20. Call 624-2871 for more information.

MAPLE: Testing will be held Thurs-

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OAKLEY PARK: Testing is scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, May 13-14 and May 20-21. Call 624-4563 for more information.

TWIN BEACH: Testing will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 6, 7 and 8, and Monday, May 12. For more information call 363-4701.

WALLED LAKE: Testing will be held Thursday, May 15; Wednesday and Thursday, May 21-22; and Thursday, May 29. Call 624-2422 for more information.

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ABC newscaster Bettina Gregory: "I could never write anything as incredible as the real thing."

Off the air

ABC's Gregory at Town Hall

By MICHELE M. FECHT staff writer

In her 12 years as an ABC News' correspondent, Bettina Gregory has been witness to history in the making.

The itinerant journalist — and one of the last remaining general assignment correspondents — has brought viewers and listeners the horrors of the Air Florida and Air Canada jetliner disasters, the pomp and circumstance of the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana and the vicissitudes of the social security system.

Not that her job often is referred to as "glamorous," the veteran correspondent was quick to point out to her Northville Town Hall audience last week that such perceptions are somewhat misleading.

"Some people think it's glamorous," Gregory told a capacity crowd at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi. "Often times it's difficult and frustrating."

Articulate and unassuming, the 39-year-old journalist brought to her audience a unique perspective on news-gathering, with particular emphasis on Washington politics.

Currently based in Washington, Gregory covered the Pentagon for ABC News before stepping in as White House correspondent from August 1979 to April 1980.

Prior to that time, Gregory served as Federal Regulatory Agencies Correspondent from 1976-79 covering such stories as the Three-Mile Island nuclear accident ("I look back on that story with a great deal of professional pride"), the General Services Administration corruption scandal (for which she received the Women in Communications 1979 Clarion Award for investigative series) and the Love Canal investigation of the disposal of hazardous chemical wastes.

Gregory came to ABC from WVBR in Ithaca, New York, where she started her broadcasting career in 1972 as a news anchor and reporter.

Before taking the plunge into broadcasting, Gregory worked as an actress with an English repertory company (she studied at the Weber-

Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art in London) and was a freelance reporter for the New York Times and a writer for the Associated Press radio wire.

Gregory says she switched to the network from her local newscaster job because she "didn't like the chitchat, the happy talk" of local newscasts.

She also points out that in 1974, networks were scurrying to hire women.

"I have no doubt I was hired because I am a woman," Gregory concedes.

As Senior General Assignment Correspondent for ABC News, Gregory has the seniority to be more selective in choosing assignments.

However, she notes during her first few years with the network, she took all the horrible assignments "to gain experience as well as exposure."

She told her audience it was her coverage of the Karen Ann Quinlan case which proved to be her breakthrough with the network.

"It was the first national story about the right to die with dignity," Gregory relates, noting that it also was her first exposure to the rigors of covering a national story.

"I remember the day of the verdict. I was told I was the lead of the show that night," she reflects.

Gregory notes that while she planned to write the script to the Quinlan story on the crew's return from Morristown, N.J. to New York, the network's helicopter flew into a thunderstorm.

"All I could do was pray we'd get back to the studio," Gregory notes. Though rattled and past deadline, the crew arrived safely with only enough time to process the film (videotape has since replaced film).

With no script and no idea what film would be shown, Gregory sat down next to then-anchor Harry Reasoner to read-off ABC's 6 p.m. newscast.

"At 10 seconds to 6 I turned to Harry for a few words of reassurance," Gregory relates. "He just looked at me and said 'Don't worry, little girl, it's only the first broadcast. Only 11 million people are watching you.'"

Another assignment which tested Gregory's fortitude was Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee.

"I thought it sounded great," she reflects. "I'd spend a few days covering the Queen and then do a little shopping at Harrod's and go to the theatre."

"What they did not tell me was that she was also going to Belfast," Gregory adds.

"One of the things you learn when you cover civil strife is that you can't pre-plan," Gregory notes. While covering the Queen's visit to Northern Ireland, she explains that the ABC crew accidentally got caught between two fighting factions.

"There I was with my camera crew, weaving through the streets," Gregory reflects. Though she came away from the strife unscathed, an ABC source says she was hit with a brick and broke two ribs.

"I'm in my 12th year at ABC," Gregory notes. "And I can honestly tell you that at no time do I feel they have discriminated against me in risking my life."

"I think it was experiences like this that made me able to cover Washington," she quips.

Gregory notes that the Washington beat — whether it be the White House, Pentagon or any of the federal agencies — is difficult because few sources will "go on the record."

"Normally in Washington, 60-80 percent of the news that comes out is on a source basis," Gregory notes. However, she points out that information is exchanged for anonymity.

"They'll give you information for not using their names," she says of top government officials who provide the media with tips or inside information. "Our phrasing must conceal that we got the information straight from the horse's mouth."

Gregory says it is particularly difficult to get answers from the current administration because Reagan is so inaccessible to the news media.

She notes that veteran United Press International White House correspondent Helen Thomas has stated that Reagan is the most inaccessible

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To rezone a part of the W 1/2 of Section 35, T1N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south line of Section 35 (nominal centerline of Eight Mile Road) said point being S88°56'29"W 626.74 feet along said south line from the S 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence continuing S89°56'29"W 186.79 feet along said south line thence N02°50'34"W 91.84 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the right 563.32 feet, said curve having a radius of 1085.92 feet, central angle of 29°42'23" and a chord bearing and distance of N34°17'52"W 556.73 feet; thence N49°26'41"W 258.68 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left 337.09 feet said curve having a radius of 1205.92 feet, central angle of 18°23'28" and a chord bearing and distance of N13°09'28"W 385.43 feet; thence N30°51'00"W 141.39 feet; thence N78°29'36"W 557.62 feet; thence N02°48'41"W 681.81 feet to the southeasterly R.O.W. line of the C&O Railroad; thence along the arc to the right 494.78 feet said curve having a radius 2814.93 feet, central angle of 10°04'14" and a chord bearing and distance of N23°39'36"E 494.13 feet; thence N28°32'33"E 2114.81 feet; thence N87°02'51"E 607.89 feet; thence S02°45'51"E 1218.37 feet to the E-W 1/2 line of Section 35; thence S89°56'07"E 528.18 feet to the center of Section 35; thence S02°40'39"W 1312.87 feet along the N-S line of Section 35; thence S89°56'12"W 800.46 feet; thence S02°45'51"E 1307.46 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 143.4 acres more or less.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Comments concerning the request will be heard at the public hearing or written comments will be received in the Dept. of Community Development, 45225 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 1986.

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News 'art form' to TV journalist

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president she has covered in her more than 40-year career. "I was more accessible than Richard Nixon during the darkest days of Watergate."

While she admits Reagan is "probably the best politician in the 20th century in terms of delivering a speech," Gregory notes that "one of the things he doesn't do well is answer questions."

"The White House has taken care of that by not allowing any questions," Gregory notes.

"I just want you to know from the other side that the administration controls a lot of the information," she says.

While Gregory admits the news media may be a thorn in the side of the Reagan administration, an even bigger thorn is ABC News' correspondent Sam Donaldson.

"When Jimmy Carter left the White House, he left two things to Ronald Reagan," Gregory notes. "One was Menasha Begin, the other was Sam Donaldson."

"Of her co-worker's aggressive approach, Gregory notes "Sam is very good."

"I don't feel that type of technique works for me," she says. "However, having been a member of the White House press corps, I know Sam will ask the question everyone wants to ask but is afraid to."

"Reagan plays off Sam Donaldson so well," Gregory observes. "Sam really has done a lot for Reagan's popularity with the public."

Another ABC correspondent, Gregory frequently is asked about it: Barbara Walters.

"I do know Barbara quite well," Gregory notes. "And all of us (women) in this business owe Barbara Walters a great deal."

"Barbara really worked her way up to the top," she adds. "She deserves an awful lot of credit."

Secretary Week: free 'promotion'

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Entry forms for the special drawing can be obtained at Flowers by Jackson in the Roman Plaza Mall at Novi Road and Grand River. Entry forms also are available at the Novi Hilton.

To nominate a secretary, the boss needs to fill out the form completely and deposit it in containers that will be available at both Flowers by Jackson and the Novi Hilton. No entries will be accepted after Thursday, April 24, at 5 p.m.

Two names will be drawn daily at Flowers by Jackson by a representative of The Novi News. Each daily winner will receive a gift certificate for flowers and a Piedmont travel bag. Names of the daily winners will be announced in the April 30 edition of The Novi News.

The winner of the grand prize will be drawn on Friday, April 25.

For more information about the special promotion and how you can be a boutonniere for your secretary to any destination served by Piedmont Airlines contact Flowers by Jackson at 348-2880.



Lisa Foote of Foote Gravelly Tractor is worried about the future of the small business person in Novi. Novi News/PHILIP JEROME

Proposed rezonings irk owner

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

Lisa Foote was angry when she found five members of the Novi Planning Commission discussing the Grand River corridor in a meeting at city hall last Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Her first reaction was that it was an illegal meeting. After all, planning commission meetings start at 8 p.m. — at 5 p.m. And the agenda she had picked up at city hall earlier in the day said the commission meeting was scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

As things turned out, the commissioners talking about the Grand River corridor were not attending an illegal meeting. The special work session had been scheduled at the commission's previous meeting. And official notice of the work session had been duly posted at city hall.

There was even a printed agenda for the work session... with the 5 p.m. starting time printed at the top.

Foote's suspicions about the commission's deliberations on the Grand River corridor demonstrate the depth of her convictions on the topic. Approximately seven years ago, her parents, Charlie and Betsy Foote, opened Foote Gravelly Tractor, a lawn equipment business, on a three-acre parcel on the south side of Grand River between Taft and Beck roads.

The business has thrived over the years, and the Foote family has become well-known in Novi. In fact, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department recently presented one of its "Team Up for Recreation" awards to Foote Gravelly Tractor for its support of recreational programs in the city.

But Foote is now deeply concerned about the future of the business and the family's investment by the planning commission's proposal to rezone the Grand River corridor, changing the B-3 (general commercial) designation along the Grand River frontage to an I-1 (light industrial) classification.

The rezoning proposal is designed to bring the zoning along the corridor into conformance with the 1980 Master Plan for Land Use Development.

Foote is one of several small business persons along Grand River who are deeply concerned about the proposed rezoning.

Foote's opposition is based on two primary concerns. First, there are financial considerations.

Foote and other Grand River business persons maintain that taking away their general business zoning classifications will significantly reduce the value of their property.

Foote said the 3.4 acre parcel on which Foote Gravelly is located is worth about \$147,000 with the general business classification but would drop in value to an estimated \$68,000 if it is rezoned to a light industrial classification.

"The city tries to tell me that the property will be as valuable with the light industrial zoning as it will be with the general commercial zoning, but I just don't believe it," she said.

"If they rezone the property to light industrial, we'll be able to remain in business, and we'll even be able to expand the business provided we do not introduce any new elements," she explained.

"But I have to believe that businesses like Foote Gravelly Tractor are needed in this city and are important to this city. We've grown in the seven years we've been here. We must be serving the needs of somebody."

"And if we sell the business, we have to sell it to someone who wants to use it for its present use. That really restricts your options. Where's the flexibility?"

Foote believes the city's concern about leaving a strip of general commercial zoning along the Grand River frontage is due in part to fears that the "wrong types" of businesses will move in — specifically, fast-food restaurants and massage parlors.

But, she maintains, there are all types of general commercial uses which are advantageous and important to the general welfare of the city and its residents. Uses like bicycle shops, nurseries and, yes, lawn and garden equipment.

"There has to be a place for us," she said. "Wouldn't it be sad if all the people with \$120,000 homes in Novi didn't have a place where they could buy a garden tractor and have it serviced? Wouldn't it be nice if those same people could go homeplace in Novi to buy flowering trees and shrubs for their yards?"

"That's the type of uses we're talking about. I have to believe that leaving a section of the city zoned for businesses like that is good for the city as a whole. But if they keep taking away the B-3 zoning there won't be many places left where the small, independent business person can afford to operate a successful business."

Nearby



NOVI'S MICHELLE COTE (above, center) is one of the featured dancers in Dance Detroit's annual Spring Dance Concert this Friday and Saturday (April 18-19) at 7:30 p.m. In the Marygrove Theatre at 8425 West McNichols in Detroit.

A third performance is scheduled Sunday at 2 p.m. Featuring modern, ethnic, classical ballet, tap and jazz dances set to choreography by Marygrove dance faculty members, the program includes an original composition titled "Breeze" by staff musician Modibo Keita and Haitian drummers for the "Carnival Dances of Haiti" numbers.

Tickets priced at \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for students and seniors are available at the door. Call the Marygrove College Dance Department at 862-8000, extension 283, for more information.

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT will perform Friday and Saturday at The Ark coffeehouse, 637 1/2 Main Street in Ann Arbor. In a unique presentation, multi-instrumentalist/vocalist Schmidt will perform with the Salsie Big Band. Tickets are \$8.50. For additional information, phone 761-1451. Last week's Maria Muldaur concert at The Ark was cancelled until May 5.

THE RISING OF A NEW MOON: A Century of Tabwa Art, will open Monday, April 21, at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor. The traveling exhibition of more than 100 objects carved by the Tabwa people of east-central Africa includes remarkably stylized ancestor figures, masks, jewelry, musical instruments and utilitarian objects. A special reception is planned for visitors at 8 p.m. Monday.

For more information, phone the museum at 763-1231 weekdays and weekends or 764-0395 weekdays during business hours.

JAZZ PIANIST BESS BONNIER will perform with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony in a pops concert at 8 p.m. Friday at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for students under 19. For information, phone 645-7288.

CONCERT PIANIST MARIA MEIRELLES will present an evening of music at the Cranbrook House Library, part of the Cranbrook P.M. Salon Series. A buffet supper will precede the 8 p.m. concert. Advance reservations a must, tickets are \$30 apiece. For details, phone 645-3633.

THE EDWARD WEISS ENSEMBLE will offer "Aspects of Electronic Music," an inter-disciplinary concert featuring music, theatre, dance and the visual arts Friday at Henry Ford Community College Adray Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Matinee at 2 p.m. is \$3, evening \$5. For details, phone 645-9636.

"STARRY MESSENGERS: Comets and Cometary Science to 1759," a special free exhibit, is on display at the University of Michigan Library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections through April 26. The exhibit traces man's fascination with comets through rare printed books, manuscripts and prints. Numerous manuscripts, pamphlets and books dating back more than 500 years will be displayed, including important works by Tycho Brahe, Galileo, Isaac Newton and Edmond Halley.

"Starry Messengers" is on view on the seventh floor of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library on the central University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. For further information, phone 764-9377.

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"DOWN MEMORY LANE" will be the title of a free program to be presented by historic clothing collector Larita Roder, featured recently in The Novi News.

Roder will discuss, model and display pieces from her collection at the Novi Historical Society meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Novi Public Library. For more information, phone 349-4953.

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Approximately 275 students in grades 9-12 currently are enrolled in one or more advanced study courses. In advanced English alone (which includes courses in Research Techniques, Advanced Placement, English and Humanities), some 234 students are taking classes. In advanced foreign language courses, which has the second highest enrollment, some 231 students are taking Spanish 3/4, German 4 and French 3/4.

Youngberg says he views the interest in advanced courses as one of the "particularly outstanding accomplishments" of the high school as made during the past three to five years.

"Teachers are especially proficient," he says. "They have been able to guide students further than ever before."

He also credited the "positive community support with keeping the program alive."

Another accomplishment is "the improved communications and atmosphere that exists between students, staff and administration," Youngberg notes.

The positive attitude makes everything else possible," he says. "Students have come to believe we truly are working for them."

Youngberg notes that in a recent poll, students in the tri-county area were asked whether their schools were meeting their needs.

"Of the 80 schools polled, our students had the highest percentage (of positive responses)," Youngberg says.

While the state recognition has been a feather in the high school's cap, Youngberg says staff and students are not likely to be resting on the laurels.

He notes that among the most important challenges facing the high school is academics.

"We have to give more and more attention to encouraging student involvement in more difficult subject areas and advanced degrees of learning," he says.

Though the district has made great strides in the past two years to offer a

variety of Advanced Placement classes at the high school level, Youngberg notes that more and more students are taking the courses during their freshman and sophomore years — with nothing left by the time they reach their junior year.

As demand increases, Youngberg says he expects to see more students enrolled in both high school and college courses at some point in their high school careers.

While the principal says a "very wholesome atmosphere" prevails at the high school, he admits he's "still concerned over the youthful consumption of alcohol."

While organizations such as Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.) have made a positive impact at the high school, alcohol is a primary concern.

He notes that while there is little evidence of drugs or the use of tobacco at the high school, alcohol is a primary concern.

"I wish we could influence more positively what people do with their own free time," he says.

Books and balloons

Three-year-old Shawn Goldman of Novi has the best of both worlds as he's armed with both a book and a balloon during Ball Day activities at the Novi Public Library last week. The event was designed to help celebrate National Library Week and make young and old readers alike more aware of the variety of books and services available at the library.

'Novi EI' is sold

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monies from the sale of Old Novi Elementary to pay for renovation costs.

As early as last January, the board has been discussing how it will use the \$1.7 million. Aside from Orchard Hills renovation, which board members agree is needed, there is concern about the possibility of needing a fourth elementary school within the next few years.

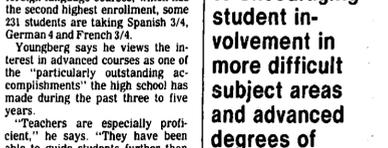
"I really do not want to whitewash away at the \$1.7 million," school board president Robert Schram told board members.

While the board approved a recommendation to allow the Farmington-based architectural firm of Lane, Riebe and Welland to proceed with the design phase of the Orchard Hills remodeling, they did not commit to undertaking the project at this time.

After receiving considerable input from the community regarding redistricting plans, the board is hoping for a similar response tomorrow night.

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As We See It

Council should put amendment to vote

Mayor Patricia Karevich and the Novi City Council have received considerably less than a mandate from their Charter Revision Committee.

Formed after the 1985 general election to examine the section of the City Charter regarding selection of the mayor, the committee decided that a change would be in order.

Specifically, the 11-member committee recommended that the following referendum be placed on the ballot: "Should the mayor be elected in a direct election, or appointed by a majority of city council as the school board president is by fellow school board members?"

The problem is that the committee was divided as to whether to recommend the change. The recommendation was forwarded to the city council on a 6-5 vote. And even Committee Chairperson Timothy Pope declared that he favored the minority position.

It is now up to the council to decide whether to proceed to place the proposal on the upcoming ballot.

The decision to form the committee to examine the possibility of changing the way the mayor is selected was reached after Russell Button, one of the city's most distinguished citizens and a member of virtually every charter commission in the history of the village and city of Novi, proposed the change in a Letter to the Editor which appeared in this newspaper.

We have long held the same opinion as Button on this issue and added our editorial support to his proposal. Despite the split vote among commit-

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Fla. capitalizes on kids



Neil Geoghegan

Well, it's just about over. The mass exodus to the place some people feel compelled to call "FLA."

Now that the Easter season has passed and the high school breaks are history, all the youngsters have returned with a tan, with several T-shirts handed out in Fort Lauderdale bars and with the knowledge that they want to go back next year.

But the question is, what's the big lure? Why do so many high school seniors and college students from Michigan feel the need to migrate south with the same abandon as a flock of Canadian geese. The geese do it every year as winter approaches, but it's instinct. The kids do it during the time now known as "Spring Break," and you would almost swear it was instinct as well.

The timing is perfect because so many have a couple hundred dollars sitting around waiting to be spent — thanks to Uncle Sam's tax returns. It is the perfect way to blow all that money. What about the college fund or the savings account? Are you kidding. What about the beaches, the sun, the girls and the bars.

But you can go any number of places that have all the above. Why does Florida have a corner on the market? The Gulf Coast of Mexico is said to be just as sunny, have just as many beaches and is roughly the same distance as Florida — but it is virtually unknown to the students. Talk about places like Tampico, Los Portales or Veracruz and the average kid thinks you're placing an order at Taco Bell. But the mere mention of Daytona Beach, Miami, West Palm Beach and Lauderdale will have them droolin' and dreamin'.

It must be the tradition. Hey, everybody who is anybody goes down to Florida when they're seniors in high school, right? The draw isn't the weather or the sites, it's all the young people who converge on the coast cities and proceed with what amounts to one huge party in each city. What fun would Daytona be if you had it all to yourself?

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To the Editor: I am not in the habit of responding to letters to the editor. On the other hand, I believe that if someone chooses to read into or enlarge on someone else's comments, it is not fair to the readers, the citizenry, the media or the officials of this community to let presumptions lie unchallenged.

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Edward F. Kriewal
Novi City Manager

Thanks for help

To the Editor: The Novi Land Conservancy would like to thank all those who braved the rain Saturday (April 5) morning to take part in the planting of the Lee BeGole Woods.

Fifty trees were planted in the area in front of the police building by 36 volunteers. The trees were planted as designated by Jack Goodnoe, landscape architect from Harley, Ellington, Pierce, & Associates.

Special thank you to Gordon Wilcox, Assistant District Boy Scouts Area Commissioner; Susan Lorenz; and the members of Troop 407; as well as Margaret Schmidt and members of Novi's 4-H Club. Tom O'Branovic, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, supervised the planting, and Craig Klaver, assistant city manager, provided the refreshments.

This was the first major tree propagation effort by the Novi Land Conservancy, utilizing funds from a grant from Ford Motor Co. Trees were provided by Bob Marshall of the Novi Tree Farm.

The Novi Land Conservancy required the cooperation of many various groups in the City of Novi, and they all are to be congratulated.

Joe Toth, president of the Land Conservancy, presented a record of the dedication to Chief Lee BeGole, in the City of Novi, and they all are to be congratulated.

Citizens beware

To the Editor: Enough is enough! It is about time to set the record straight. For the past year, both before and after the election, the taxpayers and homeowners have been hearing from the elected officials is one massive dose of rhetoric.

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Developers of apartments and condominiums work on a 7-10 year payout, at which time they are sold to a second owner who milks them to a point of disrepair and they become the tattered slums.

As to the commercial developers, they will promise almost anything because when the rent receipts plus the sale price net the desired profit, they are gone. To keep listening to the commercial developers, we will end up with another Grotto Avenue as in Roseville or Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

A number of years ago when I was serving on the planning board, one of the reasons that I resigned was because the council asked a developer his opinion on a rezoning request that the planning board had recommended approving. The council denied the rezoning request based on the developer's input. (This was not one of the properties that this deal had to do with.)

After the meeting one of the council members was seen with his arm around the developer chatting and walking to the parking lot. I would suggest that the homeowners of Novi attend more of the council meetings and find out what is happening to their future in Novi.

There has been so much rhetoric around the "Town Center" pipe dream. Let's face it, as it will be nothing more than an extension of the commercial district. For it to be a "Town Center," the places one would expect to find there, such as the city hall/community center, police station, library and the post office, are all in the wrong place. Unless, of course, they are stupid enough to expect the taxpayers to replace these buildings.

Additionally, much concern has been the traffic problem of Haggerty Road. The M-275 extension was in the planning stages when Haggerty was still a dirt road. The paving of Haggerty was only a sub-standard stop gap until 275 would be completed.

Widening Haggerty is a larger project than first appears. The roadway would have to be completely rebuilt to handle the heavy loads that have to use this road today because no other road in Farmington Hills, north of Twelve Mile, has allowed the city builders to build right up to Haggerty. This means that any widening that would have to take place would be on the Novi side and I am sure there will be a fight through the courts for every foot and could take years.

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'No' to raises

To the Editor: I think most of us in Novi will agree that our school and city administrators are doing a creditable job.

I think we will also agree that including their considerable fringe benefits and their generous salaries, that they are adequately compensated. In addition to these facts, it is reasonable to believe that these good people of above average intelligence have learned to minimize and even reduce responsibilities of their daily routine.

So it is about time that you and I, the taxpayer, who in most cases have no way of increasing incomes, take steps to put a stop to the automatic "raises" that "reaches into yours and my pocket."

We have allowed these organized groups to squeeze us long enough, and we don't let them know enough is enough, rest assured they will keep right at it.

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Millage hike eyed

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This year, Lenaghan has requested eight volunteer firefighters be reclassified to full-time "fire protection officers," starting at salaries of nearly \$20,000 each.

Besides supplementing volunteer firefighting forces during workdays, the personnel would be responsible for maintaining fire department buildings, grounds, hydrants and vehicles, for youth education programs, for performing inspections and for other emergency responsibilities.

"The city will be setting its own precedent here," Lenaghan maintained. "So we can be quite flexible in what we say they have to do." Lenaghan told council members he had surveyed volunteers to find out if they would be amenable to a combined full-time/volunteer firefighting force, and was encouraged by their support.

"We've had a good working relationship with our firemen so far," he said. "There's a possibility they will form a union, but even the existing group can collectively bargain if they want to. They just haven't done it for four or five years."

Council Monday appeared to be sympathetic to BeGole and Lenaghan, but was reluctant to commit to additional personnel until studying alternatives carefully.

Council members have scheduled a special budget session Wednesday, April 23 in response to suggestions they discuss the budget thoroughly before April 30, the day they are scheduled to enact it.

The general fund budget constitutes less than half the total city millage (debt retirement, streets, parks and recreation, drain revenue fund and library millages are separate items), which in turn total about one-third the total school millage.

Reviewed in Monday's budget talks were:

- City council budget (\$15,000 proposed, no change from expected 1985-86 expenditures); Council Member Arlen Schroeder suggested the council's budget should be a leading candidate for cuts if necessary.

- City manager's office (\$155,485 proposed, down slightly from 1985-86);
- Finance department (\$159,250 proposed, up less than \$8,000 from 1985-86). An additional full-time finance staffer is a "high priority,"

- Assessment department (\$190,510 proposed, up \$34,000 from 1985-86);
- City Attorney (\$100,000 proposed, up \$10,000 from 1985-86);
- City Clerk's office (\$161,465 proposed, up \$24,000 from 1985-86);
- Treasury Department (\$87,655 proposed, up slightly from 1985-86);
- Building and Grounds (\$99,500 proposed, up \$8,000 from 1985-86);
- General Administration (\$722,535 proposed, down \$54,000 from 1985-86);
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Schools score again

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The high school's honor culminates a banner two years for the Novi Community Schools in which three of its facilities (including Novi Middle School South in 1985 and most recently Orchard Hills) have been cited by the Michigan Department of Education as among the state's most outstanding educational institutions.

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Wednesday, April 16, 1986



Working as a team, Spike and Tina Walker have made Delwal Corporation a highly successful business

Teamwork pays big dividends at Delwal Corp.

By KATHLEEN MUTCH

For 23 years William "Spike" Walker and Christine "Tina" Walker have shared a dream. Over the last 13 years they have worked together to make that dream come true.

In 1973 Spike Walker and a partner started the Delwal Corporation, a metal manufacturing operation. Spike lights a cigar and looks back. "We opened in a two-car garage in Milford. We took \$145, bought a Sears welder and drill press; and then I went out pounding on doors."

Today, the Delwal Corporation is a multi-million dollar enterprise located in Novi. The company has 60,000 square feet of office and plant space spread over a 10-acre site just north of Eleven Mile overlooking the I-96 expressway. There are plans for expansion and an option on a 29-acre site in Novi.

In two plants, Delwal's 60 employees design and produce medium to small component parts for the automotive and tractor industries. "We take flat steel, form it, bend it, and when necessary, punch holes in it, weld it, add plastic components, paint it or plate it," explains Spike Walker, Delwal's president. "We produce to specifications, or our engineers can modify or produce a design as needed." The parts range from bits of trailer axle assemblies to pieces that anchor seat belts to truck floors.

From a 15-day inventory of the 320 different parts Delwal currently produces, orders are shipped to assembly plants in Great Britain, Europe and throughout North America.

From that two-car garage in Milford, Spike and Tina Walker have come a long way. "We have been very fortunate," the Walkers both say, but luck seems to have had little to do with it. Hard work, a desire to succeed and a spirit of teamwork resulted in success for the Walkers and growth for Delwal.

Spike Walker credits Ron Schipper and Donald "Dutch" VanIngen, his football coaches at Northville High School, with teaching him the value of team work. "I'll never know what they saw in me; but those two men took a boy and built a man. They made me understand the workability of a team."

After high school Spike worked nine years for his father, then quit, determined to succeed on his own. "I was not going to fall into bed, hoping to get a little sleep and the fire bell would ring." He was trying to juggle a day job, engineering classes, and a night job with the fire department.

"In those days," Tina recalls, "my main job was to stand at the door holding up the right shirt and pants for his next shift."

Both Spike and Tina look back on that time as one of "long days and hard, hard hours," but worth it. While they were struggling to earn a living and raise a family, they were preparing for the future. They were learning to work as a team.

"I always thought a woman shouldn't interfere in her husband's business," Tina says. But as time passed, her husband gradually encouraged her to get involved. He gave her the opportunity to grow with the

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Higher unemployment costs expected

Despite a decrease in Michigan's unemployment levels, employers throughout the state can expect to pay higher unemployment taxes in 1987, according to John Galles, executive director of the Small Business Administration of Michigan.

Amendments to the state's unemployment act approved by the Michigan legislature in 1982 froze the maximum weekly benefit level at \$17 through 1986.

Unless action is taken prior to that time, the maximum benefit levels will increase by at least 30 percent when the freeze is lifted.

In order to assure that future increases in unemployment insurance taxes are kept to a minimum and are equitable for all employers in the state, it is necessary to develop a strategy to address this issue as soon as possible, said Galles.

The state's top priority, according to Galles, should be to build a reserve to prevent future borrowing of interest-bearing loans from the federal government.

From 1983 to mid-1985, Michigan employers were subjected to a penalty tax which was used to pay back the interest-bearing portion of federal loans that the state had been forced to borrow after its own reserves had been depleted by record unemployment levels.

Now that Michigan has repaid the interest-bearing portion of its federal debt, Galles said the state should work to establish its own reserve as a precaution against future economic downturns that create high unemployment levels.

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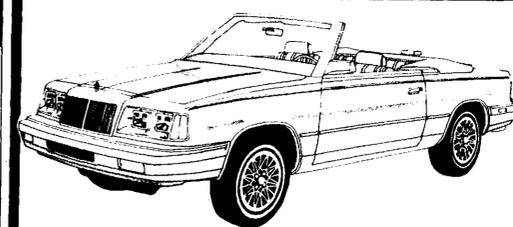
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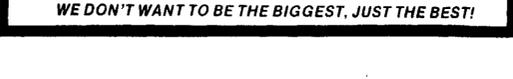


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DIGGING UP YOUR ROOTS

Carl Gowan began looking for his family five years ago. He found it, all right. All of his family. All the way back to Adam and Eve.

And that's just his family. He's become acquainted, on paper at least, with his wife's family all the way back to Italy in the 1700s and Germany in the 1600s.

He not only has traced their family trees, but he has a four-drawer filing cabinet filled with verification, some from church records, some from the United States Archives, some, which he considers simply oral history, from Irish lore.

"I've been extremely successful and very lucky at the same time," Gowan told 20 fledgling genealogists at the Novi Library April 10. "But that's how it is in this hobby. You need luck sometimes."

Gowan is lucky in more ways than one. Although he has traced his father's forebears, with documentation, to Ireland in 1840 and his mother's roots to pre-Revolutionary days in America, so far he has found just one ancestor he would just as soon lop off the family tree.

"If you can trace your ancestors back three generations, you have a very good chance of being successful. Then you can really begin to dig."

He also found 74 people he hosted at a family reunion last year, and one distant relative who in fact was very close. That person lived a block away from Gowan, a 20-year Novi resident, and had been a neighbor for six years.

"It's the fun of finding the unknown," Gowan said, that lured him into genealogy. "Once I began my research, I realized I had two options: 'the who cares and drop it right there,' or the option to get totally involved." Gowan opted for the latter.

Thus far, he estimates he has spent 700 or 800 hours in the five years he has been studying his family tree and a little bit of money, besides. Now, he is contemplating hiring a registered genealogist to help in further research.

Most of the work, however, he has done himself.

And while completing his

research, Gowan said he discovered something he really didn't want to find: a history of diabetes and stroke in his family.

That didn't deter him. However, other family members, including an aunt in California, started doing research, but met up with a dead end. "There just weren't the resources available to her that we have in Michigan and at the Novi Library," said Gowan, an engineer by profession.

Part of the library's collection has been gathered directly at Gowan's urging, including *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, and a two-volume reference work compiled by Keith Johnson, *Genealogical Research Directory and Genealogical Research Directory: Regional and International*.

When Gowan started his research, he didn't know the books existed. He found out about them quickly, however, as he did about the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Library.

"When I started out, I didn't know where to go or who to turn to, especially when I began studying my family history in Ontario," Gowan said. "I soon discovered the Ontario Genealogical Society and became a member. That's one way to do things."

Gowan also has membership in Kentucky and Virginia associations, as well as a number of local societies.

He told the assembled group at the library that along with memberships, organization of the data was particularly important, suggesting everyone keep track of everything, from letters sent to data accumulated.

Gowan noted in addition to his files at home, he also carried a loose-leaf notebook for on-the-road ease of research.

"I know I'm going to be in Kentucky, for example, and which branch of the family I'll be investigating, I'll take my information dealing with that branch with me," he explained.

Gowan knew he was going to be speaking on his general research, so

he brought his chart, an 8-by-3-foot family tree, his books, his notebooks and a list of addresses showing where in each state of the union information can be obtained.

He also offered a list of information sources and addresses where beginners may have a good chance of success.

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Gowan noted the National Archives in Washington, D.C. was an excellent repository for service-related information, passenger arrival documentation and passport information.

"The National Archives are very helpful, but the thing to remember is you have to write them twice — once requesting the correct form for the information you require and the second time, when you get the form, for the specific information," he noted.

Another helpful source, McGowan explained, was the Church of Latter-Day Saints.

"Because the Mormons believe everyone is part of one family, they have spent untold millions of dollars and man-hours trying to catalog a record of every family that ever existed. They also provide baptismal records for those who have ever had any such contact with the church worldwide."

While Gowan has been very precise in his own research, he said he discovered some general problems that could affect anyone, namely, a spelling change in a name and particularly in the southern United States, different names for the same location.

Although Gowan's work thus far is extremely complete, he says he still is not satisfied. "There are whole branches of families whom I haven't been able to find out about. I guess I'll keep looking."

THE FAMILY WAY

George Booth, wherever you are, please call Northville and document your passage from England to America.

Booth, born in 1787, isn't really expected to phone Ruth Whitmyer, one of his descendants. She has documentation he's dead.

The data she's lacking, however, could have given her a share of an English estate.

"We know he lived in England," she said of Booth. "And we know why he came to America. What we don't know is that he really got here. The records show him in England, other records show him in America. But there are no records to record his passage."

Whitmyer, who began studying her family background when she was 10 years old, said she does it mainly as a hobby and only when she has the time.

She said she also had some help. A cousin, six months older than she,

actually did much of the heavy work, trudging through the hills of West Virginia, looking for vestiges of early family.

Whitmyer also has done some looking, hiking through a cemetery in Schenectady, N.Y. for her grandfather's relatives and talking with a great aunt.

"I actually made my grandfather sit down and tell me stories about the family," Whitmyer said. "I'd write it all down and then try to piece it together."

That work paid off in peace of mind. When her grandfather was in his 90s and living with Ruth and her husband, Frank, Ruth made a chart of the events she had heard as a young woman and placed it in her grandfather's room.

"He would sit there for hours, studying it and pondering it. Then he'd ask me how I knew all those things," Whitmyer said. "I told him he had told me about them. He

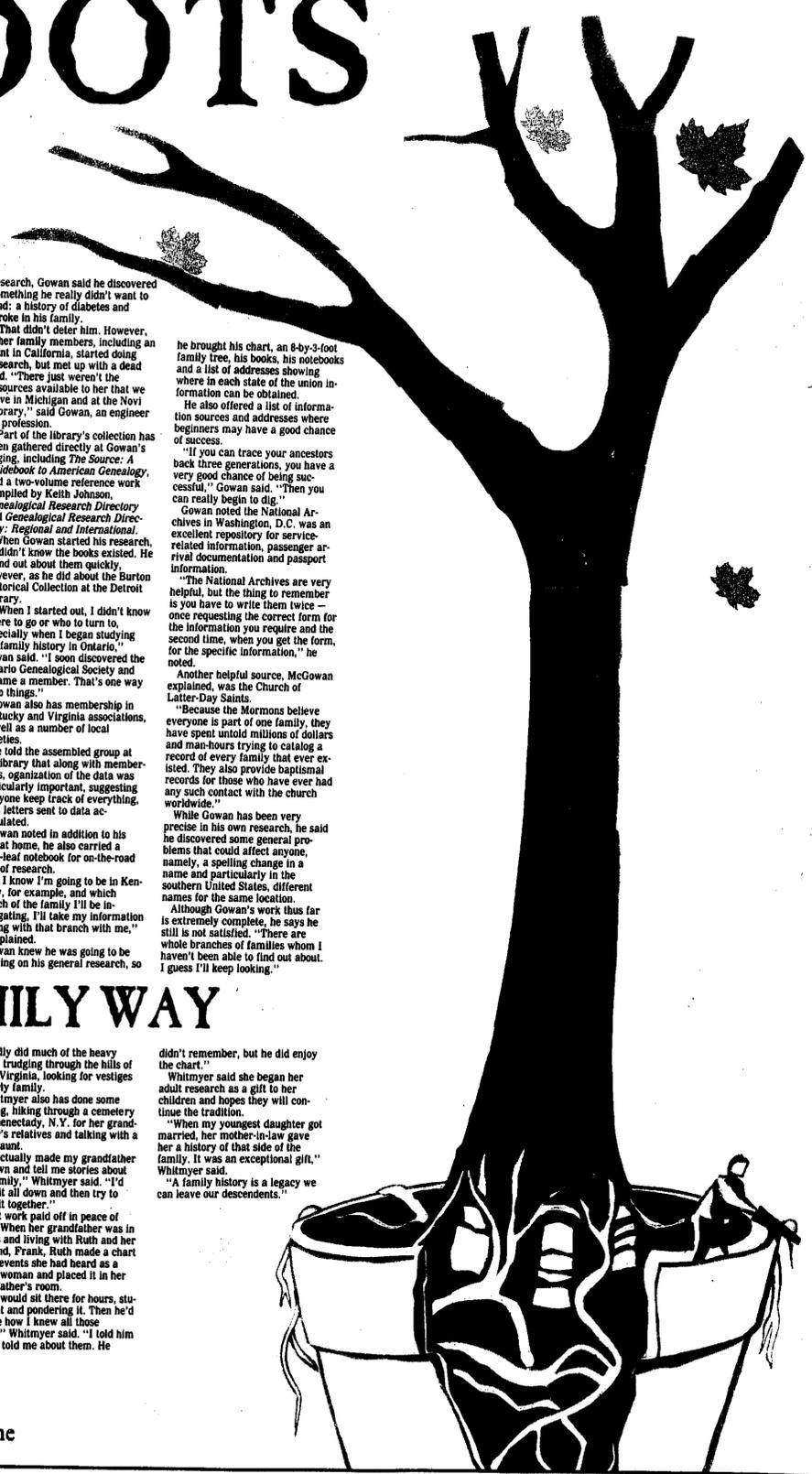
didn't remember, but he did enjoy the chart."

Whitmyer said she began her adult research as a gift to her children and hopes they will continue the tradition.

"When my youngest daughter got married, her mother-in-law gave her a history of that side of the family. It was an exceptional gift," Whitmyer said.

"A family history is a legacy we can leave our descendants."

Stories by Anita Crone



Historians schedule trip 'Down Memory Lane'

By JEANNE CLARKE
special writer

LaReta Roder of Novi will present a program titled "Down Memory Lane" when the Novi Historical Society meets tomorrow (Thursday) in the Novi Public Library at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

A member of the Waterford Bend chapter of the Quessers in Northville, Roder will exhibit her collection of antique clothing that includes dresses and hats from the 1800s. The Quessers is a national antique preservation and study organization.

The society is looking for people who will permit their old pictures of Novi to be photographed for use in the Novi Historical Museum. Call 349-4953 if you can help.

President Larry Maki and Lucy Needham recently attended a local history conference at Wayne State University and will present a report at a future meeting.

Former Novi Township Supervisor Frazer Staman will share his memories of "Old Novi" at the May meeting. Anyone interested in helping preserve Novi's historical heritage is invited to call 349-4953 for more information about membership in the historical society.

NEWCOMERS: Paula Benham, a horticulturist, will be the guest speaker when the Novi Newcomers Club meets at Village Oaks School tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. She will talk about selecting and planting flowers this summer.

Other items on the agenda include the report of the nomination committee on 1986-87 officers. Marilee Sousa is taking nominations for the Outstanding Member of the Year award through April 16. The membership will vote on the nominees at Thursday's meeting.

The Newcomers Club offers a wide range of activities through its special interest groups. The Out-to-Dinner group recently visited Mike Kelly's Landing in Livonia and the Out-to-Lunch group went to Emma's in Plymouth. The bowling group meets at the Novi Bowl every Tuesday at 9-15 a.m. Other interest groups include bridge, crafts, excursions, exercise, gourmet cooking, pinocle, skiing, variety cards and Trivial Pursuit.

The next "Newcomers Coffee" for new and prospective members will be held April 23 at Sandy Crocker's

Novi Highlights

home at 7:30 p.m. The Newcomers is a club for new and old residents who want to make new friends, learn more about the community or participate in the special interest groups. Call 349-8426 for more information about the coffee or membership.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE: Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) needs volunteers who can help with such activities as the Parent Education Committee, Summer Camp Committee and the Summer Teen Center. NYA's next general citizens' committee meeting will be held in NYA offices on April 22.

Caseworker Karen Bartholomew reports that several boys have become apparent as work continues on the Summer Teen Center. Needed are a director and volunteer staffers for a VCR, stereo, radio and table games of all types. Anyone in the community who would like to help with the Teen Center is asked to call 349-8388 for more information. The center will open in June and run for seven weeks.

NYA Secretary Joan Morris reports that several bowlers in the NYA bowling have not yet picked up their prizes. In addition, several bowlers have not yet turned in their pledge sheets.

Cindy Dove reports that volunteers are needed for the PLUS Committee. Volunteers must be willing to spend several hours per week on a one-to-one basis with a child from a one-parent home. Call 349-8388 for more information.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: The All-American Red Heads, a professional women's basketball team, will take on the Novi High School faculty at Novi High School this Sunday at 7 p.m. The game is sponsored by the Novi Athletic Boosters to help support high school athletic programs. Advance tickets are priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students. Ticket prices at the door are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students. Anyone wishing advance tickets may call Terry Cody at 349-8497. San-

dy Maresh at 349-8246 or Bob Gillick at 349-9967. Tickets also are available at Marcus Glass on Novi Road, Jerry's Barber Shop on Ten Mile and Novi Parks and Recreation offices.

SPRIT OF CHRIST: Joy Hopper of the Meadowbrook Christian Church will be Mrs. Floyd Smith of Washington, D.C. and her granddaughter, Mrs. Linda Chisholm. They will attend the dedication of a new pulpit Bible honoring the memory of Reverend Floyd Smith, a military chaplain for 15 years who finished his career as minister of National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C.

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vice. President Marie Grimm said the Community Council will not meet this month but is continuing work on its project of accumulating used jogging suits in good condition for the residents. Anyone who has a jogging suit to donate may call Grimm at 349-0499 for details.

PERSONALS: Out-of-town guests at the Meadowbrook Christian Church will be Mrs. Floyd Smith of Washington, D.C. and her granddaughter, Mrs. Linda Chisholm. They will attend the dedication of a new pulpit Bible honoring the memory of Reverend Floyd Smith, a military chaplain for 15 years who finished his career as minister of National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C.

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CUB PACK 239: Goodies made by members of Cub Scout Pack 239 and their fathers will be auctioned off at the April pack meeting to raise funds for summer activities.

The pack held its Pinewood Derby recently with the following winners. Eric White, James Smith and Glen McQueen finished first, second and third respectively among Tiger Cubs. In Wolf Pack One, Timmy Rowlands was first, Nathan Rowe was second and Scott Mills came in third.

Nathan Rowe had a two-game series of 127 to win the Den One bowling tournament. Timmy Rowlands was second with a 136 series.

AMERICAN LEGION: Over 40 people attended a party sponsored by Novi American Legion Post 19 to honor the 67th birthday of the American Legion. Events included wine-and-cheese tasting, a Laurel and Hardy movie and a bed-and-breakfast raffle sponsored by the auxiliary.

REACT has added several new members to assist the group in its monitoring of Emergency CB Channel 9 Monday through Thursday from 6-10 p.m. New members are Richard Snyder and Charles and Jan Bristol. Anyone over 18 years old who would like to join the club may call 349-5655 for details.

REACT will be assisting with traffic control at the Providence/Novi Run on Sunday, April 27. They also will be working with Novi Police on Memorial Day Parade plans and will sponsor a safety break at the Novi 1-96 rest stop on Memorial Day. The club will hold its annual fundraiser - a garage sale - in June. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale is asked to call 349-5655.

formation about Boys State call Commander Ken Bell at 476-5684.

PIN POINTERS: Dorothy Rosey won the mystery game. High bowlers were Rosemary Banish (207 and 180 in 544 series), Margie Greaves (199), Nodia Biagini (189 and 186 in 550 series) and Laura Kolke (181). Standings are as follows:

Rock 'n Rollers	72	44
Ball Busters	66 1/2	49 1/2
M.L.M.	63	33
Ghost Busters	60 1/2	54 1/2
Lollipopos	57	59
Eager Beavers	54	62
Bowling Bags	51 1/2	64 1/2
Rockin' Rollers	47 1/2	68 1/2
Hot Shots	45	71

NOVI REACT: Floyd Fritts has been elected president of Novi REACT for 1986-87. Other new officers are Bill Jeffries, vice president; Warren Ledger, treasurer; and John Hess, secretary.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700.

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER 5785 Grand River, New Hudson (1/2 mile west of Millford Rd.) Worship Services: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Thursday Bible Study 7 p.m. For additional information: 349-1724	CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH Mill Race Historical Village on Grasswood near Main, Northville Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Come Praise the Lord Pastor Leo Brauchman, 349-2265
OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 145 N. Center, Northville 348-210 "We Invite You To Come And Fellowship With Us" Mark Fisher, Pastor Services: Thurs. 7 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.	GRACE CHAPEL William Tynasie Corage 12 Mile & Drake Road Farmington Hills, 474-0151 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 a.m. Worship Service Mark Fisher, Pastor Douglas L. Klein, Pastor Evangelical Presbyterian Church
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 201 E. Main St., Northville 349-9111 Worship 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church School 9:30-11:00 a.m. Child Care both services - Grades K-7 11:00 a.m. For additional information: 349-1724 Dr. Nile Harper, Associate Pastor	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 Haggerty Rd., 348-7600 Church School 9:30-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m., Ev. 6 p.m. Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m., Ev. 6 p.m. Dr. Richard Parrott, Pastor
SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NOVI Ten Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Ch. Sch. 11:30 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:30 a.m. Church Office - 477-6296 Pastor Thomas A. Scherger - 478-8265	WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 308 Market St., 624-2483 Wendell E. Baglow, Pastor Wed. 7:30 P.M., Sr. High thru Adult Sunday, 8:45 Study, 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery Available At Services
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 170 Thayer, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3510 Religious Education 349-2559	ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Farmington 2223 Guild, Farm. 3 bks. S. of Gd. River, 3 bks. W. of Farmington Rd. Church 474-4584 Worship 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:40 a.m. Nursery Provided Pastor Charles Fox
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN High & Elm Streets, Northville C. Boeger, Pastor T. Lubon, Pastor Church & School 349-3140 Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Saturday Worship, 8:00 p.m.	Go To Church Sunday
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 12 Mile East of Haggerty Farmington Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Nursery Care Available N.H. Meserhans, Pastor Phone: 523-7	FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth, Michigan Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 8 Mile & Tall Road Rev. Eric Hammar, Minister Jane Berquist, D.R.E. Worship Services 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School, Nursery thru Adult 9:30 a.m. Nursery thru 3rd Grade 11 a.m.	CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (Assemblies of God) 4155 Six Mile Rd., Northville Sunday School - 349-9000 Sunday Worship, 7:30 a.m., Sun. Worship, 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wed. "Body Life" Serv., 7:00 p.m. Christian Comm. Preschool & K-8
ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 430 E. Nicolet Walled Lake 48858 Phone: 624-3917 Church Services, 10:00 a.m. Church School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Leslie Harding	MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi At Briquet Rd. (8 1/2 Miles) Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m. Church School, 10:30 a.m. 349-7757 Interim Minister, Rev. Kenyon Edwards
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4187 W. Ten Mile-Meadowbrook 349-2622 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Church School 9:15 a.m. Nursery Care Available Charles R. Jacobs, Kearney Kirby, Pastors	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVI 45391 11 Mile at Tall Rd. Home of Novi Christian School (K-12) Sun. School, 8-9 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 p.m. Richard Burgess, Pastor 349-3477 Ivan E. Speight, Asst. 349-3547
ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 23445 Novi Rd. (between 9-10 Mile) Bible Study For All Ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Services at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed., Mid-Week Prayer Serv., 7 p.m. 349-5655	FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4400 W. 10 Mile, Novi 1/2 mile west of Gd. Riv. Rd. Worship & Church School, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. P.O. Box 1, 349-5668 Richard J. Henderson, Pastor
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Tall & Beck, Novi Phone 349-1175 Services: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship & School Rev. Leslie F. Harding	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing 349-1020 Dr. James H. Luther, Pastor Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wed. 7:30 A.W.A.N.S., 7:30 Prayer Service Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 3 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 11:15 Gene J. Hamaker, Pastor - 349-3565	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WILKOM & WILKOM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (K-6) Wilkom & W. Maple Rds. Family Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Family Night Program (Wed.), 7:00 p.m. Robert V. Warren, Pastor 624-3232 (Awards & Pro-Teens) 624-5434



Novi Community Education is offering a variety of swimming programs for people of all ages.

Community Ed reports classes

Spring is here... and that means it's time to start thinking about the spring/summer courses offered through the Novi Community Education Department.

The Community Education Department's spring '86 brochure has been mailed to all school district residents, and it's chock full of enrichment and recreational programs for everyone from children to senior citizens.

Registration for the spring/summer courses will be accepted next week (April 21-25). School district residents may begin registering Monday, April 21, at 6 p.m. Registrations will be accepted Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Non-residents must pay an additional fee of \$2 per class.

For more information about registration procedures or to register call the community education department at 349-1204.

which gives youngsters an opportunity to show off their favorite Cabbage Patch dolls.

Three computer classes designed specifically for children also will be available along with courses in kite-making, astronomy, bicycle safety, pottery, make-up and boating safety.

Classes for adults this summer run the gamut from crafts to computers and financial planning to gardening.

Crafts classes include Appalachian basketweaving, Japanese punch embroidery and calligraphy. There also will be three computer classes for adults as well as a class in word processing.

Other adult classes include advanced financial planning, investment planning for retirement, principles of basic real estate brokerage, genealogy, beginning acoustic guitar and pottery.

In the recreational area, the Spring '86 brochure again offers a complete line of swimming lessons from aquat to advanced. Of special interest is a class designed to teach adult non-swimmers the basics of swimming. There's also a swimastics course for exercising in the pool.

Other pool-oriented classes include scuba diving and canoeing.

Individuals who want to improve their physical condition will find the Vital Options aerobics class and Fitness in the '80s, a class that involves aerobic weight training on a Nautilus machine.

Seniors present tea/fashion show

A spring fashion show and tea will be presented by the Novi Senior Citizen Fitness Club at the Novi Community Building on Wednesday, April 23, from 1-3 p.m.

All seniors are invited to attend the event which will include a dance recital, scarf and accessories demonstration and door prizes donated by Novi merchants. An admission fee of \$1 is requested to cover costs.

In addition, tea cakes, cookies, coffee and tea will be served from a silver tea service on white-linen table cloths.

The Senior Citizen Fitness Club meets under the direction of Peggy Sweetland. Theessa Rumpitz, Veronica LeBlanc, Mary Slater, Mike Cohen and Philip Mientary.

Featured during intermission will be two dance numbers directed by Eleanor Malche and featuring fitness club members Helen Strout, Theima Pearson, Veronica LeBlanc and Russ Rathburn. The group will perform "Walk in the Rain" and "Blame It on the Boss Nova."

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demonstration of scarves and accessories, while Mary Kay will provide the cosmetics demonstration.

Members of the Fitness group serving as models will be Betty Forth, Helen Meadows, Eleanor Malche, Shirley Comp, Gerlie Carroll, Lucille Ropelle, Hazel Collins, Dovie Sweetland, Theessa Rumpitz, Veronica LeBlanc, Mary Slater, Mike Cohen and Philip Mientary.

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Choralaires planning Mothers Day concert

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Tickets for the concert are priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children. Tickets are available at Novi Parks and Recreation Department offices or by calling the Joyce Hotline at 349-NOVI.

All mothers who attend will receive a flower courtesy of La Fleur Florist in Novi.

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Good Shepherd set to welcome visitors

This Sunday (April 20) has been designated "Visitors' Sunday" at the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novi, according to Pastor Gene E. Jahnke.

"Every Sunday is visitors' Sunday at Good Shepherd in that visitors are always welcome," said Jahnke. "But this Sunday will be special in that the service will be directed specifically at visitors to our church."

The worship service will begin at 10 a.m. Featured will be a brief film that will serve as an introduction to the sermon, Jahnke reported.

"I hope everyone feels welcome to come," said the Good Shepherd pastor. "Parents are encouraged to bring their children. We have lots of children in our church, so they won't feel out of place."

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Synod. It is located at the corner of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Students to exhibit art works

The fifth annual Novi Youth Art show will have its premier opening this Friday (April 18) at 7 p.m., just prior to the 8 p.m. performance of "You Can't Take It With You" at Novi High School.

Selected pieces of art work from students in grades K-12 will be on public display in the lobby of Fluor Auditorium at Novi High School.

In addition to the Friday showing, Saturday viewing hours also have been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

To promote this year's art show, the Educational Programs and Communications Office held an informal logo design contest for Novi's third grade students. The assignment was to create a design to represent this year's Youth Art Show.

Tricia Lombardi, a third grader at Orchard Hills, was chosen the winner from the 93 designs submitted to the Communications Office.

Her design of a sunny day for sailing will be reproduced on buttons that will be given to students participating in the art show. The design also will be utilized on promotional materials for the art show.

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Novi kickers net first win

The 1986 edition of the Novi High School girls' soccer team has done in one game what no other team has done since the program was started three years ago.

Yes, the Wildcats notched a win. A satisfying 5-0 clubbing of Lakeland on April 8 in the 1986 season opener finally put to rest the questions, doubts and disappointments of two straight winless seasons. The program's first win is secure and nobody can take it away.

"Everybody was really pleased," Coach Nick Valenti said. "The older girls who have been on the team for a while were very happy to get that first win. It was definitely a good positive thing for our team."

"The younger players don't really know the feeling of relief, but it was a great way for them to start the year. The best part was the scoring we got from the younger players."

The fact that three of the Wildcats' five goals were scored by freshman was just icing on the cake. With the wind at their back in the first half, Novi stepped up the pressure, kept the ball in Lakeland's zone and punched in all five goals.

"We were doing a good job of pressing, and we capitalized on rebounds and deflections," Valenti explained. "All five goals were earned because we were very persistent near the goal."

The second half was evenly played, but the Eagles failed to do any catching up with the wind in their favor, thanks to some outstanding Wildcat defense.

"Our defense was real strong against the wind," Valenti said. "When Lakeland changed goalkeepers, it kind of slowed down our attack."

Senior goalie Erin Barry recorded her first high school shutout by turning back a dozen shots — but it was some heavy defense in front of her that limited the Eagles' chances.

Just one minute into the contest, junior Jennifer Crocker opened the scoring with an unassisted goal, scoring what would prove to be the game winner. Then freshman Julie Greywall made it 2-0 on an assist from another freshman, Bethany Ditzel, with 28 minutes left in the half.

Stephanie Groom scored the first of her two goals five minutes later on a feed from sophomore Nicole Parmley. And then Parmley scored on an unassisted play a few minutes later that made it 4-0. Groom ended the scoring with her second goal at the 15-minute mark on a pass from junior Tracie Elliott.

"The girls played better in a game situation than we expected," Valenti said. "It's given them an optimistic outlook on the rest of the season and a winning attitude."

The victory over Lakeland enabled the Wildcats to square their record at 1-1. They suffered a close 2-1 defeat to Dearborn Fordson on April 10 in the Wayne-Oakland League (formerly Expressway League) opener for both teams. The Tractors took advantage of several Wildcat mistakes to break a 1-1 halftime deadlock and score the winning goal in the second half.

"It was what you could call a game of mistakes," Valenti said. Fordson got on the scoreboard first with a goal 10 minutes into the game. The Wildcats gained the equalizer on an unassisted goal off a rebound by junior Tiffany O'Konny with 15 minutes left in the half. In the second half, Novi failed to convert on number of breakaways and even missed a penalty kick that would have put them into the lead before the Tractors tallied the winning goal at the 10 minute mark.

"We are really pleased with the win for Fordson," Valenti said. "We're young, and we got good production from the freshmen. That's something we didn't expect this early."



Novi's Jennifer Crocker eludes a Dearborn defender. Novi News/JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Mistakes costly to Novi nine

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

How can a team receive outstanding pitching and still give up eight runs?

Ask the Novi baseball team because that's exactly what happened to the Wildcats in a season-opening 8-4 loss to Ann Arbor Huron last Friday (April 11).

Senior hurler Ray Samolin baffled Huron for five innings, striking out nine batters and giving up just one earned run. But when the 6'9" pitcher was relieved in the sixth, his team still trailed 5-2. It isn't hard to figure out, though, considering the multitude of Novi mistakes, both mental and physical.

In the top of the first inning, Huron scored twice on just one hit. Two walks, two stolen bases and an error caused the bulk of the damage.

The Wildcats fought back to tie it in their half of the first with aid of only one hit. Paul Sprantits led off with a single and later scored on a fielder's choice while Greg Giorgio also scored without a hit.

In the third, another walk and an error enabled Huron to regain the lead 5-2. Again in the fifth inning, Ann Arbor benefitted from a third error and two hits off Samolin to make it 5-2.

"We had some mental mistakes," Wildcat Coach Ray Frantz admitted. "The errors ended up hurting us quite a bit. I think our guys played hard, but maybe they tried to do too much."

In the meantime, Novi's bats went silent and the team collected just one hit from the second through fifth innings. Steve Shankel belted a double in the third, but was later thrown out at the plate, the result of some sloppy base running.

Giorgio was tagged for four hits and three runs in the sixth after taking over for Samolin, but the Wildcats scored twice more in the bottom half to make it 8-4. Keith Motyka scored on a double by junior Chris Henderson, who later scored on a single by sophomore Dave Skown.

Giorgio struck out the side in the top of the seventh, but Novi could only manage a walk the rest of the way.

"We just didn't hit," Frantz admitted. "I felt bad afterwards because I didn't think we were mentally prepared for the game."

"I think this team can hit and I'm sure it will come around, but it was disappointing."

Samolin, despite suffering the loss, was very impressive and had everyone — including the Huron coach — raving.

"Ray was phenomenal," Frantz said. "Everyone was saying to me, 'Boy, that guy is tough.' And I was saying, 'I know.' Huron's coach knew Ray was virtually mowing them down so he started to bunt, steal and sacrifice a lot."

Skown and Henderson were both 1-for-2 with an RBI apiece, while Sprantits collected a hit and three walks to lead Novi. But Frantz says that it a typical outing for him.

Sophomore sparks Wildcat thinclads

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

When Bob Smith proclaimed "Track is Back" in Novi, he apparently meant it. The Wildcats opened the season in impressive fashion, already topping times and performances from all of last season.

The highlight of first week action was a second place team finish at the Milan Relays last Saturday (April 12). Two days earlier, Novi took Farmington Harrison to the ropes but came up just short on the scoreboard 75-61½, despite two key injuries.

Tim McBride, a middle distance threat and the Wildcats' top pole vaulter, severely sprained his ankle on a vaulting attempt against Harrison. He's now in a soft cast and will be out of action at least a week. And Craig Cowden, Novi's top two-miler, also was knocked out of action midway through Thursday's

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meet when an earlier basketball ankle injury flared up.

Heading into the final two events, the upstart Wildcats had the Hawks sweating bullets. Novi trailed by just one, 48½-47½, but then McBride went down with the injury.

"That was the meet," Smith said. "I really believe we could have won it if it wasn't for the injuries. When Tim (McBride) went down, we just ran out of steam."

In the sprint relays, the Wildcats surpassed Smith's expectations with firsts in both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays. Joel Finzel, Mike Jenkins, Larry McKillop and Tom Marcus teamed for the win in the 400 (1:48.82), while Steve Schneemann (replacing Finzel) teamed with the other three to win the 800 (1:43.31). Novi also placed second in both the 1600-meter and 3200-meter relays.

Perhaps the brightest note for Smith was the performance of sophomore Brian Schram, who had an outstanding meet by winning three events. Schram took first in the high jump, 100-meter high hurdles and 300-meter low hurdles. Schram cleared 5'10" to win the high jump, setting a new sophomore school record in the process. Another sophomore record breaker when Schram recorded a 16.98 in the high hurdles for the win. He then added a first in the lows with a time of 45.09.

The Wildcats performed very well in three of the remaining four field events as well. Finzel collected a win with a 19'3½" effort in the long jump, while Frantz Samson (38'") and Matt Stahr (121'") grabbed seconds in the shot put and discus respectively. But without McBride in the line-up, Novi had to settle for sixth in the pole vault.

Senior newcomer Mike Jenkins blazed a second in the 100-meter dash, edging Wildcat record-holder Marcus by two tenths of a second (11.6). Craig Cowden managed a second in the mile before dropping out of further competition, and Paul Sumner's win in the 400-meter (55.09) closed the gap but the injuries proved to be too much to overcome.

"It was really a good meet for us," Smith admitted. "On paper Harrison should have beat us by 30 points, but we rose to the occasion. I really don't need to look at the final score to see how well we did — there were some truly incredible individual performances."

At the Milan relays, the Wildcats deployed good depth to amass points and steal second place away from Kensington Valley Conference foe South Lyon. Seven teams participated in the relays with Pinckney winning the team championship.

Novi netters split opening matches

It may have been a quick turnaround. But it was a welcome change for Novi tennis coach Jim Newbold.

After dropping a one-sided 5-2 decision to Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton in the season opener on April 10, the Wildcats rebounded with a much more satisfying 6-1 trouncing of Pinckney the next day.

"It was a shakey start against Brighton, but we settled down and played better the next day," Newbold said. "It was something we really needed. Our guys looked good against Pinckney, and we needed that extra confidence."

The doubles pairings remain an area of concern for Newbold. And against Brighton, all three doubles teams fared poorly. The Wildcat doubles squads failed to win a single set, losing 37 of 48 total games.

Juniors David Cho and Ben Kripchak lost to the Bulldog's Todd Ammon and Rob Ketola 3-6, 1-6 at first doubles. Tom Wigley and Bill Benton, a pair of inexperienced sophomores, were whittled by Won Ho Kim and Scott McBride 1-6, 0-6 at second doubles. And Rob Dadds-Darrell Beyea fell to Joe Crayer-



Continued on 6 Mark Boksha is off to a fast start for the Wildcat tennis team. Novi News/JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Rec Briefs

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE: The second annual Spring Sports & Recreation Equipment Sale will be held at the Novi Community Building on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone who has sports equipment they no longer need may bring it to the sale. Novi Parks and Recreation retains 15 percent of the sales price. Equipment to be sold should be brought to the Community Building on Friday, April 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Late check-ins will be accepted Saturday from 8-9 a.m. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 349-1976.

PROVIDENCE/NOVI RUN: The sixth annual Providence/Novi Run will be held Sunday, April 27.

A one-mile Fun Run will begin at 1 p.m. The 3.1 and 6.2 mile runs will begin at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, April 23. Registration fees are \$5 for the Fun Run and \$6 for the 3.1 and 6.2 mile runs.

Late registrations will be accepted in the Novi High School Commons on the day of the race at 11:30 a.m. Race-day registration fees are \$5 for the Fun Run and \$8 for the 3.1 and 6.2 mile runs.

ADULT TENNIS LEAGUE: Novi Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for the 1986 Novi Adult Tennis League. Informational meetings will be held in Parks & Rec offices on Thursday, April 24. Men's singles will meet at 6:30 p.m., mixed doubles will meet at 7 p.m. and women's singles will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Planned this year are Men's A and B leagues. Women's A and B leagues and Mixed Doubles divisions. Registration fees are \$9 per person for singles and \$12 per team for mixed doubles. Call 349-1976 for more information.

NOVI'S YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE still has a few vacancies for the 1986 season. The league offers play for eight to 16 year olds in four different age divisions. Players must be eight years old by August 1, 1986, to be eligible for this season.

Registration fees are \$35 for 8-9 year olds, \$40 for 10-13 year olds and \$45 for 14-16 year olds. Families with three or more eligible youngsters pay a maximum rate of \$95.

For more information about the Novi Youth Baseball League's summer program is available from Player Agent Jean Flores at 348-7797.

Wildcats of the Week

Sophomore Brian Schram won three events in Novi's season-opener against Farmington Harrison and came back with a sophomore school record in the high jump two days later at the Milan Relays. Needless to say, it wasn't difficult to pick this week's "Wildcat of the Week."

Against Harrison, Schram won the high jump (5'10"), the 100-meter high hurdles (16.98) and the 300-meter low hurdles (45.09). At Milan, his 6'1" jump set a new Novi sophomore record and had everyone, including his coach, talking about the state finals.

"I'd say he's on track to qualify for the state finals," Coach Bob Smith said. "He has the potential to set all kinds of records before he's done here."



BRIAN SCHRAM

Red Heads ready to take on faculty

Got some extra money lying around? You can put it all on the All-American Red Heads to knock off a team of Novi High School coaches Friday, April 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Late check-ins will be accepted Saturday from 8-9 a.m. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 349-1976.

The Red Heads, a championship professional women's basketball team, will take on the high school faculty at 7 p.m. in a game sponsored by the Novi High School Athletic Boosters.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at prices of \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students. Tickets purchased at the door cost \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

Tickets may be ordered from Gerry Cody at 349-9577, Sandy Marchess at 349-6246 or Bob Gillick at 349-9967. Tickets also are available at Marcus Glass on Novi Road, just south of Grand River.

Featured players for the Red Heads are Karen Riggs, Shari Marshall, Tammy Bledsoe, JoAnn Boone, Kellie Horrell, Tammy Elkins and Maria Carroll.

Riggs fills the role of team comedian. She makes life unusual for referees and game officials, creating laugh-provoking situations for the fans at the expense of the referees.

Marshall is the Red Heads' scoring threat. A fancy dribbler and great ball handler, she is billed as the team's "shooting star" and has great quickness and jumping ability.

Bledsoe is a triple-threat forward from Tennessee. A strong defensive player, she can hit from long-range or on short jumpers.

Boone, a six-footer from West Virginia, played college basketball at the University of Charleston. She leads the Red Heads in rebounding as well as scoring with an average of 25 points per game.

Handling chores in the pivot will be Horrell, a 6'1" hook shot artist from Arkansas. She's a great foul shooter and has a fine outside jump shot.

Elkins hails from Kentucky and leads the Red Head offense from her point guard position. She directs the team's "wheel offense" in addition to directing the special formations and set offensive plays.

Rounding out the squad is Carroll, another Arkansas product. She is billed as the Red Heads' defensive ace.

Proceeds from the game will be used by the Athletic Boosters to purchase equipment for the Novi High School athletic program.



Shari Marshall is the Red Heads' jump shot artist.

Ladycats impressive in opener

The Milan Relays' last Saturday (April 12) was the first competitive outing for the Novi girls track squad this season... and Coach Chris Ceresa was pleased with what he saw.

"We did real well overall," he said. "We had a few disqualifications in our sprint relays, and that probably pulled our score down a bit, but it was a pretty positive meet for us."

The Wildcats placed fourth out of seven teams, but Ceresa is convinced the Wildcats could have finished as high as second if it hadn't been for a false start and a lane violation in the sprint medley relay.

"It wasn't a big deal, just a mental mistake," Ceresa said. "As the season progresses, we won't have any problems with those types of things."

It was the third Novi entry in the sprint relay (the one that wasn't disqualified) that placed first, giving the Wildcats the only win of the day. Patty Lenaghan ran the first leg of the relay followed by Carol Isham, Denal Ambrosio and Kristy Yodavics.

"The kids ran well," Ceresa said. "The sprints are a question mark area for us, but they proved at Milan that they'll do alright. It's just a matter of experience and familiarizing themselves with each other."

"I was hoping somebody could be up to 4'10" by the end of the season and here Tammy clears 4'9" in our first meet," he said. "It is one of our weakest areas, but Tammy is a great athlete and she will help us out there this season."

Novi's first dual meet will be tomorrow (Thursday) at Redford Union, and Ceresa is confident.

"I think we're ready," he admitted. "We'll find out right away where we stand and how much progress we've made. We still need help in the middle distance crew, but I think we'll do well against Union."

Michelle Smith, Andrea Dicola and Sheila Clark combined for a third place medal in the puddle jumper relay. Onofrey handled the 300-meter hurdles in the first leg, Smith the 750-meter run in the second, Picola the 800-meter run in the third and Clark anchored the team in the 400-meter dash.

Onofrey also surprised everybody by clearing 4'9" in the high jump — an area that really has Ceresa concerned.

"I was hoping somebody could be up to 4'10" by the end of the season and here Tammy clears 4'9" in our first meet," he said. "It is one of our weakest areas, but Tammy is a great athlete and she will help us out there this season."

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Softball coach Jim Tinsley is optimistic about the '86 season

Chelsea outslugs Novi softball nine

A lot of coaches wouldn't be very pleased to have to open the season against the defending Class B state champs.

But Novi softball coach Jim Tinsley doesn't look at it that way. "That's the way we want to start the season," stated the Wildcat mentor. "We want our players to see what a championship team looks like and what a championship team does. It was a great way for us to teach our team."

Unfortunately for the Novi players, they probably saw a little too much of the state champs as Chelsea dominated the out-matched Wildcats on April 12, winning both games of a doubleheader by a combined score of 15-0.

"No I wasn't disappointed at all," Tinsley said. "After all, they are the defending state Class B champs." On defense, it appeared the Wildcats may be able to stay with Chelsea. But when Novi went on offense, it was a mismatch between two different caliber teams. On the day, the Wildcats managed just one hit in 13 innings against Chelsea's outstanding pitchers. "Tough pitching did it to us,"

Tinsley admitted. "It was a heckuva way to try to start an offense against one of the top pitchers in the state." Senior Lynn Flavin started the opener for the Wildcats and looked sharp, giving up just three runs in the first five innings against the powerful Chelsea attack. But in the sixth Flavin started to tire, lost her concentration and was quickly tagged for seven runs, giving the home team a 10-0 mercy win.

"Lynn did a very good job until the sixth," Tinsley said. "She was keeping the ball down and was throwing strikes."

It was the same story in the nightcap, this time with sophomore Tracy Sobkow on the mound. In the fourth, with Chelsea clinging to a 2-0 lead, Sobkow lost her control and loaded the bases with no outs. Chelsea scored three more times that inning and cruised to the 5-0 win.

"Jill pitched pretty well, but she had one wild inning," Tinsley explained. Novi should have an easier time against Redford Union on Saturday (April 19) in a non-league doubleheader.

Softball clinic slated to help develop skills

Summer baseball and softball leagues are coming up quicker than you think, and three Novi organizations have joined forces to offer a clinic that should enhance the quality of play this year.

The Novi Youth Baseball League, Novi Community Education Department and Novi Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a Youth Baseball Clinic at Novi Middle School South on April 17.

The Youth Baseball Clinic is designed to teach youngsters the proper methods of pitching, batting, fielding, running bases and catching. All youngsters planning to play in spring or summer leagues are encouraged to participate.

To register for the Youth Baseball Clinic call Dolores Vedro at 348-1200 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 348-1976.

Wildcat netters split

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"I'd like to get Eric going," Newbold said. "He's got good strokes, but he's just not playing very well now. I know he'll get it together; I just hope it's soon." With doubts, we are still ex-

perimenting and the Dodds-Wigley team and the Cho-Beyea team seem to work pretty well together. I guess I'll have to keep them together for a while so they can learn to play together and get familiar with each other."

Trackin' the 'Cats

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Curt Peterson, horticulture specialist at Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension Service, suggests looking at the landscape as an extension of the home.

It includes public, private and utility areas and may include special use areas, such as a pet run, vegetable garden or volleyball court. Well thought-out landscaping can help define use areas, frame desirable views and screen unattractive vistas, as well as enhance the general appearance of the property.

The first step in planning the landscape is to make a scale drawing of the property with the major features clearly marked — walks, drives, buildings, utilities, shade trees, etc.

Then analyze your family's needs and wants and determine how the present landscape does or does not meet those needs throughout the year.

"The next question is, will plants do the job for you in the landscape?" Peterson says. "Perhaps a living snow fence of shrubs in the

proper place could redirect blowing snow for you. Establishing a utility area in a less prominent place in the yard and screening it with shrubs or a section of fence could improve the view at mealtime. And a fruitless, high quality shade tree could replace the mulberry.

Before you start looking at plants, however, you need to determine what limitations the planting site places on your choice. The growing conditions on a site — whether the spot is low and wet, hot and sunny in the summer, shady, exposed to the wind and sun in winter — will limit your choices of plants.

Other considerations in the planting site are the location of overhead and underground utilities, the need for an unobstructed view (of play areas for young children, for instance, or of the street and approaching traffic for drivers exiting the property), ease of maintenance, space available and proximity to the house and other structures.

By the time you've thought through these considerations, you can begin to consider types and families of plants and decide what ornamental characteristics are important to you. Mature size, shape, color of foliage, presence of foliage all year round, interesting bark texture or color, flowers, fruits and potential pest problems are among the traits to consider.

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Today, home canning is safe and easy, provided proper methods are followed.

The same holds true for freezing foods. The advent of convenient home equipment and containers has made freezing one of the most practical ways of preserving garden leftovers.

One of the best reference guides on home canning and freezing is provided by the Ball Corporation. The *Ball Blue Book* offers information to both the novice and experienced canner.

Planning guides, altitude charts, signs of spoilage, acid and low acid foods, special diets and recipes all are addressed in this inexpensive guide available at most grocery stores and produce markets.

Those looking for immediate disposal of their garden might consider renting space at one of the many farmers' markets in the area.

The Ann Arbor municipal market, open year-round, usually operates at capacity of 138 stalls. However, transients may rent space not occupied by regular stall holders by 7 a.m. from May 1 through December 31, the market is twice weekly on Wednesday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; from January through April 30 on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market is



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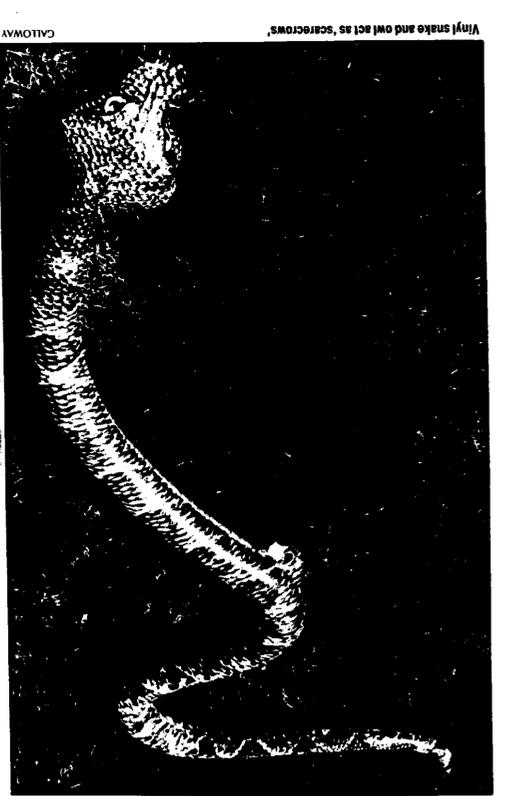
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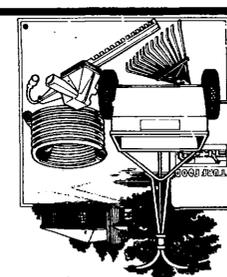
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When starting a garden... select varieties suitable for the climate zone and plant when the growing season will allow the plant enough time to mature.

When starting a garden, it's important to select varieties suitable for the climate zone and plant when the growing season will allow the plant enough time to mature. A horticulturist suggests several considerations for gardening in a limited space, limiting the number of plants or training plants to grow in confined areas all are possibilities when considering a mini garden.

Greg Patchan, a horticultural agent for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service in Oakland County, says a variety of fruits and vegetables can be grown in containers in very small areas. However, he notes the yield is likely to be less than bountiful.

To increase harvest size, Patchan suggests allotting the limited space to the most productive plants. "Watermelon, cantelope and pumpkins take a lot of room with their rampant vining," he notes. "When dealing with a limited size area, you have to eliminate certain things, leaving room for the more productive plants.

To maximize production in a limited area, Patchan recommends "double cropping," balancing warm and cool season crops. By planting far in advance, growers can time plant rotation to allow for as many as three harvests of vegetables from early spring to early fall.

A conceivable plan may include planting frost-tolerant spinach or peas in mid-April which would finish producing by the warm weather, Patchan notes. In May, tomatoes and eggplant, requiring a warm growing season, could be interplanted with the existing plants. Toward the end of summer, plants like leaf lettuce that prosper in cool weather and take less time to mature could be planted. With lettuce suitable to eat as soon as it turns green, a partial harvest could still be salvaged even if the season ended abruptly.

Even a small area, if never left vacant during a growing season, can produce quite a variety with a rotation plan. However, "the timing does not always turn out like you anticipate due to factors like the weather," Patchan warns.

Brian St. Ledger of Frank's Nursery in Farmington Hills notes that "containers frequently are used to grow vegetables in a small space."

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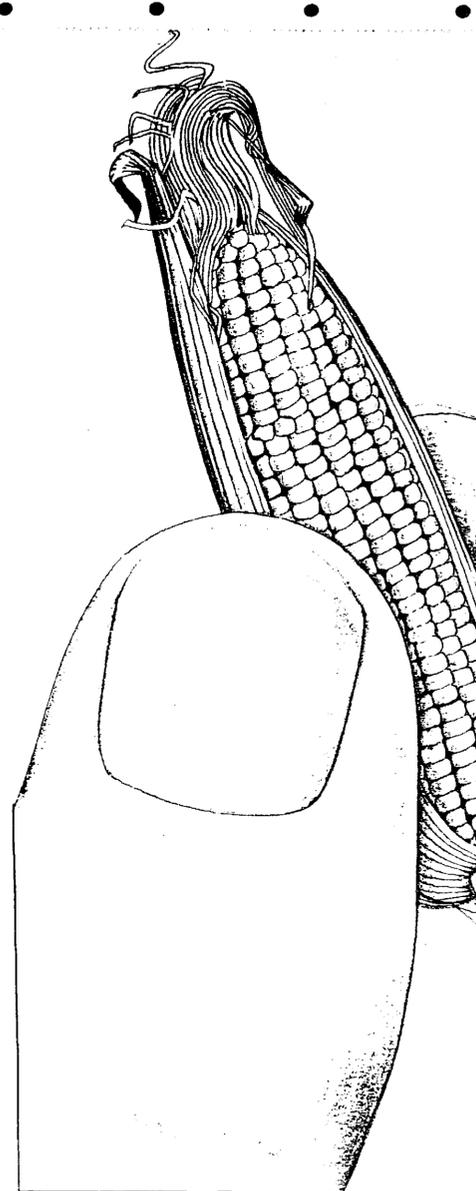
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Small spaces can produce good returns

By MAUREEN NASZRADI

Even if you only properly outdoors is as small as a second floor apartment terrace, with proper planning and a little know-how you can harvest vegetables from your own miniature vegetable garden.

Area horticulturists suggest several considerations for gardening in a limited space. Growing plants in containers, choosing plant varieties for size and required growing area, limiting the number of plants or training plants to grow in confined areas all are possibilities when considering a mini garden.

Greg Patchan, a horticultural agent for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service in Oakland County, says a variety of fruits and vegetables can be grown in containers in very small areas. However, he notes the yield is likely to be less than bountiful.

To increase harvest size, Patchan suggests allotting the limited space to the most productive plants. "Watermelon, cantelope and pumpkins take a lot of room with their rampant vining," he notes. "When dealing with a limited size area, you have to eliminate certain things, leaving room for the more productive plants.

To maximize production in a limited area, Patchan recommends "double cropping," balancing warm and cool season crops. By planting far in advance, growers can time plant rotation to allow for as many as three harvests of vegetables from early spring to early fall.

A conceivable plan may include planting frost-tolerant spinach or peas in mid-April which would finish producing by the warm weather, Patchan notes. In May, tomatoes and eggplant, requiring a warm growing season, could be interplanted with the existing plants. Toward the end of summer, plants like leaf lettuce that prosper in cool weather and take less time to mature could be planted. With lettuce suitable to eat as soon as it turns green, a partial harvest could still be salvaged even if the season ended abruptly.

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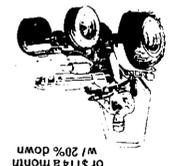
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Better tools make gardening easier

By MARILYN HERALD

It's better than plastic because the water can get through, but the weeds can't. If you can find it to be cut with scissors so that you can find it around shrubs, robin's songs and the blossoms of crocuses are already calling would-be gardeners into the outdoors with protected hands.

For those who haven't ventured into the garden for some time, there are some new and better tools, materials and gadgets to make all that general gardening easier. After all, eliminating weeds is generally the name of the game.

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creatures come with a tie down so that they can be easily fastened to a stake.

"Snakes and owls are natural enemies of many of the pests that attack your garden and these vinyl characters look quite real," New pointed out. "They were new last year but a lot of people are just finding out about them."

The pseudo owls and snakes cost \$4.99 each. New said tree and shrub fertilizer spikes, while not new this year, are very popular with customers because they make fertilization very simple.

At Aco Hardware stores, a new item that seems to be catching on is the Melnor combination sprinkler-timer. The timer allows a certain number of gallons of water to be sprinkled on lawn or garden and then shuts off automatically. It can also be used to fill watering troughs for animals by being set for so many gallons, according to Cara McCluskey of the South Lyon Aco store.

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Bedrooms are available to facilitate reading in bed and some have built-in reading lamps or bedside lamps. The key is to choose a fixture that complements the room's decor and provides the right amount of light.

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Restrooms aren't left out of the lighting revolution, either. Plug and cord fixtures are readily available, providing the same elegance as permanently installed lights.

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Community, grows 'together'

BY ANITA CRONE

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Switch on the lights to perk up your home

Lighting effects and fixtures can play a key decorative role. Shapes, colors and textures of home furnishings come alive when objects and surfaces are thoughtfully lighted. A handsome light fixture can be a decorative element in a room, but a room filled with beautiful furnishings, art objects or interesting architectural features may not fulfill its visual potential if poorly lighted.

Proper lighting can make a room come alive and show off decorating touches to their maximum potential because good lighting shows colors and textures of fabrics and furnishings. It also can establish a focal point — perhaps a fireplace, a flower arrangement or a particularly beautiful table; and can add sparkling glints to metals or highly polished woods.

Lighting an entire wall in a room can make the room seem larger, and the colors in the room can be enhanced, or dulled, by the choice of bulbs in fixtures and lamps.

Many homes have lighting and fixtures already in place. But that lighting was not necessarily designed to provide maximum efficiency or effectiveness. If remodeling rooms is on your agenda, it may be a good idea to consider redoing lighting as well.

In a kitchen, it is essential to provide illumination for the work being done. This is called task lighting. First, determine where a fixture can be installed to help provide task lighting — on the top or underside of wall cabinets; from the ceiling; or on a shelf or a wall.

The next step is to decide how much light is needed from each fixture. The amount of light

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Community, grows 'together'

BY ANITA CRONE

There's a serious growing concern taking place on Sheldon Road between five and six mile roads in Northville. It begins right about first, ultimately involving hundreds of people. And even though activity on the 90-acre parcel is increasing, no one wants to put a stop to the community garden on the site. In fact, more people want to get involved, so this year the recreation department is limiting gardeners to one 20-by-40 plot, rather than two or three as has been done in past years.

Community gardeners are nothing new. Northville's garden has been in place for more than seven years and flows anyone who makes a request to participate in the program, run by the recreation department.

The department tills the soil and plots out the acreage, but from then on, the gardeners are on their own.

Sheldon Road site for four years now, growing broccoli, cabbage, beans, three kinds of beans and the husband, Robert, use to grow produce. At their home, crops include pea pods and state where they rotate corn, wheat and soybeans.

"I've always been involved with gardening and when they made the garden available to us, it gave me more of a chance to grow more crops," Mrs. Welland says.

Gardeners are initially limited this year to just one plot, although Tack Johnson, recreation specialist who is in charge of the community garden, says there is a possibility that another if there is space available.

John Condon, an Allen Terrace resident, is looking forward to this year's garden. Last year he grew tomatoes, peppers, acorn squash, zucchini, beans, three kinds of beans and potatoes. "I don't think I'm going to be growing potatoes this year," he admits. "They take up an awful lot of space and they are an awful lot of work," he says.

While Condon says he doesn't get much of an opportunity to use all the produce he grows, he does make an effort to share with his neighbors. "I used to just bring in the crop and put in a table downstairs," he says. "But last year one of the women told me there were a couple ladies who would just wait until I came in and then take most of it. This year, I know who really needs it and I'll personally deliver to them."

The gardeners seem to appreciate the opportunity to return to the soil. Condon and a lot of people who come back to the community garden year after year.

"I just get a kick out of gardening here," Condon says. "I'm 55 and it gives me a chance to get out in the sun and do some work."

Condon admits growing his own vegetables isn't cheap. "When I first started in 1980, they cost almost \$1. But I don't work the garden every day. I do it because I enjoy it."

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Dallas firm withdraws convention center

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
 staff writer

Hopes of landing a prestigious multi-million-dollar exposition/trade center for the City of Novi have been dealt a severe blow by the Dallas Market Center's decision to back out of the project.

Center had projected the center would infuse the City of Novi's economy with close to \$87 million per year when the facility became fully operational.

"It's been really frustrating," said Gerald Abel, manager of the Novi Sheraton Oaks hotel. The hotel would have undergone an expansion to eight stories had convention center backers proceeded with their project.

"The Dallas Market Center people have decided to walk away because of two or three things," Abel said. "Number one, they were very upset about the letter that went out to the citizens of Novi (printed and distributed by the Novi Board of Education). I think they felt that after months of trying to show their credibility and what they could do they felt very frustrated."

The letter focused on the Dallas Market Center's request to establish a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) to pay just over \$4 million for the roads and water lines the convention center and neighboring property would require.

Under a TIFA, a portion of increased future property tax revenues are diverted to pay for public infrastructure improvements. School authorities in various Michigan locales have filed suits to challenge the constitutionality of TIFAs.

"The project was too tight for them to make it on private dollars alone," Abel said. "They felt more or less like they were fighting the local populace via the school board."

Abel said the Dallas Market Center, a "related entity" to the Trammell Crow Company, had invested "well into six digits" toward coordinating the project. Sheraton interests in the project also were substantial losses, Abel said.

Abel declared the Sheraton wants to hold onto the convention center prospect, since alternative development on the site would be substantially less beneficial to the hotel.

"We still feel committed to trying to make the project work," he said. "Now we have to stand back and find out what the community and the state can do."

Abel said he is negotiating with property owners neighboring the Sheraton to keep their property available should the convention center possibility resurface — possibly after Michigan courts have made a final ruling on the TIFA Act.

Numerous unsuccessful attempts were made yesterday morning to obtain a response from school officials, many of whom were at an awards luncheon in Lansing.

Mayoral issue added to ballot

Novi voters will decide this November whether they want to continue directly electing the mayor or whether they want to allow city council to appoint a council member to the position.

By a 5-2 vote Monday, council placed on this year's general election ballot exactly that question. The ballot question asks whether the city charter should be amended "so as to provide that on the Monday following each regular election, the city council shall elect from among its members by an affirmative vote of the majority of the council, the mayor and mayor pro tem, and that the mayor so appointed shall serve until the Monday following the next regular election."

The ballot proposal results from the recommendation of a citizen's committee appointed to study the city's charter measure which now provides for direct popular election of the city mayor.

The citizen's committee, after initially splitting 5-5 in vote, later voted 7-3 with one abstention in favor of recommending council place the question on the ballot.

Critics of the present direct-election system claim the general election of the mayor promotes the false belief he or she has more power than any other council member. In addition, the critics claim, it often forces a qualified council member out of office — as happened last November with Robert Schmidt's loss to Mayor Patricia Karevich.

Committee members who favored direct election said voters prefer to retain the mayor's direct accountability to the electorate and would not like to see the election moved into an arena "more remote from the people."

Voting in favor of placing the issue on the ballot were Council members Hugh Crawford, Nancy Covert, Martha Hoyer, Ronald Watson and Mayor Karevich. Voting no were Edward Leininger and Arien Schroeder. Schroeder said he favors direct election, and Leininger's "no" vote reflected his preference the ballot question be an advisory vote, not a mandatory proposition.



Tyke trio
 'I'm a little leopard, short and stout...' seems to be the dance tune that's got 5-year-old Corinne Gavasso, 4-year-old Kellie Schwagle and 5-year-old Katie Miller up in arms. The threesome were caught participating in a Novi Community Education dance class Monday afternoon.

City sets hearing on higher millage

Residents and other Novi taxpayers will get a chance on Monday, May 5 to state their views on the city administration's proposal to levy an additional .5543 millage rate (a 10 percent increase over last year) for its general fund for the 1987 fiscal year.

At a 7:30 p.m. hearing on that date, city officials will conduct a public hearing on a rate of 5.8969 mills, the highest property tax rate levied since 1979-80. A maximum of 6.5 mills is authorized by the city charter.

For a homeowner whose property has a state equalized value of \$30,000 this year and last year, the general fund property tax increase would amount to an additional \$27 per year (\$50,000 times 0.00053).

In addition to the general fund millage, a 0.087-mill increase (two percent over last year) is requested for Parks and Recreation purposes. The proposed rate of 0.5000 is the maximum authorized for the department.

Following the public hearing on the millage increases, the city will conduct a hearing on proposed use of \$92,538 in federal revenue sharing funds. The city proposes appropriating \$55,000 for purpose of a DPW dump truck, \$20,000 toward park equipment and \$17,538 for data processing.

Tollgate Farm — it's not for sale

By BRUCE J. MARTIN
 staff writer

Tollgate Farm, an important symbol of Novi's rural history, likely will be included in a major redevelopment plan being considered for nearly a square mile of land north of Twelve Oaks Mall.

But investors say the redevelopment plan will not include any changes in zoning or use of the farm grounds. In fact, one financial adviser has pointed out it may help save the farm.

When a group of developers approached city planners recently concerning a large-scale multiple-use development north of Twelve Oaks Mall, their preliminary maps raised eyebrows since they included the entire square mile of property bounded by Novi Road, Twelve Mile, Meadowbrook Road and Thirteen Mile. The largely undeveloped and environmentally sensitive area is often referred to as Section 11, a reference to surveyor maps.

The conceptual redevelopment maps showed roadways that edged onto the 160-acre Tollgate Farm located on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile. The Americana Foundation, an organization dedicated to preserving historic rural areas, controls the Tollgate Farm estate and had not been directly contacted about such a proposed encroachment.

"My understanding is that this group of property owners through Thompson Brown contacted our bank (Manufacturers Bank, trustee of the estate), and bank officials told them we'll look at anything," stressed attorney Gary Rentrop, chairperson of the Americana Foundation.

Rentrop said there are no plans to sell or redevelop any part of Tollgate Farm, but he added he could not rule out a different use for at least part of its acreage.

"It's our game plan to preserve an agricultural mode, but the expenses have been more than we had contemplated," he said. "It takes a lot of money to run a farm."

Rentrop said the foundation's budget (\$7 million in liquid assets) has been affected by legal challenges to the foundation's control of the property. The family of the farm's longtime owner, the late Adolph Meyer, recently filed suit against the Americana Foundation to recover at least part of the estate.

School sale funds studied

By MICHELE M. FECHT
 staff writer

The empty seats at the Novi Board of Education's public hearing last Thursday seemed to indicate that few — if any — residents are interested in the school district's disposition of nearly \$2 million in revenues from the sale of Old Novi Elementary.

The 7 p.m. hearing, which preceded the board's regular meeting, was scheduled to provide trustees and the administration with community feedback about the disposition of \$1.7 million from the sale of the district's oldest facility.

While the lack of public input could be interpreted as a vote of confidence in the board, some trustees voiced disappointment that they had not heard from any of the district's residents on the issue.

The sale of Old Novi Elementary April 11 brought to a close a more than 30-month option agreement on the 1.1-acre parcel considered by city officials to be a key to the development of the Town Center project.

School Superintendent Robert Pivko told the board last week the revenue from the sale of the building was placed in a 213-day certificate expected to net approximately \$2,675 in interest by November 10.

Since last January, the district has been looking at its facility needs. Among the top priority items have been a renovation/addition to Orchard Hills Elementary and the possible addition of another elementary school.

Clean-up week set

The week of Saturday, April 26, through Saturday, May 3, has been proclaimed "Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week" in the City of Novi by the Novi City Council.

According to the proclamation issued by council last Monday, "One of the chief purposes of Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week is to stress to all residents that clean-up is a year-round program in which continuous effort is required to attain a more beautiful city."

During the week of spring-up, organizations, individuals and businesses are urged to acquaint themselves with anti-litter laws and to contribute to making their property clean and attractively maintained.

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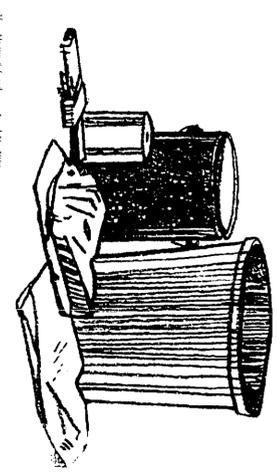
Before you rip and tear, seek an expert

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Homeowners beware. Before adding the last touch to your 1956 bathroom, replacing the light fixture, re-electrifying and attaching a green house off the kitchen, talk to a renovation expert.

Home renovation is tricky business. Most people looking to renovate merely want to improve their home to suit their changing needs. Others may be tired of staring at the same four walls and are looking to upgrade their existing structure.

Regardless of the reason, the first step when considering home renovation is to seek out an expert — an architect, interior designer or contractor. Home renovation projects are anything but simple, most homeowners are amateurs when it comes to the business of home renovation. It is important to get advice from a professional. Anthony Pucki, an architect in Brighton and



Ann Arbor, notes that a renovation professional can help steer the homeowner in the right direction.

"Usually people have been in the house awhile and know what they want to do," he says. "They just don't know how to go about doing it."

Pucki notes that it is a good idea to have an architect or interior designer check over the home or update a kitchen, a contractor or residential painter is the best bet. If you're restructuring interior space, you'd be advised to hire an interior designer.

In selecting a renovation pro, take a look at his or her portfolio. Ask to see some of the work something you like, ask who did the job and how long it took. For large scale projects, call the American Institute of Architects for a membership list.

Whether an architect, contractor or interior designer, check references or your local business directory. Ask for references from past clients. With contractors, make sure they're licensed (if it's required) and ask for proof of insurance and workers' compensation or property damage liability.

The role of thumb before hiring a renovation pro is to define what you want and how much you are willing to spend. "When we do a project, the first thing we tell the client is to evaluate their needs," says Milford architect John Stewart.

Among the items which experts consider are: Are the basic improvements already in place? When was the kitchen floor laid? How many people live in the home. Experts agree that homeowners should get at least a 100 percent return on their investment when it comes time to sell the house.

□ Adding or remodeling a bathroom. Adding a bathroom to a house is considered one of the best ways to increase a home's value. It can make often times selling a better than 100 percent return.

□ Installing a fireplace. Though they're energy wasters, fireplaces are popular. Homeowners can expect to recoup their initial investment in a fireplace.

□ Attaching a deck to a porch. Major additions often show a lower return than inside projects. However, a deck or porch will pay for itself.

□ Handling a skylight. A quality skylight with good glazing can be an excellent investment. Before making a return can be expected.

Before making a return can be expected. The value of homes in your neighborhood. Don't spend too much money improving the house that it becomes a lot more valuable than other houses on the block.

Quick contractors also should be a consideration. You may think you're saving money by hiring a contractor, but the quality of the construction will compromise the value of a project.

Stewart notes that while price and quality do not always go hand-in-hand, homeowners should be wary of saving money by buying cheap materials.

Basically, most people get into trouble

