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Wildcat hoop coach fired

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

John Cicchelli, coach of the Novi High School varsity boys basketball team, has been relieved of his coaching duties. The Novi News has learned, Cicchelli, who just finished his fifth season at the helm of the Wildcat varsity squad, was reportedly informed of the decision on March 22.

Novi School Board Member Robert Schram said the decision was made by High School Principal Robert Youngberg and Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian.

"It was definitely not a school board decision," Schram said. "It was my understanding that it was a decision between Dr. Youngberg and John Fundukian. There were numerous complaints from parents and I would think that had something to do with it."

Cicchelli, a Milford resident and teacher at Novi Middle School, has coached basketball in the Novi School District for the past 18 years. According to a high school coach at Novi who asked to remain anonymous, Cicchelli was asked to resign and was fired when he refused.

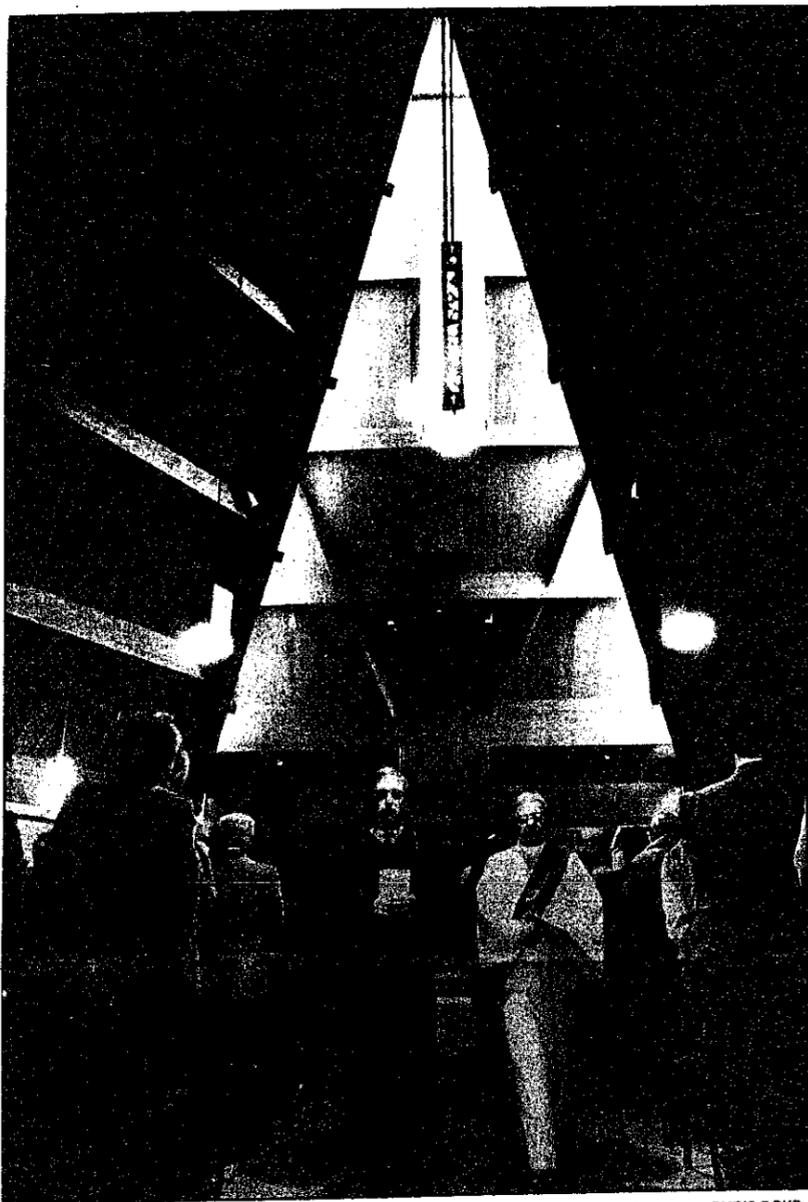
"(Cicchelli's) been relieved of his duties," said the coach. "He did not resign. From what I understand, parental heat brought it all about... you know, parents of players who were unhappy with the way their kids have been used in the games. The administration folded under the pressure."

Former Novi Athletic Director and current football coach John Osborne confirmed that Cicchelli had been relieved. Osborne played a key role in selecting Cicchelli as the head coach back in 1984.

"I don't know any of the details but I do know (the firing) happened," he said. "It's disappointing to me - I'm very sorry to see it happen."

Sources also indicated that the junior varsity and freshman boys basketball coaching positions at the

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Good Friday service

Christians throughout Novi took time last week to celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Participating in a special ecumenical Good Friday service (above) at the Holy Family Catholic Church were members of

the congregations of the Faith Community Presbyterian, Novi United Methodist, Spirit of Christ Lutheran, Meadowbrook Congregational, Holy Cross Episcopal and Holy Family churches.

School board returns from Orlando trip

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Seven members of the Novi School Board and two school administrators flew to Florida earlier this month to attend a school-related convention. All nine then went on a four-day cruise to the Bahamas after the convention.

The \$9,656 trip was not made public until school district parent Kathy Langham addressed the board during its March 23 meeting.

Langham told board members she had heard a rumor that the seven trustees, Superintendent Robert Piwko, Assistant Superintendent William Barr and all nine of their spouses had flown to Florida in the first week of March to attend the convention.

She requested details of the trip, including the cost and listed "benefits" to the district, indicating that perhaps such disclosure would "avoid the kind of situation with the city's the Chicago trip."

Board President Michael Meyer told Langham at the end of the meeting that he would provide answers to her questions at the April 6 meeting. In addition, Meyer wrote a letter dated March 27 to Langham addressing the issue.

Meyer told The News on Monday that the trustees attended the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) conference in Orlando. The cost for each official was \$1,072.96.

The conference lasted from March 3-6, after which the nine officials and their spouses set sail on a four-day Carnival Cruise to the Bahama Islands.

All expenses for the cruise, including those incurred by spouses

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□ School officials say conference was valuable educational experience/6A

New fiscal year budget unveiled

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall unveiled what was labeled a "cautious" budget Monday, as city officials brace for a downturn in growth during the 1989-90 fiscal year.

The general fund budget is currently proposed to come in at approximately 2 mills over the Truth in Taxation standard and does represent a tax increase when compared with the actual levy from last year.

The Parks and Recreation millage would also come in over that standard by a small amount (.04) mills.

Overall, Novi residents would be taxed at a rate of 11.3761 mills - down from 12.5491 mills last year.

That 11-mill figure may change as the city council works out the final details during budget deliberations over the next few weeks.

"We feel that we need to move in to 1989-90 with some trepidation," Kriewall said in presenting the preliminary budget. "The concerns that we share result partly from operational adjustments associated with expanded police and fire protection and the operation of a much larger municipal facility (the Novi Civic Center)."

Kriewall also gave a grim outlook for new construction in the upcoming year, due to a lack of sewer capacity and a lack of tenants for some of the major office and retail ventures currently planned.

"We've got some real concerns out there," Kriewall said. "Some of the commercial building activities we are seeing out there are just about over. We could be looking at a real drought."

"The only thing that remains pretty consistent is residential

Kriewall: 'The concerns that we share result partly from operational adjustments associated with expanded police and fire protection and the operation of a much larger municipal facility (the Novi Civic Center).'

(construction)," he added. Dim expectations about a potential break in the sewer shortage led city administration to cut by almost 30 percent the amount of money expected in new permit fees this year. (See related story.)

"The permit revenue in the building department is sagging dramatically at the present time,"

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Long-time Novi fire chief dies

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

Fred Loynes, who served as chief of the Novi Fire Department for 18 years, died Thursday, March 23, at the Farmington Nursing Home in Farmington Hills.

Loynes joined the fire department as a volunteer in 1943. He was appointed chief in 1955, a position he held until his retirement in 1973.

"Fred was an excellent fire-ground incident commander," said Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole, who as director of the Public Safety Department recommended that Loynes be named chief back in 1955.

"He was very calm and methodical," added BeGole. "If there was a large fire, he would size it up, issue the orders and make sure they were carried out. He was a very effective chief."

Duane Bell, a longtime member of the fire department who replaced Loynes as chief in 1973, also remembered Loynes as an effective chief.

"You couldn't ask for a better chief," said Bell. "He was very strict and very safety conscious; he had his men at heart."

"He taught you well. And if he ever gave you the dickens, you knew it was for your own good."

"He was one heckuva chief," added Bell. "He really know how to handle a fire."

Funeral services for Loynes were held Saturday, March 25, at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Pastor R. Dale Gross of the South Hill Baptist Church in Milford officiating.

Following the service, the funeral procession traveled to Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens where it was met by two fire trucks and an honor guard from the Novi Fire Department.

The son of Arthur and Gertrude (Beckley) Loynes, he was born July 13, 1915, in Pontiac and was 73 at the time of his death.

In addition to his 30 years with the Novi Fire Department, Loynes served as Director of Transportation, Buses and Maintenance with the Novi Community School District and as Voting Machine Custodian for the Township, Village and City of Novi.

City Clerk Geraldine Slipp said Loynes served as Voting Machine Custodian for 35 years until he retired from that position in 1985.

"Fred was the person who set up the first voting machine in the history of Novi," Slipp recalled.

Loynes also was employed by the Huron-Clinton Park Authority, working in the operations division at Kensington MetroPark.

He is survived by his wife, Frances (Sheffield), and seven children - Robert of Novi, Ronald of Florida, Linda Selman of Rochester, Jane Poynter of Westland, June Eckardt of Nevada, Joseph of Missouri and Tim of Walled Lake. Also surviving are five stepchildren - Eric Gow of Plymouth, Leighton Gow of Plymouth, Barry Gow of Florida, Frances Proffitt of Walled Lake and Ruth Lewicki of Livonia.

Nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.



Fred Loynes gets things ready for voters at a Sept. 1985 election

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Abrams to run for seat on board

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Only one person — Trustee Julie Abrams — has filed nominating petitions to run for the Novi Board of Education in the June 12 election with filing deadline less than two weeks away.

Two seats will be up for grabs in the annual board election in June.

The deadline for submitting nominating petitions, affidavits of identification and petitions bearing at least 20 signatures to the board office on Tall Road is Monday, April 10, at 4 p.m. Forms are available at school administrative offices.

The last day to formally withdraw from the race is April 13 at 4 p.m.

Abrams submitted her petitions Monday, after announcing at a recent board meeting her intention to seek election to one of the posts. Abrams was appointed by the board last fall to serve the remainder of the term of Sharon Pelchat, following Pelchat's resignation from the board.

Jean Daley, the other trustee whose seat will expire this year, has not yet decided whether she will be a candidate for re-election. Daley has been a school board member since 1976.

Although Abrams is the only person to have filed petitions thus far, several active school district parents have said they are planning to run for the school board.

Sally Marchak, Craig Foreback and John Streit said they are making preparations for the election. All three of them have run for the board previously.

According to an election handbook issued by the Michigan Association of School Boards, school district voters may sign a maximum of two candidates' petitions for this race.



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Prime time player

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall has a big grin on his face while a microphone is attached to his tie prior to the taping of a Tri-City Update program. The program about city managers will be

shown during the month of April on Channel 12, the community access branch of the MetroVision cable television system serving Novi.

Opinion on senior housing examined

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

A city subcommittee will research ballot question language over the next several months, with the hopes of asking Novi voters this November whether or not they would support city involvement in senior citizen housing.

The Senior Housing Needs Committee, which submitted a final report to the Novi City Council Monday, was asked to come back with "the numbers" for fall ballot questions. They would be advisory — seeking to get a feel for public opinion, and not a commitment of tax dollars, according to Mayor Matthew Quinn.

"My feeling is that we better have some numbers," Quinn said. "I would only feel comfortable if we had a range for a specific amount. We would have to have it well-defined before presenting it to the voters."

Quinn said voters could be looking at one or two advisory questions this fall.

The housing needs committee — made up of a group of local residents, Councilmen Edward Leininger and Joseph Tob and Parks and Recreation official Kathy Crawford — met 59 times over the last two years to come up with some recommendations on senior citizen housing.

The group has recommended changes to the Senior Citizen Housing (SCH) ordinance, commonly referred to as the "overlay" ordinance. That ordinance was repealed last year because current senior projects coming in were not meeting the intent of the senior housing ordinance.

The committee has also recommended three possible ways to finance improvements if the city decides to take an active role in funding or operating senior citizen housing units.

Option one recommends that the city obtain land, then turn it over to a developer for construction and management of a senior facility. The group recommended that the land be purchased with a general obligation

city bond or be acquired through donations or a trade.

Option two would involve the creation of a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA), a controversial procedure that captures the increases in valuation of a piece of property and applies it back to that property.

Schools districts usually oppose the TIFA measures because they remove property tax revenues from the school financing stream. Council members said a TIFA was an unlikely choice because of the potential controversy. TIFAs may also stand a chance of being eliminated from state law if a school financing package is agreed upon this year in the state legislature.

Option three would involve a direct millage to city taxpayers, which would be used to subsidize senior citizens who may no longer be able to afford their homes.

Leininger said another option, a bond issue to build and operate a senior citizen housing complex, may be presented to voters.

Council members said if a clear course of action is preferred in November, a binding financing question may be brought back later.

Crawford presented updated information on the status of what she termed a senior citizen housing "crisis" Monday.

"Right now, I have over 250 names of people," she said. "If I really put the word out, there is no doubt in my mind that we would have 500 to 600 people."

Projections compiled by the committee basically show that the number of senior citizens in Novi is expected to almost triple over the next 11 years, far outdistancing the construction of new, affordable units.

The presentation also noted that senior citizen incomes — some fixed, probably will have a tough time keeping up with the costs associated with Novi homes and property.

The Senior Housing Committee is also recommending that a review committee be formed to examine new development proposals.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Raising their voices

Members of the Novi Ministerial Association raise their voices in unison during a special ecumenical Good Friday service at the Holy Family Catholic Church last week. Several hundred packed the

church for the service. All the proceeds from the offering were donated to the Novi Emergency Food Program, a project sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

Sewer scarcity impacts building

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

Novi's lack of sewer capacity is beginning to pay harsh and unwanted dividends.

City officials, while laying out what they called a "cautious" 1989-90 budget Monday night, strongly hinted that building activity is likely to slide substantially this year if a quick resolution to the sewer issue isn't found.

"Our sewer scarcity problem is really starting to impact our new building revenues," said City Manager Edward Kriewall, breaking from prepared text in a statement to the council.

Novi has been in the throes of a state-imposed sewer tap moratorium since last year. That moratorium means new developments can't build the new extensions needed to allow taps.

Records from the month of February indicate that building department revenues are off substantially from this time last year. The city collected \$28,000 in new permit fees this year, compared with \$111,000 in Feb. 1988.

Kriewall's proposed budget has sharply cut the amount of expected revenue from permits in the 1989-90 fiscal year and delayed the addition of a new staff position within the building department.

"The permit revenue in the building department is sagging dramatically at the present time," Kriewall said. "Since this is our most volatile revenue source, we are pessimistic about the future of these funds."

About \$300,000 in building permit revenue is expected for FY 1989-90. About \$500,000 in such revenue was estimated in the current budget. So far, \$256,000 has been collected.

Approximately \$680,000 in building permit revenues were collected in the 1987-88 fiscal year as the city continued rapid commercial and residential expansion.

Kriewall said a meeting is planned with officials from Gov. James Blanchard's office next month in an attempt to work out an interim sewer capacity solution for the city.

City officials had advanced under the assumption that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would relieve its sewer tap ban when plans for the Super Sewer project were finalized.

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Equipment worth \$2,000 stolen from building site

Earth-moving equipment valued at more than \$2,000 was stolen from a construction site on the east side of Novi, south of Ten Mile, over the March 18-20 weekend.

An employee of the Lawrence M. Clarke Company of Ypsilanti reported that unknown individuals removed the bucket scoops from two heavy construction backhoes left at the construction site.

The employee said each scoop weighed several hundred pounds, and it would have taken several men a pile a truck to remove them from the site.

Stolen were 24-inch bucket scoops from two Case backhoes valued at a total of \$1,740. Also stolen were four Case holding pins valued at \$100 apiece.

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS broke into four stores in the Pine Ridge Plaza at the Ten Mile/Novi Road intersection during the night of March 19-20. The break-in was discovered by the owner of the Slender You salon when he arrived for work on Monday, March 20, at 6:30 a.m.

Investigating officers said the responsible parties apparently gained entry through an unfinished unit which had been left unlocked. After gaining entry to the unoccupied store, the thieves managed to break into the other stores by kicking large holes through the drywall.

In addition to Slender You, the thieves also broke into Creative Im-

I-696 to be completed this year, says MDOT official

A spokesman with the Michigan Department of Transportation has promised that the "missing link" — the I-696 connection between I-275 and I-75 — will be completed this year.

"It's been under construction at least 20 years," said Gloria Jeff, assistant deputy director of MDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning. Jeff said the project is one of many being done this year in Oakland County where MDOT plans to spend 35 percent of its \$280 million improvement and expansion budget.

Two projects are going on at once. The Southfield Farmington Hills segment from Telegraph Road to I-275 in Novi is being widened to four lanes in each direction. And an unfinished portion through eastern Southfield and Royal Oak is being constructed.

When I-696 opens, "the two-lane bottleneck" will have been widened to four lanes each way and there will be interchanges near Drake Road and near Inkster Road, said Jeff.

"The interchanges are contingent on the widening of Twelve Mile," she added. If Oakland County and the communities along Twelve Mile fail to make that commitment, to widen Twelve Mile, she said, the interchanges will not be constructed.

"Otherwise, we're just moving congested traffic on congested traffic."

Jeff said a study of the proposed Haggerty Road corridor (from the I-275 and I-696 interchanges up to

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age, Country Cleaners and Tubby's Submarines as well as another unoccupied store in the shopping center.

A total of \$195 was removed from a cash register in one of the stores, while \$100 was removed from another store. The owners of the other two stores entered by the intruders reported that nothing had been stolen.

THIEVES BROKE into an unoccupied residence on Novi Road sometime on Friday, March 24, between 7 and 10:45 p.m.

The responsible party gained entry by prying open a back door. Pry marks also were found on the front door, according to reports.

One inside, the thieves broke a towel rack off the wall and damaged the showerhead in the bathroom. In addition, they torn wallpaper off the walls of an upstairs bedroom and left it in the living room.

The owners said nothing appeared to have been stolen from the home which was under renovation.

A RESIDENT on Pierre in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park reported that thieves broke into his home while he was away during the night of March 20-21.

A VIDEOCASSETTE player was reported stolen from a conference

room of the Network Direct Company at 4300 Nine Mile.

The complainant said the videocassette player was removed from the top of a large screen television set in the room sometime between 5:30 p.m. on March 17 and 12:30 p.m. on March 20.

The Sony videocassette player was valued at \$350.

A FARMINGTON WOMAN reported that her purse and wallet were stolen from a locker while she was working out at the Vic Tanny's Health Club in the Novi Town Center on Wednesday, March 22.

The woman said she placed her purse and gym bag in a locker and then secured it with a combination lock before leaving to work out at 10:15 a.m. When she returned 30 minutes later, she discovered the lock had been removed and her purse had been stolen.

The grey alligator purse was valued at \$200, while the leather wallet was valued at \$20. Stolen along with the wallet were \$60 in cash as well as house and car keys, credit cards, a check book and various pieces of personal identification.

THE PERFUMARIA STORE in the Novi Town Center was victimized by shoplifters on Tuesday, March 21.

Clerks told police that a man and a woman entered the store together at approximately 7:15 p.m. The woman moved to the rear of the store and

began looking at displays in an apparent attempt to distract the clerks' attention.

The man, meanwhile, unscrewed the glass plate from a display case at the front of the store, picked up six bottles of perfume and fled out the front door, according to reports.

The man was described as a black male in his mid-30s, approximately 5'6" tall and wearing a brown wool coat. The female suspect was described as a black female in her mid-30s, approximately 5'9" tall and wearing a brown dress, hat and black coat.

A NOVI HIGH SCHOOL student reported the theft of \$10 in cash from her high school locker on Thursday, March 23.

The student said the money was taken sometime between 10 and 10:25 a.m.

ELECTRIC CABLE valued at approximately \$2,890 was stolen from a construction site on Roma Ridge during the night of March 20-21.

An employee with the Corby Energy Company of Fraser told police that unknown individuals removed \$1,800 worth of primary cable and \$1,000 worth of secondary cable along with a box used to store the cable valued at \$30.

A WALLED LAKE woman reported that her 1986 Chevrolet Z-24 was stolen from the parking lot in front of

the K mart store in the West Oaks I shopping center on Sunday, March 19.

The woman said she parked the car at 2:30 p.m. to go shopping and discovered it missing when she returned at 4 p.m. The car also contained a London Fog trench coat valued at an additional \$200.

THIEVES BROKE into a 1973 Chevrolet Nova owned by a resident on Pondview in the Crosswinds West Condominiums and stole \$80 worth of personal property on Friday, March 24.

The man said he parked the car outside his home shortly after midnight and returned at 1 p.m. to find that unknown individuals had stolen a Seiko watch valued at \$60 and a gym bag filled with clothing valued at \$20 from the vehicle. The man said the car had been left unlocked.

VANDALS DAMAGED four vehicles parked outside shopping centers in the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook Road on Monday, March 20.

A black pickup was found on three vehicles in the Peachtree Plaza at 2425 Meadowbrook Road and a fourth vehicle in the Novi Plaza at 41491 West Ten Mile. All four incidents were reported between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Police said the black liquid appeared to be either ink or paint and was still wet when discovered by the owners of the vehicles.

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Novi Briefs

From the Wall Street Journal: Be on the lookout for an article in this Friday's (March 31) edition of The Wall Street Journal. According to the article, the Novi Community School District is one of the best districts in the country.

According to School Board President Michael Meyer, the article will rate districts across the country according to various criteria compiled by The Journal. The extent of school officials' sketchy info. and even The Journal, based in New York, said they wouldn't comment on it.

'50s Festival activities: The Novi-based Michigan '50s Festival Committee is planning another festival this year.

Activities will begin with a "Pre-Festival Sock Hop" at the Plymouth Hilton this Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. Live music will be provided by the Larados, a "Six-type band, and there will be contests with prizes donated by Novi merchants.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12.50 at the door. A cash bar will be available, and all proceeds will benefit the Michigan '50s Festival. For ticket information call 949-3988.

And why is the Sock Hop being held in Plymouth? All the Novi hotels are booked solid, according to inside information.

Kindergarten roundup: Novi elementary schools are encouraging parents of children who will be five by Dec. 1, 1989, to enroll their child in 1989-90 kindergarten classes.

Parents may register children Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They must bring copies of the child's birth certificates with them.

In addition, Kindergarten Readiness Testing will be conducted during the week of April 3.

A Kindergarten Parents Night for Novi Woods parents will be held at 7 p.m. Orchard Hills and Village Oaks parents will meet May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact the elementary school in your area.

Providence blood drive: The Providence Hospital Novi will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Providence/Novi Center is located on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Haggerty Road intersection.

Donors are encouraged to pre-schedule appointments by calling Site Coordinator Joan Boesler at 471-4413.

About those Novi phonebooks: The "Novi Only" phonebooks were distributed to subscribers of the Novi News last week. A project of the Novi Jaycees with assistance from the Novi News, we think the phonebooks will prove to be an invaluable resource for Novi residents.

But we're also the first to admit they're not perfect. Seems like some residents, particularly those with mailing addresses other than Novi (Northville and Walled Lake, for example) were excluded.

Colleen Gorman, vice president of community development for the Jaycees, is urging people who were left out of the book to mail their name, address and phone number to the Jaycees at Post Office Box 249, Novi, MI 48050 to insure their placement in the next phonebook.

Attention medical personnel: Police Chief Lee BeGole is looking for volunteers to serve on the city's Disaster Control Team.

Dr. Mav Sanghvi is chief medical officer for the disaster control team, but BeGole said additional volunteers are needed to assist during emergency situations. The disaster control team assists the Novi police and fire departments on an on-call basis. The team's most notable involvement over the last two years came during the Chateau Estates tornado in 1987.

"We need people with all types of medical backgrounds that we can call on in emergency situations," said BeGole. "Doctors, nurses — anyone with training that could be useful during an emergency."

Anyone who can help is asked to call BeGole at Novi police headquarters, 348-7100.

All-night senior party: Plans are under way for the second annual All-Night Seniors Graduation Party at Novi High School.

The committee still needs volunteers — parents of both juniors and seniors. Also needed are contributions and prizes or cash donations. Cash donations are tax deductible through the Novi Education Foundation.

Anyone who would like to help may contact Kathy Kasen at 349-5712.

Tickets for the event have been priced at \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Mary Kotrych at 624-4663.

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Ice shanty policy to be studied

The cities of Walled Lake and Novi are working together on a proposal to control ice shanties on Walled Lake, according to Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn.

Quinn said this week that Novi has requested copies of ordinances and any ordinance revisions Walled Lake may be working on the next several months, in an effort to get a unified shanty policy in place by next year.

Quinn met briefly with Walled Lake City Manager J. Michael Doran recently to discuss the issue.

"(City Attorney) Dave Fried is looking at the various options that might be available... and we (Walled Lake and Novi) have agreed to work together," Quinn said. "By the time of the next freeze, we should have in place some ordinance language applicable to the entire lake."

Most of the ice shanty problem occurs during drastic thaws or late in the winter, when the shanties sink through the ice. Residents have complained about mail-ridden boards and sections of ice shanties washing up on the shores of Walled Lake during the summer. The partially submerged ice fishing shanties can also cause a serious hazard to boaters and skiers, since some remain submerged just inches below the water level.

A newly-formed citizens group, the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA), has been lobbying both Walled Lake and Novi for changes in their ice shanty regulations.

Shanty regulations fall somewhere in between three major levels of government.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) currently requires that shanties be marked with names, addresses and phone numbers on all four sides, although they rarely have personnel available for any substantial enforcement. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department does police

enforcement on lakes, but does little with ice shanties due to a lack of staffing.

Some cities also have enacted their own requirements, although it's currently unclear how much the local units of government can do to restrict ice fishers from placing the shanties on lakes.

That's the question Fried is currently studying. His recommendations are expected to come up for consideration at an Ordinance Review Committee meeting next month.

Walled Lake currently has an ice shanty licensing program in place, and does send its police department (DPW) onto the lake occasionally to "red tag" or remove shanties, according to Walled Lake Police Sgt. Roger Cote.

Novi has traditionally not done this, due to shortages in police manpower and safety concerns. Several years ago, a police car broke through the ice on Walled Lake.

"The administration has historically taken the stance that since the police department didn't previously have the manpower... and because of some other concerns about safety and the weight of DPW equipment," that city has not taken an active role in removing the shanties, Quinn said.

Cote said the Walled Lake regulations have worked well, but that some degree of "re-education" is necessary every year.

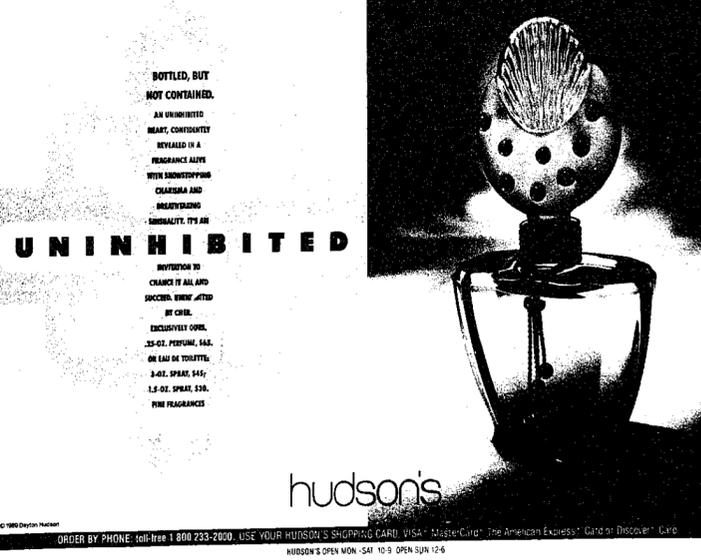
"People just forget, or don't know about it, so we have to keep reminding them what to do," Cote said.

Walled Lake's requirements call for ice fishers to get a sticker to affix to their shanty door. The stickers can be obtained at the city hall. Unlicensed shanties are tagged, and if no response is logged, the shanties can be removed at owner expense.

The food items being discussed would include prepared foodstuffs that would generally be purchased at a site but consumed elsewhere. That list would include ice cream, frozen yogurts, sandwiches, hot dogs, beverages, nuts, bakery products, etc. It may be expanded to include other types of products, such as baked hams, ethnic or exotic foods, pizza, chicken or other types of fowl.

No information was available on when the new committee would meet or when it would be ready to send a proposal back to the city council for consideration.

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Board says trip was an asset

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Novi school board members and administrators who attended a national school conference in Florida in early March say that continuing education is an asset to the board and the district.

All seven board members and two administrators — Superintendent Robert Plwko and Assistant Superintendent William Barr — attended the American Association of School Administrators conference in Orlando on March 3-6.

The annual conference was attended by 20,000 school officials representing 5,000 school districts from across the country.

According to Trustee Robert Schram, the four-day event was filled with about 175 various lectures, discussions and workshops. The officials set their own agendas, attending whichever sessions appealed to them individually, he said.

One of the speakers was New York Yankees baseball team owner George Steinbrenner, who turned out to be a better speaker than most expected, said Schram.

"I think he was the topic of conversation," said Plwko, who said Stein-

brenner — most colorfully known for the repeated hiring and firing of Yankees' manager Billy Martin — spoke of motivation and goal setting for students.

Plwko added that the theme of Steinbrenner's lecture concerned how students look up to sports heroes, and that those sports figures should act like heroes, staying away from drugs and other criminal activity.

"We all saw a George Steinbrenner no one knew existed," said Schram.

As indicated in an informal report on the conference distributed to board members, Schram attended a session titled "What Should Students Learn in School? Making the Hard Decisions," a parent-involvement workshop and a session on the Carnegie Council's Task Force on Education of Young Adolescents.

Schram also heard a speaker discuss methods of evaluating teachers and principals, including the application of a performance rating scale and appraisal process.

Schram also noted that of interest to him was a panel discussion emphasizing the need for an AIDS policy in every school district.

Trustee Sandra Thornton also submitted an unrequired report to the board on her impression of the ses-

sions she attended in Orlando. She also found Steinbrenner's speech motivating, and wrote that he had a unique view of education in America.

Thornton, who has appeared to be concerned greatly with communication during her first year on the board, attended a communication discussion titled "Effective Communication — The Direct Route to Rally Public Confidence and Support."

She also attended a curriculum priority and curriculum audit session, in addition to a "Positive Parent Relationship" talk.

Thornton responded to the latter by writing that "College prepares teachers to communicate with their students, not parents," and suggested that a program of similar nature be considered for future inservice.

Conferees such as this one, said Plwko, encourage growth and development among officials and sharpen their skills in the educational arena. He said officials have brought back many valuable ideas from past conferences.

Such ideas include teacher involvement in developing curriculum, said Plwko. Board President Michael

Meyer listed a number of district programs that were implemented as a result of conference attendance, including:

- Novi Education Foundation
- Administrative evaluations
- AIDS instruction
- Computer technology
- Faculty design and enhancement

Novi officials said they also benefited at the AASA conference from an exhibit of over 250 vendors who showed examples of educational products and services, including furniture. The opportunity to "shop" the competition regarding furniture was important for the Novi officials, said Meyer, in light of the fact that the district will have to furnish a new elementary school this year.

Board members got a direct look at various brands of furniture, storage facilities, media center supplies, gym equipment, desks and buses, he said.

Meyer stated that it is the district's policy to encourage attendance at state and national conferences, as they provide opportunities for board members to interact and learn from their colleagues from around the country.

Board takes school-related trip

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during the conference, were not paid by the school district, he said.

It is the district's policy to "encourage" attendance at this type of conference, added Meyer, citing that trips of this nature have been standard during the nine years he has been a board member.

Meyer also said that while Langham "had a point" in her questioning and that "tax payers should know" such information, formal public disclosure of these trips has never been a part of the district's policy.

Nothing about the trip was mentioned at any of the meetings before the trip. There was also no mention of the trip at the board's first meeting following the trip on March 16.

Referring to fellow board members, Plwko and Barr as "family," Meyer said, "How much do you reveal about family?" He added that part of the reason for a no-disclosure attitude is "to avoid a misunderstanding by those partially informed."

Calling the trip an "in-service activity," Meyer said, "It wasn't meant to be a surprise. It's expected of us."

Neither Plwko nor Meyer could remember the last time all board

members were able to attend such a conference. But Trustee Robert Schram stated Monday that some trustees and/or administrators attended either the AASA or National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference every year.

Meyer quoted from the board's policy, which says trustees shall be limited to only one state and national convention, conference or seminar per school year.

The break down of costs per person for the Orlando trip, according to figures released by Meyer, were as follows:

- Air fare — \$388
- Hotel room (\$89.74 each night) — \$374.96
- Meals (\$35 per day allowance) — \$140
- Conference registration — \$250
- Parking and transportation — \$40

Schram said that although the conference's name lends the notion that only school administrators attended, that is not the case. Of the 20,000 school officials attending, about 80 percent were school administrators and approximately 20 percent were school board members, Schram estimated. About 5,000 school districts were represented across the

nation. The conference consisted of four days of lectures, workshops and round-table discussions, of which there were 175 to attend. Board members set their own agendas, attending sessions that appealed to them individually. (See related story.)

Board members decided to attend the AASA conference this year, said Meyer, because board members consider it more professional and relevant to Novi's district than the NSBA conference.

Also at the conference were a slew of vendors showing examples of school furniture, which Novi officials thought important to see as they will be furnishing the new elementary school this year.

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That would amount to \$1,560, said Meyer. He said the district would rather send officials to conferences for continuing education instead of paying them throughout the year.

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Obituaries

KENNETH COOK

Kenneth Beal Cook, a former Novi resident, died March 23 at his home in Traverse City. He was president of the K. B. Cook Company.

The son of Joseph and Annie (Beal) Cook, he was born in Brighton on July 22, 1914, and was 74 at the time of his death.

A funeral service was held at St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake on Tuesday, March 28.

A longtime Novi resident, Mr. Cook formerly owned the property now occupied by the West Oaks shopping centers. His children attended Northville High School.

Mr. Cook is survived by his wife, Ruth, and four children — Kenneth of Board members got a direct look at various brands of furniture, storage facilities, media center supplies, gym equipment, desks and buses, he said.

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Meeting Mr. Bunny

Two-year-old Gene Foley was all excited when he had an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny — up close and personal — during the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Novi Jaycees in conjunction with the Novi Parks and Recreation

Department last week. An estimated 1,000 youngsters and an equal number of parents, grandparents and friends participated in the hunts which were held at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday.

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Kriewall unveils budget steeped in uncertainty

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Kriewall said, "Since this is our most pessimistic about the future of these funds."

Utility expenses of the new Civic Center, which was opened in Dec. 1987, represent an increase of about 80 percent over the former city offices in the Novi library.

"The adjustment there is pretty dramatic," Kriewall said. "The space we were operating in at the library was about one-third of the space we are using here."

Support personnel for the addition of new police and firefighters also caused a drain on the budget last year, Kriewall said.

Kriewall's proposed budget — \$8.4 million — calls for a millage rollback

of 1.1730 mills, meaning that the average Novi homeowner would have to pay a millage rate of 11.3761 mills last year, although it still represents a tax increase under the Truth in Taxation standard.

The proposed general fund tax rate — 5.0358 mills — is down from 5.2325 mills last year, although it still represents a tax increase under the Truth in Taxation standard.

Truth in Taxation allows communities to retain revenues from past growth, but requires them to identify actual taxes levied in the previous year and roll back the millage rate to collect the same amount of taxes in the upcoming year. This is designed to help offset the situation that occurs

when assessments increase and millage rates either stay the same or increase.

The proposed Novi budget would require Truth in Taxation public hearings, since both the general fund and the parks and recreation budget came in slightly higher than Truth in Taxation standards.

The council must approve the tax increases with a special resolution as well.

The budget will be studied by council members over the next few weeks. A public hearing will be held, then the budget will be adopted in time for the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

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A look at city millages

Here's a look at some early highlights in the proposed 1989 city budget unveiled Monday in council chambers:

□ The city tax base has expanded by \$152 million from the previous year, pushing the overall state equalized valuation (SEV) to nearly one-billion dollars (\$933 million).

About \$77 million of that increase is due to new construction. Another \$75 million is due to market value changes of current properties (increases in assessments).

The total SEV expansion is up about 19 percent. Last year, SEV increased 22 percent.

□ The proposed millage rate of 11.3761 mills would be divided up as follows — 5.0358 mills for the general fund, 7.640 mills for the municipal street fund, 1.211 mills for the police and fire fund, 4.220 mills for the parks and recreation fund, 7.640 mills for the drain revenue fund, and 2.107 mills for the library fund.

Another millage is levied for debt retirement — .558 for the street debt fund, .3314 for library completion, .2237 for police building debt fund, .1640 for fire capital debt fund, .8631 for Civic Center debt fund, .5520 for drain debt fund.

The proposed millage rate may change slightly in the next few weeks as the budget is analyzed by the council and changes are made.

□ New personnel would be added in several departments. The police department would add three more patrol officers, funded entirely by the police and fire millage, which voters approved in 1987.

General administration would receive a new personnel technician position. The new person would provide secretarial services to the assistant city manager, backup functions in purchasing, and general personnel support functions. This would replace the purchasing director's position, which was expanded into a full-time function last year. The new position would be added at mid-year.

The building department would bring commercial plan review in-house. This function is currently performed by the state, and the position is expected to pay for itself with review fees. It would be added at mid-year.

Clerk/typists would be added to both the City Clerk's office and in the Water and Sewer Department.

□ Building and grounds of the Civic Center would be improved, with the addition of an audio-visual system in the city council chambers, a computerized sign for the building and grounds funds for demolition of the old fire hall on Novi Road and demolition of the recently-acquired Aladdin facility on Novi Road.

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'Worker of the Year' Mail delivery's a tough job

By KARIN SWAN
special writer

If you think you get a lot of mail, consider Donna Morgan.

Morgan estimates that she sorts through approximately eight feet of mail every day.

Of course, Morgan works as a carrier with the Novi Post Office. And when she says she sorts through eight feet of mail on a daily basis, it's all part of the job.

Morgan was honored recently as "Postal Worker of the Year" by the Novi Rotary Club in conjunction with a new program to honor public employees.

Morgan and her family have lived in Novi for the past 17 years. She has worked with the U.S. Post Office in Novi for 12 years, beginning her career as a rural route carrier before Novi grew to have city delivery.

Her route as a letter carrier includes the Turtle Creek and Whispering Meadows subdivisions. The two subdivisions in the southeast section of the city had approximately five homes when she started. Today, there are approximately 588 residents on her route.

Morgan noted that the daily routine at the post office begins at 4 a.m. when the clerks arrive to begin sorting the mail by route. Morgan arrives at 7 a.m. and sorts the mail on

her specific route by address.

"It's hard when you're new to it, but it soon becomes repetitious," she said. "The sheer volume of mail is overwhelming, and there's more of it all the time. I usually sort through eight feet of mail every day."

What's more, the "eight feet" includes only letters. It does not include bulk mail or packages.

One of the things Morgan enjoys about her job is the opportunity to get out of the post office and onto the route.

"The carriers look forward to getting out every day," she said. "I like the variation. Being able to get out in the elements makes it nice. It really does. Our Jeeps don't have four-wheel drive or air-conditioning. It's cold in the winter and hot in the summer."

"But I can only remember one day when they wouldn't let us drive because of bad weather."

On the negative side of the ledger, Morgan said the growth in Novi and the increase in the amount of bulk mail has placed a real burden on postal workers.

"Understanding is our biggest problem," she said. "Customer service is not on the top of the list any more; moving the mail has become the top priority."

"The routes keep growing and growing," she continued. "We keep

getting more help, we keep getting more route cuts. My route has been cut twice.

"If you're fast, you get more work to do. There's always more work to do. You can't keep it up; you've got to pace yourself. There's nothing else you can do."

One of Morgan's occasional duties is to train new employees. After passing a civil service exam, an employee chooses between three office locations, including rural and city postal routes.

Morgan said she starts an employee out sorting bulk mail. She also rides with new carriers on their routes.

"You learn to catch your mistakes," she said. "Mis-deliveries are a fact of life — they happen to everyone."

"Fortunately, the people on my route are very understanding."

Despite the ever-growing workload, Morgan credited her co-workers at the Novi post office for keeping things moving efficiently.

"There's not a lot of time for socializing," she said. "There's always work to do. It's a group effort. Everybody knows what they have to do, and they do it."

"We all do what has to be done to make sure the mail gets delivered every day."



Donna Morgan has been named Novi's 'Postal Carrier of the Year' Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Tax forms allow for charity

Novi residents can contribute to the fight against child abuse when they fill out their Michigan State Income Tax Forms this year.

Residents can donate to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) by checking Line 24 on the state income tax form. All funds will be earmarked for programs aimed at preventing child abuse.

Since it first appeared on the 1982 forms, the Children's Trust Fund has funded 133 programs across the state to prevent child abuse.

This year in Oakland County CTF dollars will fund

several agencies — the Association for Retarded Citizens, Common Ground and the Judson Center for parenting programs. CTF is also funding the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County.

Half the money received from the CTF check-off is used to fund these programs. The other half goes into a trust which will become self-perpetuating when the amount reaches \$20 million.

Child abuse is a program that may occur in any family, social, economic or ethnic group. Many cases go unreported because of lack of awareness of the problem.

Church Notes

Meadowbrook Congregational: Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi recently held its fourth annual meeting and unveiled proposed plans to construct a new sanctuary and expanded educational and music facilities.

As proposed, the traditional colonial design is expected to blend with the present building, which church officials said is rapidly becoming inadequate because of increasing membership.

Church officials have not established an actual construction timetable yet, pending continued study, city approval of plans and a final vote of the congregation.

Northville Methodist: The First United Methodist Church of Northville will sponsor a four-week series of programs intended to discuss and enhance the subject of gerontology.

Facilitator of the programs will be Marilyn Goering, a registered nurse studying the subject at Madonna College. Her series begins in the church on Wednesday, April 5, and continues for the three succeeding Wednesdays. Subjects include "Are You All Stressed Out?" on April 5, "Marvels of the Memory" on April 12, "Living With Common Medical Conditions" on April 19 and "Ring in the Spring" on April 26, featuring a handbell choir concert.

Dessert and beverages will be provided for a \$1 donation. Participants are asked to bring their own brown bag lunch. Lunch will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. with the program running from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The church is located at the intersection of Taft Road and Eight Mile. For more information call 349-1144.

Cathedral of Hope: The Rev. Dennis C. Tanner, Assemblies of God missionary to Zaire, will be guest speaker at the 9:30 a.m. service of the Cathedral of Hope Church on Sunday, April 9. The congregation meets at the Novi Hilltop.

Tanner and his wife, Elaine, pastored churches in Springfield, Missouri; Grand Lodge and Trenton prior to their missionary assignment in Zaire. Tanner attended Flint Baptist Institute in Flint and graduated from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

Nazarene: On Sunday, April 9, the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene welcomes Dave and Carolita Fraley, missionaries in France since 1979.

The Fraleys have served as pastors of a congregation in Versailles. They will appear at the church at the 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services.

They have recently been involved in pastoral activities and evangelistic responsibilities with young adults, teens and children. For more information call 349-7000.

St. Williams Church: The Ushers' Club at St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake will sponsor a special bingo event on Sunday, April 9, from 2-4 p.m.

The Super Sunday Bingo party will be held at St. Williams Hall on Common Street near Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. The jackpot will be \$500.

Northville Presbyterian: Singles are invited to play bridge at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Less are also available.

The activity is organized for singles, widows, widowers and divorced singles. For more information call 349-9104 or 522-2955.

Council to decide corner's fate

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

The Novi City Council will likely be faced Monday with a decision to either repeal the B-1 zoning near the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection or schedule a special election to decide the fate of the corner.

City Clerk Geraldine Stipp said Tuesday that she fully expects petitions from Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) to be certified and on the council's agenda at the Monday, April 3, meeting.

"I've got to be done by Saturday. I'm sure it will be on the agenda," Stipp said.

Stipp had 10 days to certify the petitions, which were submitted by the group last Wednesday.

CRD officials turned in petitions bearing approximately 4,000 signatures this week. About 2,900 certified signatures will be needed to require the city council to take action.

By city charter, the council can either remove the zoning it enacted March 5 or schedule a special election to have voters decide the question.

Several city council members have

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already said they would favor putting the question to the voters. That would mean developer Lee Walter would be allowed to proceed with plans for his Briarwood Plaza commercial development until the question is decided at the ballot box. A special election date probably would not be reserved for about 60 days.

If the zoning were again repealed, the same process that was employed before — sending it back to the planning commission for a public hearing — would be employed again, according to City Attorney David Fried.

CRD officials said they are simply waiting for a council determination on the question, and don't have any other plans.

"We're tired," said group organizer Dennis Ringvelski. "Everyone has done an awful lot of work with this. We're just kind of tak-

ing it easy right now.

"As far as we're concerned, it's in their hands," he added. "I can't predict anymore what's going to happen."

CRD won a victory in February, as they turned out in force to call for a repeal of B-2 zoning at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road. The B-2 zoning classification would have paved the way for construction of a large shopping mall and a grocery store, plus a gas station and restaurant on the site.

After CRD collected more than the required amount of signatures, the council opted to repeal the B-2 zoning designation and send it back to its former B-1 and residential zoning classification (three acres B-1, seven acres B-4).

Then, in a surprise move, the planning commission and council opted to zone the entire 10 acres B-1. That zoning, which is currently in place, permits development of the shopping mall, but eliminates the restaurant and gas station.

The city's master plan, which lays out a future zoning strategy, has called for construction of a commercial center at the corner since 1967.

Attorney finds petition drive legal

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

A legal opinion from Novi City Attorney David Fried asserts that the petition drive from the group Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) is legal, but that the rezoning that could come from their action may still be susceptible to a challenge from developers.

Fried, in an opinion dated March 16, reviewed several cases associated with citizen petitions affecting zoning, concluding that adequate case law exists to support the city's position, should developers mount a legal challenge to the validity of the petitions.

But that wouldn't address whether or not the petition-driven zoning at the corner was enacted fairly, he said.

CRD has petitioned twice this year to throw out commercial zoning at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road. The latest petition is expected to go to the Novi City Council at its Monday, April 3, meeting. A previous petition drive led the council to repeal a B-2 zoning

classification at the intersection in February and send it back to its former zoning designation — three acres of B-1 (commercial) and seven acres of residential.

Developer Lee Walter is attempting to build the Briarwood Plaza at the corner — a 10-acre mall, housing a major grocery store, convenience store and other commercial shops.

Fried said the legal opinion was drawn up as a result of one of the earliest concerns voiced about the petition drive — whether or not it could legally apply to a zoning decision.

"The reason that this opinion was written was that council was told by the developer's attorney that referendums cannot apply to zoning matters," Fried said. "There was a statement made by one of the council members to that effect."

Walter's attorney, Norman Hyman of Detroit, could not be reached for comment this week.

Fried reviewed differing cases which regarded zoning as administrative and legislative functions. Fried said the most current case to make it to the state Supreme Court (1979), regarded zoning matters as legislative acts which could be subject to a

referendum.

Previously, in 1972 the court had ruled that an initiative process could not suspend a zoning, since it did not include statutory procedures for zoning ordinance adoption, like a public hearing and a report from the planning commission.

Those steps were followed in the earliest repeal, when the council was faced with the first petitions and threw out the B-2 zoning for the corner. The matter was sent back to the planners for review and a public hearing on the repeal.

The opinion noted that such determinations, supporting the right of referendum, have been used by the Michigan Court of Appeals in deciding two separate cases from 1981.

"We believe that the Michigan Supreme Court, if once again faced with the issue, would conclude that the referendum process may be applied to zoning map amendments," Fried wrote. "Nevertheless, the fact that a referendum results in the repeal of a zoning map amendment, would not deprive a property owner from otherwise litigating the constitutionality or validity of a zoning classification that results from the repeal."

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Jazz band honored

The Novi High School Jazz Band was named the "outstanding big band" and seven Novi musicians were selected as "outstanding performers" at the ninth annual Western Michigan University Invitational Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 18.

In addition, a jazz quartet of Novi students placed second in the "combo" category at the festival.

Craig Strain, Novi music director and founder of the Brookside Jazz Ensemble, was clearly elated with the results.

"Being named the 'outstanding big band' came as a surprise because the bands from Monroe and Northview also performed extremely well," reported Strain, noting that Northview has received the "top band" rating most often during the previous eight years of the festival.

Strain said the WMU Invitational Jazz Festival is one of the most prestigious high school jazz festivals in the state. This year's festival included 16 "big bands" and eight "combos."

In addition to Novi, participating schools included Comstock, St. Joseph, Pontiac Central, Vicksburg, Thornapple Kellogg, Hartford, Plainwell, Trenton, Monroe, Sutton Bay and Northview.

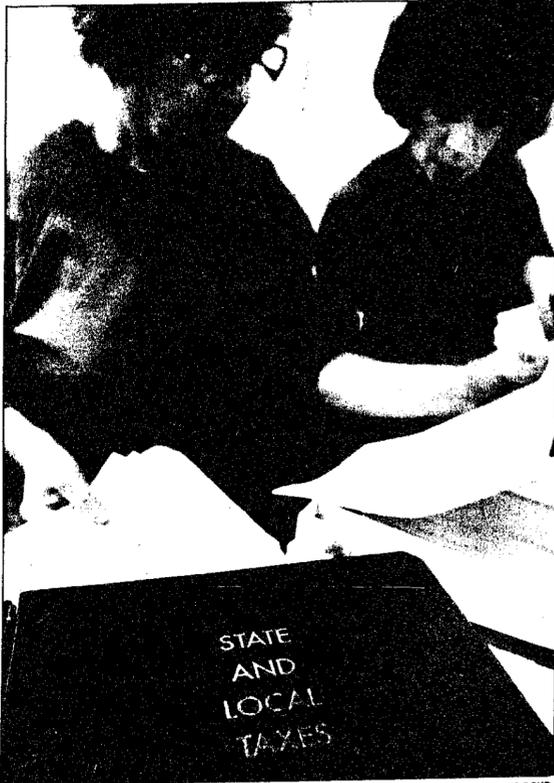
College jazz instructors with extensive performance backgrounds were hired to evaluate, critique and rank the bands. One band and one combo were selected to perform with the Western Michigan Jazz Orchestra at an evening concert.

Seven Novi musicians were selected as "outstanding performers" at the festival. They were Mark VanDoren, lead trumpet; Paul Harding, trombone; Paul Salow, trombone; Ed Vecck, trombone; Brian Yancheson, alto sax; Chris Braue, alto sax; and Craig McNary, drums.

While the Novi group was winning "outstanding big band" honors, a quartet of Novi students finished second in the "combo" competition. The quartet was comprised of Kurt Kokko on keyboards, Chris Brown on bass, Todd Boschma on drums and Chris Braue on alto saxophone.

"This was a particularly outstanding and somewhat unexpected achievement," said Strain. "The bands involved were some of the best jazz bands in Michigan."

Novi residents will have an opportunity to hear the Novi High School Jazz Band perform when it participates in the MSBOA Jazz Festival at Walled Lake Central High School on April 22.



Mary Radlicki (left) receives tax help from Novi Librarian Donna Hollis

Novi library offers tax form guides

Novi residents have a valuable resource if they again decide to wait until the last minute before filing tax returns.

The Novi Public Library has a complete listing of every tax form needed this year — from Detroit municipal taxes to "the big one," the 1040, and a variety of other more technical forms.

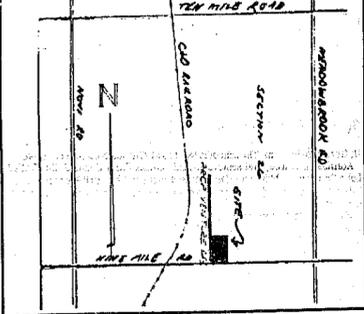
Assistant Librarian Donna Hollis said the library has limited forms available, but that other forms are available for copying.

"We have quite a selection... and two copy machines here," she said. "There's always scratch outs and mistakes, so people have a chance to get new ones here."

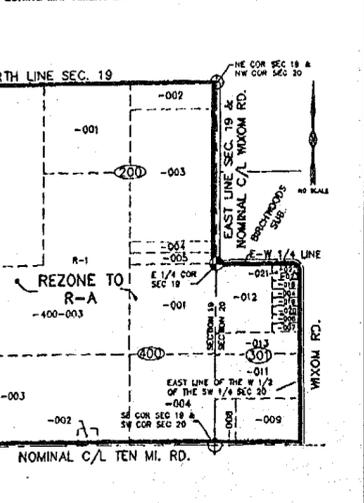
"We have a lot of forms that are hard to come by sometimes," she added.

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Reunions

Novi '79: The Novi High School class of 1979 will hold its 10-year class reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on Saturday, Aug. 26. All class members are urged to contact Laurie (Greenwell) Wethington at 553-3665 or Debra McIntyre-Dodd at 894-2293 for more information.

Cody High School '79: Graduates of Cody High School's Class of 1979 will celebrate their 10-year class reunion on Oct. 7 at Roma's of Livonia-West. The reunion committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or 283-6803 or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mt. Clemens, 48043.

North Farmington '69: Graduates of North Farmington High School's Class of 1969 will celebrate their 20 year class reunion at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi on June 23. Reunion committee members are searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or 283-6803 or write Reunion Planners at Post Office Box 291, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043.

Seaholm '69: Graduates of Seaholm High School's Class of 1969 will celebrate their 20-year class reunion on Aug. 12 at the Troy Hilton. The school reunion committee is searching for all graduates from this class. For information call 465-2277 or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mt. Clemens, 48043.

Walled Lake '49: Walled Lake High School's Class of '49 will hold its 40th reunion on June 17. Members of the class who have not been contacted are asked to call Glen Dick at 673-5133.

Walled Lake '59: Walled Lake High School's 1959 graduating class will hold its 30-year reunion at the Multi-Lakes Conservation Club on Oct. 14. A "bring-your-own" picnic will follow on Oct. 15. All members of the Class of '59 and anyone else attending school at that time is invited to attend. For more information call Pat (Kleinhardt) Sullas at 654-1170 or Rhede (Divers) Landin at 338-1398.

Walled Lake Central '79: The 1969 graduating class of Walled Lake Central High School is planning its 10-year reunion. Class members should call 363-8211 or 360-4782 for more information.

Wayne Memorial '59: The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1959 will hold a three-day reunion Friday through Sunday, July 14-16. Plans include a casual get-together at the high school on Friday, a dinner-dance on Saturday and a picnic in Saline on Sunday. Interested classmates can obtain more information by calling Bill Whitworth at 654-6411 or Ed Hilber at 459-3203.

Senior Scene

Help with taxes: Area senior citizens can get help with their income tax returns at the Novi Senior Center on Thursday, March 30, and Monday, April 16. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The help is given in small groups, although seniors will have an opportunity for individual questions.

To reserve a spot, call Coordinator Jan McAlpine at 947-0414.

Senior citizens prom: Senior citizens are invited to attend a Senior Citizens Prom at Walled Lake Central High School on Tuesday, April 11, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The school is located at 2975 South Commerce Road. Admission is free, and seniors should contact Carol Kehoe at the Walled Lake Community Education Department (634-9948) by April 6 to make reservations. Those attending the prom are invited to dress in formal or casual attire.

Music and entertainment will be provided by Walled Lake Central vocal and instrumental music students and Walled Lake Western performing arts students. Refreshments will be served.

Hospital officials face uphill battle

Gregg Knepley, vice president of Providence's planning and marketing department, has said that hospital officials have been looking for a site in Novi ever since they were defeated in a 1987 attempt to build a major medical facility at the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection.

Knepley cautioned that Providence's plans are only in a preliminary stage for now, and that a hospital might not be realized at the golf course site for five to 10 years.

However, Wheeler acknowledged that several hospitals were denied Certificates of Need within the last few years as a result of the "over-bedding" situation. He said the hospitals are currently in litigation with the state, trying to overturn the rulings.

The reason for the overabundance of beds, he said, is because many hospitals were built prior to implementation of the 1972 certificate standards. In addition, recent trends in the health field are moving toward more out-patient care and, consequently, hospitals have experienced a decline in occupancy, Wheeler added.

Regardless of the situation, said Wheeler, every hospital that wants to build or expand has a right to apply and argue its case to state health officials.

Knepley has said that Providence officials are aware of the over-bedding problem, but still feel they can make a good case for bringing a hospital to the Novi area.

New courses offered by schools

Quilt-making, landscape design and self-hypnosis are just a few of the new courses that will be offered by the Novi Community Education Department during the 1989 spring term.

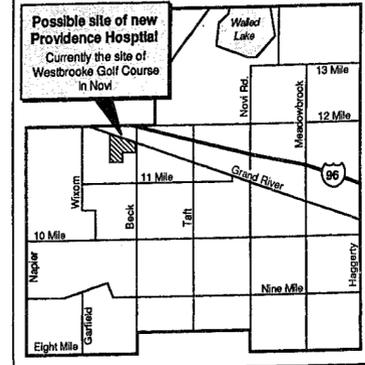
The 1989 Spring brochure has been mailed to all Novi school district residents and registration for spring classes will begin next Monday, April 3.

Registration will be accepted during the week of April 3-7. Community education offices will be open for registrations in the School Administration Building on Taft Road on Monday from 6-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classes for children include a babysitting clinic, beginning baby twirling, caring for pets and a physical science workshop in addition to several crafts classes — dinosaur posters, pottery workshops, oil painting and seashell painting.

Designed especially for teens are classes in teen modeling, the DNR youth pleasure boating class and an ACT workshop to help students prepare for the ACT test.

Adults also will find a broad range of enrichment classes.



The standards haven't been changed in 17 years, and over-bedding has been the situation since at least 1978, said Wheeler. But that doesn't mean a change won't be forthcoming.

Wheeler noted that a new Certificate of Need Commission was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard last week. "But it's too early to tell," he said.

Wheeler admitted, however, that the state would look at Oakland County as a whole and make its decision on that basis.

Radon testing planned

Home is not the only place that people can come into contact with radon. Traces may also be present in the work place or at school. Thus far, however, both sources have been ignored in the rush to increase home testing.

"What we're trying to do is to develop protocol for going into public buildings and testing," said Alex Johnson of the American Lung Association in Southfield.

Another health threat, asbestos, is already being removed from public buildings under state and federal law. Similar laws could speed radon reduction, Johnson said, but speed is a relative term.

Though asbestos has been an acknowledged threat since the early 1970s, many municipalities and school districts are only now getting around to removing asbestos-tinged material.

Radon testing, however, is considered a less-difficult process. "I think radon is a simpler problem than asbestos. Here it's eliminating the source; with asbestos there's all that removal."

Because radon has a short half-life, changing into less-threatening substances in less than four days, experts believe it's unlikely food is contaminated.

"It takes longer than that to bring food to market," Johnson said.

Various types of synthetic materials used in modern home building, including various types of epoxies pose one threat, Johnson said. Carbon monoxide poisoning is another risk, especially in winter, when wood or kerosene is burned in defective or improperly ventilated stoves and heaters. Formaldehyde, a suspected cancer-causing agent, may also seep into houses through paneled floors or walls, furniture or carpeting. Asbestos may still be a threat in some older houses.

Even such common household items as bleach, paint and aerosol sprays can be dangerous if improperly stored or used in rooms that are improperly ventilated.

"If there's something good that can come out of radon, it's that human beings are becoming more concerned about the quality of air around them," Johnson said.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS — SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to be used by the Fire Department according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, April 11, 1989 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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ATTN: CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI ADDENDA — PORTABLE RADIO BID
CORRECTION: The specifications should read Heavy Duty UHF 2-way FM Portable Radios.

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4:00pm - Spring Fashion Show
7:00pm - Windham Hill artist, Scott Cossu

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd
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Novi High School art winners were (clockwise from seven o'clock) Hiroto Fukushima, Julie Dudley, Marie Lethemon, Niloo Saad and Lara Rosalki. All five students were singled out for special recognition in the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastics Art Awards Competition.

Novi art students win local scholastic award

Five Novi High School art students have received special recognition in the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastics Art Awards Competition. The juried show, now in its 62nd consecutive year, drew 5,000 entries from students representing 125 high schools throughout the state.

Only 1,000 (20 percent) of the entries were selected for display in a student art exhibition at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township. Each student whose work was selected for the exhibit was awarded a certificate. In addition, "Gold Key Awards" were presented for specially selected works.

Two Novi students earned "Gold Key Awards," while three others earned certificates. Earning "Gold Keys" were Julie Dudley and Hiroto Fukushima. Dudley, a senior, was honored for an ink drawing of an architectural detail. Fukushima, a freshman, created a sculpture of a "beast" — a figure of a human body with a beast's head.

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Rosalki, a junior, earned a certificate for a pencil drawing of a young man and a girl in a mysterious setting. Said, a freshman, earned two certificates — one for a pencil drawing of the hands of older people holding a picture of a child and another for an ink drawing of a woman's face behind a detailed lace fan.

Lethemon, also a freshman, received a certificate for an ink drawing of a house surrounded by a fence. The drawing was made from a family photograph. Novi High School art teacher June Fox said the subject matter chosen by the students was both diverse and imaginative. "Their technical skills are evident in these very complex art works," she said.

Animals a spring concern

With the arrival of spring, the Oakland County Animal Control Division is warning residents to stay away from wild animals which may wind up in their back yards.

Anderson, manager of the Animal Control Division, said, "These animals are nocturnal and should not be out during the day. If they are, they are usually diseased."

Anderson advised residents who see wild animals in their yards to call the Animal Control Division at 391-4103 and an officer will come out to the home to remove the animal.

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Health Notes

Free immunization clinic: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a free immunization clinic at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church at 313 Northport in Walled Lake on Tuesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Teddy bear physicals: The University of Michigan M-Care Health Center in Northville is inviting children to bring their favorite dolls or teddy bears for a free check-up during its annual M-Care Bear Fair on Tuesday, April 4.

Providence blood drive: The Providence Hospital Novi Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alzheimer's support group: The Novi Family Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will meet at the Novi Care Center on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Expectant parent classes: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes at its Southfield office beginning Wednesday, April 19.

Cholesterol connection: Botsford General Hospital will offer a cholesterol education program that will teach participants how to make changes in their eating styles.

Narcotics Anonymous: Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs has become a major problem, meets at Botsford Hospital's Family Service Center in Farmington Hills every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Women for Sobriety: An organization of women for women, the purpose of Women for Sobriety, Inc., is to help all women recover from problem drinking through the discovery of self, gained by sharing experiences, hopes and encouragement with other women in similar circumstances.

Maternity fitness program: The Motherwell Maternity Fitness Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center offers classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the M-Care Health Center in Northville.

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Motorsports museum on a roll

Watson: 'We're excited as can be. The project is generating a lot of interest nationwide. The response has been great.'

The Novi Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame (now called the Motorsports Museum of America) has big plans for the next several months. Novi City Councilman Ronald Watson, who also serves as the executive director of the hall of fame, said this week that a number of special events have been planned for this summer, as the organization gets close to inducting its first eight members at ceremonies on June 15.

The Novi City Council Monday granted approval to allow the museum group to use the Civic Center atrium to display memorabilia and the plaques of its first inductees, until a separate facility can be constructed.

"We're excited as can be," said Watson. "The project is generating a lot of interest nationwide. The response has been great."

Watson said an induction ceremony has been set for June 15 at the Rosier restaurant in Detroit. The date was selected because of its relationship with the 1989 Detroit Grand Prix, which is slated to be held downtown on June 19.

Raymond Glenn Thomas, an employee of the Twelve Oaks Hudson's store, was arrested March 8 by Novi Police Detective Jack Grubb and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on charges of "embezzlement over \$100."

Thomas was arraigned March 9 before 52nd District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie who set bond at \$1,000. He was bound over to stand trial in Oakland County Circuit Court following pre-trial examination on March 15.

The charges stem from an incident which occurred Oct. 20, 1988. According to police reports, Dave Downey Inc. of Indiana shipped a package containing diamonds and settings with a total value of \$274,438 to a company representative who was to mount the merchandise at the Twelve Oaks Hudson's store.

On Friday, Oct. 21, the Downey employee reported that the package had not been received, and an investigation was initiated by the Hudson's Loss Prevention Department. After ascertaining that the package had been delivered but was missing, security personnel called the Novi Police Department to conduct further investigation.

Grubb conducted a complete search of the Hudson's store from Oct. 21 to Oct. 26, interviewing employees and express drivers. The investigation revealed that the merchandise had been delivered to the loading dock but had been dispatched to the wrong area of the store.

Grubb subsequently directed the investigation to employees in the department to which the diamonds had been delivered.

On Oct. 27, the Hudson's Operations Manager received a package from an anonymous sender through the mail which contained \$345,646 worth of the missing diamonds, leaving \$28,793 worth of the merchandise still missing.

Utilizing information obtained in the early stages of the investigation, a specialist from the FBI's Detroit office was called in for assistance, and information obtained from the package mailed to the Hudson's office was turned over to the crime lab for analysis.

The report from the crime lab was completed and turned over to the Novi Police Department on March 8. Information contained in the report identified Thomas as having been involved in the theft, according to Grubb.

Thomas is currently free on bond pending trial in the circuit court.

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As We See It

Florida trip shows need for disclosure

Novi School Superintendent Robert Piwko, Assistant Superintendent William Barr and all seven members of the Novi Board of Education traveled to Orlando, Florida, earlier this month to attend a conference sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

All nine participants were accompanied by their spouses. Following the trip, the group traveled to Miami where they boarded a ship for a four-day cruise to the Bahamas, then flew back to Detroit.

According to information released by school officials, the cost for each official was \$1,072.96. The costs for spouses to attend were not paid for with public funds. Total cost to school district taxpayers was \$9,636.

News of the trip came to light at the March 23 school board meeting when a school district resident, Kathy Langham, told the board she had heard a rumor that the trip had taken place and asked for clarification.

Those are the facts. Now comes the question: "What's wrong with this picture?"

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There is something wrong, however, and the unfortunate part of the school district's mistake is that it could be easily corrected by making a commitment to being totally open and above-board with the taxpayers — before-the-fact, not after it.

Specifically, what's wrong is that news of the trip did not come to light until rumors had circulated around the community and a resident confronted school officials with the rumors at an official school board meeting.

As for the trip itself, there was nothing wrong with it. In fact, we believe school officials should attend national conventions such as the AASA conference in Orlando just as we believe city officials should attend national conventions such as the annual event sponsored by the National League of Cities which was held in Boston last year.

This should not be construed as a blanket endorsement for squadrons of school and city officials to attend national conventions that comes along. However, we generally hold school and city government in Novi in high regard, and one of the reasons



Education

the school district and city function as well as they do is that local administrators and legislators put a lot of effort into meeting their responsibilities, attempting to stay abreast of new developments in their respective fields.

We don't even mind if, during the conference, they manage to slip in a round or two of golf at their own expense.

But, having said all that, the problem with the school district's recent trip to Orlando was that there was no advance disclosure. There was no mention of the upcoming trip at public board meetings in January or February. Board members and administrators all sat quietly at board meetings, making no mention of the upcoming trip whatsoever.

Then, apparently, they all met at their bags packed at the same airport at the same time for the same flight to Florida. Why wasn't the trip mentioned at board meetings? Did school officials not think it important enough for the public to know? Did they not want the public to know? These are questions which all public administrators and legislators should be asking themselves.

We hope school officials consider that they got "bad press" on their Florida trip. They deserve it... not for taking the trip, but for not letting the public know about it in advance.

Further, we hope school officials will do what city officials have failed to do in terms of similar trips and conventions. Specifically, we hope they will adopt a public disclosure policy which calls for all such trips to be announced in advance and for a full accounting of expenses incurred.

The Florida trip should have been "good press" for the school district to the extent that it demonstrates officials' concerns for staying abreast of educational trends. In the absence of advance disclosure, however, it is "bad press." And school officials have only themselves to blame.

Good compromise

Residents of Galway Drive in Lexington Green appear as if they are going to lose their bid to keep sidewalks out of their subdivision.

It's a unique case. Residents there didn't know they were going to get the sidewalks until workers began staking them out back in the mid-1980s. They petitioned, and got a reprieve of sorts. The city opted to wait until new development occurred near the subdivision, then make a decision on whether or not to require the sidewalks on Galway in Lexington Green.

Galway is considered a "collector" street — one which funnels off subdivision traffic and allows it onto local roadways in controlled fashion, minimizing the amount of curb cuts.

We're convinced that sidewalks are in the best interests of the residents of that area, even though nearly everyone there opposes them. It's a matter of separating foot traffic from automobile traffic. Safety — for

children, seniors or the handicapped — is the key. Plain and simple.

We're not sure what motivates young parents with toddlers in their arms to opt against a sidewalk on their street, but that's what several have done in Lexington Green. It's puzzling, at best.

What's encouraging, is that city officials are discussing deviating from their design standards slightly, and this is a good compromise which Lexington Green residents should consider seriously. A meandering asphalt path might not be totally objectionable, and, if done properly, could blend in with the rural character of the area.

Basic lessons in taxation

I've never been one of these cheerleader types, and there are a few in this extremely silly business called "journalism."

But I couldn't help but feel a little bit sorry for the members of the city council and the city administration when they unveiled the 1989-90 budget this week.

First off, the proposed millage rate comes in slightly over the Truth in Taxation level, which I'm sure they'll catch some grief for in the next few weeks. They'll get the brunt of the emotional appeals from residents — the "you're ripping us off again" once-a-year tax crusaders, all these other folk, mugging, and preaching fiscal responsibility. Ugh.

A brief aside about Truth in Taxation. It allows taxing units to retain monies from new growth. Then they must look at the rest of the tax levy. The law requires the same amount as last year in operating millage revenue. If they can't roll back, it requires a special hearing and a vote. This year, city officials are proposing to come up short by about 24 mills, even though they rolled back the millage rate by 1.1730 mills overall.

This is designed to prevent the situation that occurs when assessments continue to spiral and the millage rate stays the same or increases — thereby increasing the overall tax revenue collected. The old "whipsaw" Truth in Taxation is designed to help prevent that, or at least require honesty when it does occur.

Novi officials will probably have some explaining to do. This is certain. And they probably should explain exactly why a tax increase is needed in a community with such a vibrant tax base like Novi.

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Phil Jerome

But that's where it ends.

Cities really collect a pittance of your tax dollars. You can't come out and say it in a budget story, but please, look at the money you pay to Novi Schools? Intermediate schools (whatever that is)? Community colleges? Oakland County? Regional parks and recreation?

Schools get roughly 60 cents of every one of your tax dollars. City government gets about 24.

This is from the unit of government that is supposed to supply basic and vital services, like police, fire, road repair, etc.

But it happens every year. Local municipal government, the most visible, the most direct, the unit citizens have the easiest access to and most convenient interface with, gets inundated with complaints about how money is being spent.

I'm not saying stay away. Be vigilant. Budget study sessions are set for April 5, 10 and 12 at the Civic Center. Now that's where the real decisions are made, I'm convinced.

But lift up the phone and call Superintendent of Schools Robert Piwko or Assistant Superintendent William Barr. Ask them when budget work starts in Novi Schools. And show up there, too.

Then write your legislator, or, better yet, call State Reps Glenn Oxender or Michael Nye and latch onto a petition on property tax reform. Flat out bypass state government, and the Michigan Education Association hucksters who control this state.

Want to do something about taxes? Gripping at city hall rates you an "F" in the responsible citizen category. It just barely scratches the surface.

Forum

Buying food not too bad



Phil Jerome

I don't want to ruin my creditably macho image, but I guess who had to do the shopping last Saturday night?

I know what you're thinking. I know it's virtually impossible to picture me shoving a shopping cart up and down the aisles of the Shopping Center Market. Busting brooms in a corral, yes. Swapping punches with some palooka in a friendly little workout down at the Kronk Gym, yes. Pumping iron over at the Powerhouse, sure.

But shoving a grocery cart? Never.

But the fact remains that that's exactly what I was doing, wheeling my way between the cauliflower and brussel sprouts in search of eggs, bread, cottage cheese and cat food.

And just about the time I was feeling most sheepish about doing what I was doing, I spotted her up ahead of me. Melissa Faulkner. The daughter of Novi Police Captain Richard Faulkner, and a young lady who will never ever win an ugly contest.

"Hey, Melissa," I yelled down the aisle, trying to sound as macho as I could while loading 28 cans of Little Friskies into my cart. "What're you doing here, tonight?"

Turns out that Melissa is living in Northville now. Has a little place on Beck Road, north of Eight Mile. She's also a professor at Wayne State University.

I checked out her shopping cart and discovered that she's eating well. No junk food whatsoever. Lots of fruit, vegetables and whole wheat bread. It's pretty obvious that her parents raised her well.

Cornered

Ten/Beck reporting 'one-sided' Letters

To the Editor:
Subject: Beck Road and Ten Mile Zoning
As I stated in my previous letter (last week), I believe that The Novi News' reporting on this topic is one-sided and does not present all of the facts and viewpoints.

As a local community newspaper, your charge is to present all the facts, good or bad, and not to employ selective editing, omissions and distortions.

To your credit, many of your staff members have an intimate knowledge of the planning process, are well aware of why certain planning decisions were made in the Master Plan, and the concerns that each council member has expressed. Your staff has the knowledge, and yet the paper failed to adequately cover the issues for readers and to let them know and understand all of the facts.

Some of the basic issues are:
Issue No. 1. (10-acre Business Site versus a 3-acre Business Site): The petition was for rezoning the zoning back to a 3-acre site. At many of the planning board/planning commission meetings and city council meetings the size of this business site was discussed in detail. The general consensus was to wait until a developer presented a rezoning request before we established the final size — whether it be seven, eight, nine or 10 acres.

Issue No. 2. (Safety Details): Safety details were, and continue to be, a concern that both the planning commission and city council consider

keys factors. My position is, and continues to be, that with a larger site the driveways will be further away from the intersection and therefore at a safer distance. The building or buildings would be set further back away from the corner and not obstruct a driver's view of the oncoming cross traffic.

Issue No. 3. (The Needs of Western Novi When Fully Developed): This site was master planned to provide the west portion of the City of Novi with a center that would meet their day-to-day shopping and service needs. The Master Plan identified this area to serve a future western Novi population of about 25,000 people.

Issue No. 4. (Was this Sound Planning for Novi's West Side?): This is a rezoning of this site is centrally located and was planned and under way west of Beck Road. The utilities are in place or nearby, and residential development is taking place east of Beck Road. Residential development is planned and under way west of Beck Road.

The above are some of the key issues that seem to be overlooked or minimized in your articles and editorials. But let's step back and look at the "Big Picture."

The committee selected a 10-acre shopping center, the A&P Grocery Store to be specific, to have their peo-

ple collect signatures for their petitions. The people on the east side of Novi have a shopping center! Shall we have everybody from the west side of Novi shop at the A&P store?

Shall we have petitions circulated on school property when a group decides we no longer need any more schools or in front of churches if a group decides we do not need any more churches?

My suggestions are that your staff members sit down and discuss your part efforts. If your paper presented an objective series of articles and editorials on this issue (and perhaps other issues).

Are you attempting to simply sell newspapers at any cost? Are you attempting to protect the commercial enterprises in Northville?

Joseph G. Toth
Novi City Council

To the Editor:
I would like to commend the Novi City Council and the planning commission for their sound judgment and rationality regarding the Ten Mile/Beck Road shopping center.

It is pleasing to see a council that has so much wisdom that they are able to approve a much-needed supermarket in a growing area.

Michael Meyer that the group went on the cruise to have a good time, and that's what they did — who could begrudge them that? Not me.

However, Meyer also said that the group made a "meticulous effort to avoid any appearances of meeting regarding matters of this district."

Who are you kidding? Who were you on the lookout for? Think that maybe a nosy soul from Novi was going to show up on the Carnival cruise, or furrrier still, that The Novi News has the inclination to actually fly a reporter down there to keep tabs on you guys (providing we were able to find out about it in the first place)?

I guess my point is that it would be hard for any human to believe the fact that not one word of school district business was ever brought up at this meeting. How could any business group assembled in the same place, day and night, for all that time (particularly while on a ship) refrain from talking shop?

We in the news room can't do it. We set out to have a nice St. Patty's Day luncheon with our entire staff, and swear that work topics are off limits, but we inevitably break the vow.

But then again I wasn't along in Florida and the Bahamas, so I don't know for sure. It just seems that an awful lot of people have the right to wonder.

Patrick Downey

How about those new suntans?



Amy Rosa

I should have known something was up when I noticed their tans.

But, you know, it didn't dawn on me at the time. I couldn't figure out why, after seeing the Novi school board and administrators for the first time in a month on March 16, they all looked so much better than I remembered. Was it nine new hairdos? New outfits? Maybe they were losing a little weight? I just couldn't figure it out.

Then I was enlightened. But, had it not been for school district parent Kathy Langham, I wouldn't have been enlightened, and consequently the people of Novi wouldn't have been either.

It was because of Langham, who at the board's March 23 meeting asked what turned out to be the question of the evening, that we discovered the reason school officials had been looking so good lately: All seven school board members, Superintendent Robert Piwko, Assistant Superintendent William Barr and all nine of their spouses had just returned from eight days in the Florida sun and a cruise to the Bahamas.

Rumors aside that Langham's question

It was said to me by Board President

was politically motivated, the point is that we didn't find out through the school district.

Despite the fact that the March 3-6 American Association of School Administrators convention in Orlando is a legitimate and worthwhile gathering, nothing was mentioned about the trip at any of the board meetings preceding the trip, nor the discussions following the trip. School officials themselves told me there was never any intention to disclose the trip, as that has never been their policy.

Apparently school officials do this kind of thing every year. (Although no one can remember the last time everybody was able to "give of their time" for one particular conference.) And, of course, extracurricular activities like the cruise and expenses incurred by the spouses weren't paid for with school funds. That's fine. Just let us know about these things. That's all we're asking.

I don't buy the arguments that the general public isn't interested nor that the school group is exempt from trip scrutiny because they're "family." Taxpayers should know where their dollars are going, and officials should willingly disclose that information without taking offense. They are to be held accountable to the folks who elected them, are they not?

Now, second point.

Landfill Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Twice a month they meet to attach numerical values to unnamed sites. At the end, they will recommend one site and one backup site for a landfill. Only then will they know its identity.

Patrick Nowak, deputy county executive, said the process for selecting sites is rigorous. "Treating with solid waste is painful," Fox said. "This county said 'we want to find the right spot, and we want it to be apolitical.'"

"You are most likely not to be sued under this process and are most assured of winning if you are sued. You (the committee) have raised all the questions that are going to be raised."

A judge hearing a lawsuit who rejects the committee's work risks "panhandling" Fox said. The final step in Oakland's billion-dollar solid waste plan. Six existing landfills have less than five years of life, according to Nowak. "We've got five years to a crisis," he said.

Oakland's plan is the first in the country to be "integrated" — relating all elements to each other. The elements:

Three "cookers" — political slang for incinerators with 1,500 tons a day capacity. The Oakland County

Board of Commissioners recently awarded a \$123 million contract for the first "cooker" in Pontiac. They will generate electricity and steam.

One composting site of about 20 acres for about 300 tons daily of organic wastes.

Two resource recovery facilities for recycling glass, metal and some plastics — of about 10 acres each. (This element could go up or down depending on private industry's interest in recycling.)

One 40-year landfill of 660 acres or more. It will hold ash from the incinerators and construction debris. Rogers noted that a landfill is more than a hole in the ground. He said it will be constructed with clay or other impervious liners to collect liquids which will be treated like sewage.

Waste will be compacted and monitored each day.

Groundwater also will be monitored daily. The perimeter will be landscaped. Tires of dump trucks will be cleaned before they leave the site.

There are three ways to pick a landfill site, said Fox.

One is to find a landowner who wants to get rich and whose price you can afford.

The second is "NIMBY" — not in my backyard. You put together a political coalition and inflict the site on the party with the fewest votes.

The third is "as objective as possible" — and Fox gives Oakland credit for taking this approach. The Virginia-born lawyer who has worked in Florida and New York State is amazed at the openness of Oakland County government.

"Usually, it's kind of a closed approach," he said. "You (Oakland) do it for the public. Once the City Council has reviewed and tentatively approved the proposed budget, the budget is set for a public hearing. That hearing has been established for Monday, May 8th. The final step in the budget process is for the City Council to formally adopt the budget by the end of June 30th of 1990. The budget development cycle will start again in January of 1990."

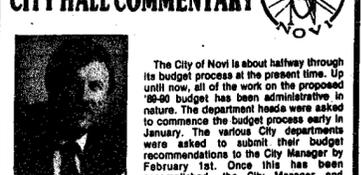
He added that Oakland has the better plan, however, because it integrates incinerators, recycling, composting and the landfill.

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CITY HALL COMMENTARY



EDWARD F. KRIEWALL
CITY MANAGER

The City of Novi is about halfway through its budget process at the present time. Up until now, all of the work on the proposed '89-90 budget has been administrative in nature. The department heads were asked to commence the budget process early in January. The various City departments were asked to submit their budget recommendations to the City Manager by February 1st. Once this has been accomplished, the City Manager and Finance Director proceed to develop the budget looking carefully at proposed revenues and expenditures. We are then required to submit the budget to City Council no later than mid-April. That budget was submitted to City Council this past Monday. At this time in the process, the Finance Director is reviewing and tentatively approved the proposed budget, the budget is set for a public hearing. That hearing has been established for Monday, May 8th. The final step in the budget process is for the City Council to formally adopt the budget by the end of June 30th of 1990. The budget development cycle will start again in January of 1990.

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On her own

Fedrigo owns Palm Beach Patio

By PHILIP JEROME

She figured out how to get through high school quickly by enrolling in alternative education classes.

She dropped out of college after six months because it "was costing me money."

And today, at 29 years of age, she's president of her own company — Palm Beach Patio, which recently opened its second store in the Novi Town Center.

"I guess I have a different way of looking at things," smiled Jane Fedrigo, one of a growing number of young female entrepreneurs.

"I know how to work with the system."

Even her entry into the patio furniture business was unique.

After dropping out of Rochester (New York) Institute of Technology, Fedrigo took a variety of jobs, working at Chatham's, UPS and on the line at the Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant until she had saved enough money to purchase her own home — a three-bedroom ranch in Livonia.

And what do you do with your own home?

You build a deck, of course. The only problem was that Fedrigo couldn't find any patio furniture she liked. So she traveled to Florida to visit a company named Pride which makes patio furniture out of polyvinyl

chloride (PVC).

She liked what she saw so much that she purchased the furniture for her own patio. And, while she was there, purchased an entire truckload of the furniture to bring back home and sell in Michigan.

"I wasn't sure where I was going to sell it, but I had 60 days to work things out so there wasn't any real pressure," said Fedrigo from a small office in the back of her new store in the Novi Town Center.

"It just seemed like the thing to do," she added.

Fedrigo eventually found a small shop located in front of a mini-storage facility on M-59 in Waterford. She had the truckload of furniture delivered to the storage facility and opened her doors for business in the small shop.

"It was a pretty simple operation," she recalled. "Strictly a one-person business. I had enough room in the display room for eight display sets."

"Whenever I sold something to a customer who wanted to take it with them, I put up a sign that said 'Back in five minutes.' Then I got in the customer's car and we drove around back to the storage facility. We loaded it up, then I returned to the store to wait for the next customer."

"Somebody called the Better Business Bureau about me once because they thought it was a pretty strange way of running a business. I

guess they just didn't understand the simplicity of the operation."

Today, Fedrigo is a member of the Better Business Bureau.

Fedrigo started Palm Beach Patio approximately five years ago. She found shortly later that the 1,000 square feet in the M-59 store front was insufficient for her needs, so she purchased a former Richardson's Dairy building containing 17,000 square feet on M-59 and was able to operate both a showroom and a warehouse out of the same building.

"By that time the patio furniture business looked like it had possibilities and I needed more room," she explained. "I had picked up my real estate license, and the building looked like a good investment regardless of whether the business made it or not."

Shortly later, Fedrigo began selling artificial Christmas trees from the Waterford store to keep things moving during the off-season for patio furniture. And the business continued to grow.

The opening of the new store in the Novi Town Center is obviously a major step forward for Fedrigo and



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Palm Beach Patio owner Jane Fedrigo stands in the middle of her new store in the Novi Town Center

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Business Briefs

JANICE SPARKS of Florals by Steven in South Lyon has been certified as a Junior Designer by Florists' Transworld Delivery Association. Executive Vice President John A. Borden announced recently.

Achieving certification in the Junior Designer category requires completion of a flower identification test and passing a series of tests requiring the design of specific floral arrangements from predetermined categories. Evaluation of arrangements is handled by an FTD Certified Floral Design judge.

Once all the requirements are met, newly-certified Junior Designers receive certificates presented by FTD in recognition of their accomplishment.

The Designer Club program was introduced by FTD in 1986 to encourage excellence and creativity in floral design, and to recognize the achievements and talents of those designers who excel in their work. FTD is a member-owned floral wire service comprised of over 24,000 retail florists throughout the United States and Canada.

GARY ELDRIDGE has been named to the newly-created position of Employee Benefits Manager at K.A. Tappan & Associates Ltd. of Novi.

Eldridge has served clients for all facets of employee benefits insurance for 15 years. The general areas of employee benefits are health, life, disability, dental and retirement plans.

Tappan & Associates provides commercial insurance to business clients.

FIREBAUGH & REYNOLDS ROOFING of Novi has been named "Master Contractor" for 1989 by Firestone Building Products Company, a division of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. It is the second consecutive year the company has achieved "Master Contractor" status.

According to Firestone, the coveted "Master Contractor" certification is conferred upon only 100 contractors from its organization of licensed roofing contractors throughout the U.S.

Firestone, the leading manufacturer of rubber membrane for installation on commercial roofs, annually certifies its top 100 licensed applicators, based upon the quality of their work in the installation of Firestone Roofing Systems. Quality points, based on the inspection rating given each installation, are aggregated throughout the year. The top 20 point-earners in each of the five Firestone sales regions are annually named "Master Contractors."

Those certified for "Master Contractor" status are rewarded with Firestone-originated local and national publicity, increased Business Builder's Co-op Advertising Fund and recognition at a Firestone-sponsored awards ceremony and dinner at the annual National Roofing Contractors Association Convention & Exhibit. Firestone also publishes each Master Contractor's company name, address and phone number in a brochure which is made available to building owners, architects and general contractors for potential job referrals.



RICHARD MILLGARD



JOHN LUEBBE

RICHARD MILLGARD of Northville has been promoted to the position of Executive Vice President by the Millgard Corporation in Livonia. The Millgard Corporation is one of the top five companies in the U.S. specializing in the construction of heavy foundations for buildings, bridges and docks.

Richard Millgard has been with the company since 1964. As Executive Vice President he will have overall responsibility for business development and the bidding, estimating and negotiations for all new projects.

The Millgard Corporation, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1988, is recognized as a leader in the development of construction technology for very deep building foundations. Its past work includes foundations for the Sears Tower and the recent McCormick Place Expansion in Chicago, the SOHIO Corporate Headquarters (where they constructed the world's deepest building foundations) and Rowe's Wharf in Boston. In Michigan they were the foundation contractor for such projects as the Madden Tower, Joe Louis Arena and the recent Cobo Hall Expansion project.

JOHN LUEBBE of Northville has been appointed Vice President of Contract Administration by the Millgard Corporation of Livonia. Millgard is one of the top five companies in the U.S. specializing in the construction of heavy foundations for buildings, bridges and docks.

Luebke has been with Millgard since 1978. As vice president of contract administration, he will be responsible for overseeing the company's performance on all contracts and for processing changes to original contracts.

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MELONIE B. COLAIANNE, interim executive director for Board Relations at Eastern Michigan University, was been promoted to associate executive vice president and secretary to the

Board of Regents by the EMU Board, 26 at its regular monthly meeting.

Colaianne, 32, has been assistant to the vice president for University Relations and assistant secretary to the Board of Regents at EMU since 1987. She came to EMU in 1976 as an administrative secretary to the associate vice president for University Relations.

In 1980, she was promoted to personnel representative in the Department of Human Resources. She served as compensation programs associate and benefits manager from 1981 to 1983 and was promoted to assistant director of staff and union relations in 1984. She has also served as acting director of Employment/Affirmative Action, director of Human Resources Information Systems and acting director of employee relations.

At EMU, she has been a member of the Institutional Planning Advisory Committee, Crisis Council and the Affirmative Action/E-qual Employment Opportunity Council and chairperson of the Senior Administrative Intern Committee as well as chief negotiator with the UAW bargaining unit.

As associate executive vice president and secretary to the Board of Regents, Colaianne will assist the executive vice president with all divisional responsibilities and activities and supervise internal auditing activities and the revision of University policies and procedures.

Specific responsibilities will include directing the preparation and provision of materials for Board of Regents meetings; directing and maintaining responsibility for board correspondence, travel arrangements, meeting schedules and developmental activities; preparing and summarizing reports for the Board of Regents; and serving as the board's representative at University-related activities and events.

She also will be responsible for supervising the operational activities of the Huron Contract Project; monitoring divisional budgets and expenditures relating to capital construction projects and associated legal, architectural and contractor fees; directing and coordinating the research, development, revision, dissemination and maintenance of the University's Policy and Procedure Manual; and serving as the board's representative to the Executive Council.

CHARLES M. YOUNG, FIC, of Novi has earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1988 President's Club.

The President's Club is one of the fraternal benefit society's top sales honors. Representatives qualify for membership based on sales of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. Lutheran Brotherhood and its subsidiaries offer life and health insurance, annuities and mutual funds.

Young is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Karl W. Mueller Agency in Rochester Hills. Lutheran Brotherhood has \$23.5 billion in life insurance in force and \$6.6 billion in assets under management. In 1988, the Society allocated \$35.1 million to its fraternal programs in support of its members, their communities and Lutheran institutions.

New tax bill contains some good news

While you weren't looking, Congress came up with yet another tax bill.

The good news is that the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988 (TAMRA) contains some pleasant surprises. Originally designed to correct certain "errors" in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the new legislation contains provisions which can directly benefit individual taxpayers, including a Taxpayer Bill of Rights designed to prevent potential problems with the IRS.

The following summary, provided by the Michigan Association of CPAs, highlights some other features of the new law that are most likely to affect average taxpayers.

Tax-Free College Savings Bonds: One provision sure to be a hit with low- and middle-income families is the introduction of college savings bonds that are free from federal income tax.

Interest on U.S. Series EE Savings Bonds purchased after 1989 will generally be tax-free as long as the bonds are redeemed to finance the qualified education expenses of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's children or a dependent spouse. (Note that qualified expenses include tuition and other required fees, but not room and board costs.)

To take advantage of this next tax break, you must meet certain requirements. First of all, you have to be at least age 24 when you purchase the bonds. Second, you have to be either the sole owner of the bonds or own them jointly with your spouse.

Third, interest earned on the bonds is tax-free only if the student's annual education expenses equal or exceed the bond's redemption amount. If the amount redeemed exceeds the year's qualified educational

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Parents Get a Break from Paperwork: If the new "kiddie tax" rules added to your filing woes last year, the act may offer welcome relief. Starting with 1989 tax returns, some parents with children under age 14 may be able to report their children's income on their own tax returns as long as the income consists solely of interest and dividends and does not exceed \$5,000.

In this case, the child will usually not be required to file a separate return. Before the new law, children with any unearned income and a total income over \$500 had to file their own individual tax returns.

Good News for Mutual Fund Investors - Again: Have you heard the one about the tax rate that never took effect? The Tax Reform Act of 1986 introduced a provision requiring mutual funds to report certain investment expenses as income to the individual shareholders - even though those shareholders never received a corresponding payment.

The shareholders could then deduct the expenses as itemized miscellaneous expenses. As a result, taxpayers who could not itemize or whose miscellaneous expenses did not exceed two percent of their adjusted gross income could not deduct

the expenses and would be taxed on income they never received. In 1987, this rule was "temporarily" delayed. The 1988 Act extends the delay by two years - through 1989.

Exclusion of Gain Extended to Handicapped Taxpayers: If you are a homeowner, you probably know that you can defer tax on the gain from selling your primary residence as long as you reinvest the gain in a new home of equal or greater value within two years.

What you may not know is that, until the signing of TAMRA, a surviving spouse was not entitled to this tax break if he or she became widowed any time after the sale of the old residence and before the purchase of the new one.

Fortunately, the new tax law eliminates this problem. A surviving spouse may now defer gain on the sale of a primary residence provided interest and dividends are not received any time after the sale of the old residence and before the purchase of the new one.

Exclusion of gain Extended to Handicapped Taxpayers: Without question, one of the homeowner's most valued tax breaks is the one-time only \$125,000 exclusion-of-gain provision.

Under this rule, taxpayers who are at least age 55 may exclude tax on up to \$125,000 of the gain from selling their primary residence. To be eligible for the exclusion, the taxpayer must live in the residence three out of

the five years prior to the sale. For taxpayers forced to sell their homes due to a physical or mental disability, the three-year requirement has sometimes meant losing a much-needed tax break. Under the new law, taxpayers who have become so physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves that they must move into a nursing home or similar facility may now claim the \$125,000 exclusion as long as they lived in their primary residence for at least one out of the previous five years. (This provision applies to sales of residences after September 30, 1988.)

And the Bad News: Two provisions of TAMRA may cause some groans among taxpayers. First, loans from single-premium life insurance policies taken out on or after June 21, 1986, will be treated first as taxable income and then as a return of investment.

In the past, the funds would have been free from tax. Moreover, if a policyholder withdraws funds prior to age 59½, the funds may also be subject to a 10 percent excise penalty.

The second piece of bad news mostly affects home-based workers and investors. Starting in 1989, no deduction will be allowed for the business or investment portion of the cost of the first telephone line.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants points out that these items are just a few of the provisions introduced by the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988. To ensure that you do not miss an opportunity or unknowingly violate the new law, the Michigan Association of CPAs suggests that you consult your own tax advisor.

Tax tales from the IRS contain surprises

Guess which deduction the federal Tax Court has allowed: fees paid to an Indian medicine man or the meal costs incurred at a local hospital by two doctors who owned a professional corporation?

If you guessed the doctors' dinner expenses, you may know less about taxes than you think. Tax law can be quite surprising - as demonstrated by this April Fool's collection of true tax tales gathered by the Michigan Association of CPAs.

What a difference a comma makes: If you ever thought a misplaced comma was unimportant, this story may change your mind. Alice received a refund check for \$49,000 rather than \$4,900 due to a mistake made by an IRS computer. Alice notified the IRS of the error several times, but was told that the money was hers.

Over two years later, the IRS realized that it had blundered and tried to collect the inflated refund. However, the deadline for correcting mistakes on refund checks had elapsed, making it impossible for the IRS to get the money back. Alice kept the \$49,000.

At the age of 40, a high school teacher decided to seriously pursue his dream of becoming a professional golfer. Not only did he take on an after-work job as an unpaid assistant to the pro at a local golf course, but he also practiced almost every day.

Over three years, he reported \$3,000 in tournament winnings and \$21,000 in expenses. The IRS disallowed the losses, arguing that golf was just the taxpayer's hobby. But the Tax Court disagreed. Since the aspiring golfer clearly intended to make a profit, the court deemed the losses legitimate.

Another side to medical deductions: A homeowner who was severely allergic to mold sneezed her way to an unusual deduction. The siding on her house had grown moldy, aggravating her allergies to an unbearable level. Her doctor recommended that she change her siding to a more mold-resistant material.

The cost of the siding (minus any increase in the home's value attributable to the new siding) was deductible as a medical expense.

In the dog house: A woman set a stack of bills in front of her certified public accountant. "These are my kennel bills," she explained. Since the woman had to put her dog in a kennel whenever she traveled on business, she intended to deduct the bills as unreimbursed business expenses.

"I wouldn't have the kennel expenses if I didn't have to travel for my job," she reasoned. "Sorry," explained her CPA. According to tax law, she wouldn't have the expenses if she didn't have the dog. The kennel bills would not be deductible as a business expense.

A cheating spouse: For a number of years, Ralph hid money from his wife in various bank accounts. As a consequence, he underpaid his taxes during that time. When the IRS discovered the hidden accounts, it accused Ralph of tax fraud. But the Tax Court interpreted events differently.

According to the court, Ralph intended to hide the money from his wife and not the IRS. Since the IRS couldn't prove that tax evasion was Ralph's primary motivation, the court held that the IRS couldn't collect the tax for those years for which the statute of limitations had run out.

A costly boast: A drug dealer's boast resulted in a hefty tax bill. In a conversation with undercover IRS agents, the drug dealer bragged about the amount of money he earned as a result of his activities. Although the IRS found only \$870 in the dealer's possession, it hit him with a \$24 million tax bill based on the information he gave the undercover agents. In tax court, the multi-million dollar tax bill was upheld.

Dying for a deduction: A staggered work schedule enabled Randy to earn additional income as a rescue diver and as an instructor of searching for underwater treasures.

After three of his students found their fortunes in sunken shipwrecks, Randy decided it was time to do a little treasure-hunting of his own. He bought a specially-equipped boat and began searching for sunken treasure. Although he located a few shipwrecks and recovered several artifacts, his findings were essentially worthless.

However, the costs incurred during his treasure-hunting dives came to \$11,551. When Randy deducted his losses, the IRS objected since his activities had not resulted in a profit. But the tax court argued that Randy's treasure hunting was not just a recreational activity. Randy had conducted his activities in a businesslike manner and had proof that successful discoveries could result in millions. The end result: Randy was entitled to a small fortune in tax deductions.

The case of the missing "John Hancock": Gloria had to pay penalties for signing her tax return as if it had never been filed. As a failure to file a timely return. If you want to make sure you don't get caught by some unpleasant tax law surprise, the Michigan Association of CPAs suggests that you consult with a tax expert before filing your return.

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Female entrepreneur sells patio furniture

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Palm Beach Patio Fedrigo said she decided to open another store approximately two years ago - and selected Novi as the place she wanted to expand.

"Novi is the hot spot right now," she explained. "It's upscale, and it's growing fast. Plus a lot of its customers at the Waterford store came from Novi so it was a pretty logical place to move."

"Originally, I wanted to build my own facility, but it was difficult to find a place to build a freestanding retail outlet in Novi so I ultimately decided on the Town Center after checking out several of the other shopping centers."

"The Trammell Crow owners of the Town Center people have been very cooperative, and the city officials have been very easy to work with."

"It's a good spot. It's a very friendly city." Palm Beach Patio still carries the line of Pride patio furniture which Fedrigo started five years ago. Fedrigo has expanded the product line considerably since that time.

Today, the store features such outlets as Brown Jordan, Tropitone and Allibert to name only a few. "Patio furniture is really diverse. Everyone has their own ideas on what is the best product for outdoors," Fedrigo noted.

"We carry wrought iron, aluminum, steel and wood in addition to the polyvinyl chloride. There's no one material that everyone agrees is best for outdoor use. It's all very opinionated; each material has its pros and cons."

"We also carry outdoor accessories," she continued. "Tables, chairs, weighted bases and outdoor lighting. We've even got plates that will stick to the table in any wind short of a hurricane. And you've got to see our 'post lamps.' They can make a patio awfully romantic on a summer night."

Five years after buying a truckload of patio furniture with no firm idea of what she was going to do with it, Fedrigo said the business is going well.

Most of the profits are re-invested in the business. Fedrigo said she spends a lot of money on advertising and expanding her product lines. "Personally, Fedrigo does not drive an expensive sports car. And she doesn't take expensive vacations. In fact, she doesn't take vacations at all."

"I enjoy working," she said. "I like to see my business grow. I'm not in business to make a lot of money as much as I'm in it for the satisfaction of taking a business and making it successful."

"It's the challenge - the achievement - that I find gratifying." Fedrigo said a current goal is to have three stores by the time she's 35. "Some day I would like for Palm Beach Patio to be a chain," she said. "I would like it to be 'multiple outlets' some day."

"I'm young and a little bit inclined on the risk-taking side," she continued. "But you've got to take risks when you're young because security becomes too important when you get older."

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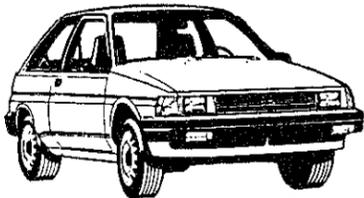
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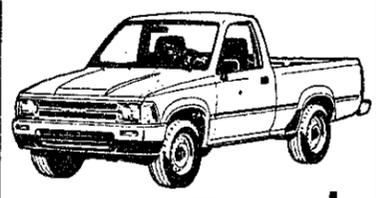


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PLANTS IN POTS

Plantings take root for patios

By Ann Willis

There was a time when gardens were as much a part of the American backyard as picnic tables. A time when if you could afford a small place of your own, a portion of it was given up to orderly flower beds and a small plot just right for a few tomato plants, peppers, some lettuce and beans.

But like much of life in America — gardens have changed.

While gardening, both flower and vegetable, still constitutes one of the biggest hobbies in America, the backyard has changed.

For many people space is at a premium. Apartment construction is growing in the western suburbs and every city and township boasts more than a few condominiums. Even the large single family homes going up in many areas have smaller and smaller backyards, relying heavily on the popular decks for family space outside of the home.

So is traditional gardening out of the question for these people? Not if the growing popularity of container gardening is any indication.

Local gardening centers are stocking more and more clay, concrete, wood and plastic pots to service the new-age gardener.

According to John VanHouten of English Gardens in West Bloomfield,

the apartment dweller with a sturdy railing, or the condo owner with a patio, does not have to do without fresh flowers and vegetables.

VanHouten said brackets for pots to hang over balconies are very popular. The popularity of the container system, VanHouten said, is partially because of limited space, and partially because people like to move pots around to catch the right light and to decorate their patios.

Wick watering systems are gaining popularity as well. A representative at Frank's Nursery said the convenience of the enclosed watering system is the big sell there. Mike Dinsler of Dinsler's in Wixom echoed that.

"Self-watering containers are becoming more popular. You can go away for the weekend and don't have to worry about watering. That's a big advantage."

While many of the nursery and greenhouse spokesmen said they recommend containers for both flowers and vegetable growers, one did not. Dick Brainer of Brainer's Nursery in Wixom, said that while he recommends pots for flowers, and sells a lot of them, he does not recommend containers for vegetable growing.

"Frankly, by the time you buy the tomato plants and the container, it would be cheaper to buy the tomatoes at a market," he said.

"Plant flowers, then you can enjoy the beauty of the flowers. For the amount of vegetables you can grow in a container and the money spent on a container ... you may end up with 2 or 3 pounds of tomatoes and in the height of the season a pound of tomatoes sells for 79-89 cents a pound. It's just not economically feasi-

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Patio veggies make hit with apartment dwellers

By Marilyn Herald

The days of full-scale vegetable gardening as our mothers and fathers knew it seem to be on the wane for those living in the suburbs near metropolitan areas.

Raising veggies for the entire family or even canning huge supplies to put away for winter are the ways of a nearly forgotten era in some places.

As more and more citizens move to apartments, duplexes or condominiums, however, the demand for patio-style plants of all kinds continues to grow greater. Some residents still want the satisfaction of "tasting the fruits of their labors," while others find the luxurious foliage and colorful vegetables growing in containers on the windowsill or the patio serve as good conversation starters.

Of course, most people are also looking for the early varieties which produce edible produce as quickly as possible.

One of these, known as a "patio hybrid," is the Pixie II tomato. It's 50-day fruitlet and is the answer for those who are tired of the somewhat tasteless tomatoes shipped into the area during the winter.

"Remember," warns Ron Colasanti of Colasanti's Produce and Plants of Highland, "the shorter the growing time on any product, the smaller the fruit and the less firm it will be."

He recommends growing an early tomato, like Pixie, and a later variety such as Big Boy along with it. That way you get both that early taste of fresh fruit and the

later enjoyment of larger, more firm tomatoes.

Both types need to be staked to support the plants as the tomatoes form. They should be grown in large clay pots or fiber-type containers and must have good drainage. Place pebbles or broken pieces of crock in bottom of pots to provide drainage.

Pixie II tomatoes have been bred to provide sturdy, smaller plants that fit well on a patio.

Tony Raney of Raney's Rainbow Gardens in South Lyon said he carries an early tomato called "Patio" that is designed particularly for pots. "We also have a dwarf-bush cucumber that does well in a five-gallon container."

Raney said a five-gallon plastic paint bucket with holes punched in the bottom for drainage can be used for patio planting. "Rocks are good in the bottom to give the container extra weight (so that it won't tip over) and for added drainage. You don't have to use as much potting soil to fill the pot, either."

Speaking of potting soil, Raney advises purchasing sterilized soil so that weeds and diseases are virtually eliminated from the planting. "You can eliminate about 90 percent of the possibility of disease by using sterilized soil."

Raney said he has seen zucchini squash and egg plant also do well grown in large containers.

The Basket King Hybrid tomato takes 55 days to mature and has cascading branches that bear clusters of small, but sweet tomatoes. They not only look pretty, but provide taste treats as well.

What else can you grow in large pots or baskets on the patio? How about patio bush peppers, basket tomatoes, pole beans, leaf-type oriental cabbage (for its curly and colorful foliage) and snap peas?

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Everything's in bloom in pots

By Buddy Moorehouse

You don't have much space. You like flowers. What can you grow?

"You can grow anything," said Lori Meier of Meier Flowerland in Brighton. "You just have to know how tall the flower is going to grow and not put it in a pot that's too small. But you can grow anything in a small space."

Indeed, Meier said that you don't need a yard the size of a football field if you want to start a flower garden. Even if you only have a small porch or patio to work with, you can still grow a variety of flowers.

There are, however, a few rules of (green) thumb to follow.

"You want to make sure you don't overcrowd your flowers," Meier said. "When you first pot them, you have to allow for their growth, or you'll lose them."

Meier said it's also important to keep a constant eye on your flowers.

"You have to make sure your plants aren't calling out for water," she said. "If your soil is dry, make sure you give them water before you fertilize them. Always make sure they have enough water before you start putting in fertilizer."

While you can technically grow any flower in your patio

garden, certain types will work out better than others, Meier said.

"You might want to stick with the low-growers," she said. "Plants like dallas, geraniums, petunias, calendulas and snapdragons work out well. You can get a nice, full effect that looks very nice with those flowers."

If you don't have much light to work with, you'll also want to steer toward certain flowers.

"Impatiens and begonias are good for low-light situations," Meier said. "Growallia, coleus and dusty miller also work well in low-light places."

Meier also said that one man who visits her store came up with an unusual way to spice up a patio garden.

"He mixed his flowers with his vegetables," she said. "He was growing some geraniums, and he planted parsley between the flowers. It looked great. You don't need much room for parsley to grow, and it really added some volume to his garden."

If you're unsure of what flowers to grow and how to grow them, the best advice is to consult your greenhouse operator. You can even have them prepare a potted garden for you.

"I've made up some combination pots for people that they've really liked," Meier said. "People can bring their pots in and we'll fill them up for them."



Gardeners make use of patios

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Not every vegetable plant grower will have patio-type varieties to offer, but they are worth looking for if you want to enjoy growing your own summer treats. Or you may want to order seeds from some of the well-known seed catalog companies like Burpees.

If you want to try pole beans, a sturdy pole with hoops at top and bottom to string with weatherproof nylon monofilament is pretty much a must. Burpees and some local greenhouses offer these and they can be reused for years.

Pole beans need slightly more room than some patio vegetables and a space about five-feet square by at

least six-feet high is recommended. The "bean tower" will support up to 12 pole bean plants or 36 snap bean vines.

For a nice privacy-style growth on the patio, put up a trellis and grow either pole beans or cucumbers. You can train them up and down the trellis so that they have plenty of room without going astray. Vines that produce larger, heavy fruits, such as melons or winter squash, are not practical for this, however.

Colasanti said fertilizing once every 10 days to two weeks is advisable during the growing season. Using less fertilizer and adding it more often is recommended rather than pulling too much on at once.

Since nearly everyone is anxious to taste those first tomatoes, when is

the best time to put them out on the patio. Colasanti suggests around May 15 is a suitable time, but be prepared to cover them at night or bring them in if the weather turns cold. "If they are under a canopy, they won't freeze as they would out in the open."

While growing tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers so that you can have a fresh salad every day from mid-summer until frost is not very difficult, Colasanti cautions that trying the more ambitious gardening on the patio may not be worth the trouble.

"You probably aren't going to grow many meals of beans or snap peas, but you may be able to have a fresh cucumber every day."

Planting in pots gains popularity

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ble. You have to be a realist. And I just don't see that much beauty in a vegetable," Brainer said. He recommends clay pots for growing flowers, as plastic ones don't breathe or drain well, he said. "We sell an awful lot of clay pots."

Several growers disagreed with Brainer, saying growing vegetables in containers was a matter of proper care and proper selection of varieties. A spokesperson for Frank's Nursery said that dwarf varieties of plants and vegetables, such as cherry tomatoes, do well.

All agreed that to grow vegetables you must

have a good size container. Disner said that many people are grouping a few different plants together in a large pot.

"Combining annuals with vegetables, like a tomato plant and a few marigolds for color, is popular," Disner said. He said vegetables do "pretty well" in pots as long as you don't put too many in the container.

Disner also noted that containers can help a gardener get an early start on vegetables or flowers by allowing him to set the immature plants in a sheltered place until the ground and air warm up enough to allow planting in the yard.

Even strawberry plants can be grown in containers, Disner said. He said they can be put in hanging baskets, as they are a vine. "They don't produce a lot of fruit because they're so restricted, but they have a pretty foliage."

He noted that birds like strawberries as well, but that they can be messy hung over a patio or deck.

Prices on containers vary from the inexpensive plastic pots that sell for 60 to 70 cents to more expensive and decorative concrete holders with sculpted figures that can be as expensive as \$100. Already planted clay pots sell in the \$25 range.

Local church to hold spring concert

Spring sounds will fill the air when the Meadowbrook Congregational Church presents its Spring Choral Festival on Sunday, April 6.

The musical event will take place at 2 p.m. The church is located on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile.

Two major works for chorus, brass, percussion and organ will receive their Novit premiere during the "Arts at Meadowbrook" series.

Featured musical selections include "Gloria" by English composer John Rutter and "Triumphal Te Deum" by New England composer Ron Nelson.

In addition, a smaller work by each composer will be highlighted by the choir, accompanied by the harp, violin and brass.

Performers include the Detroit Chamber Winds—composed mainly of Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) members—DSO violinist

Joseph Striplin, harpist Christ Grix and the Chancel Choir of Meadowbrook Church.

All performers will be directed by Ray Ferguson, minister of music at Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Ferguson also is professor of organ and church music at Wayne State University and an organist with the DSO.

The special musical event is partially underwritten by the Michigan Council for the Arts through the

Oakland County Cultural Council and a grant from the Detroit Federation of Musicians, Local No. 5.

Remaining funding will come from patrons and benefactors from Meadowbrook Church and nearby communities.

The program is free and open to the public. Child care will be provided free of charge. For more information call the church office at 948-7767.

Engagements



LYNN FLAVIN

Flavin-Rende

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flavin of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Marie, to Kirk Donald Rende of Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rende of Franklin.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1986. She is employed as a manager at Meijer in Northville.

The future bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of Novi High School. He works as a computer programmer at Technovation in Livonia. An early September wedding is planned.

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KIMBERLY STANLEY and LOUIS RESCONICH

Stanley-Resconich

Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Stanley of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Louis John Resconich of Novi, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Resconich.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Howell High School and a 1988 graduate of Madonna College in Livonia. She is an elementary school teacher in Detroit.

The future bridegroom is a 1981 graduate of Novi High School and a 1986 graduate of Northwood Institute in Midland. He is a marketing associate for Meisel/Syco in Canton. An early September wedding is planned.

MacIntosh-Turrentine

Mrs. Janet Stickley of Union Lake and Mr. Richard MacIntosh of Pontiac announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Mark Turrentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Turrentine of Novi.

The bride-elect and prospective groom are graduates of Western Michigan University.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Dykehouse-Brinker

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dykehouse of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Jill, to Daniel Tye Brinker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Brinker of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Spring Lake High School and a 1987 graduate of Kalamazoo College. She is a staff member at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

The future bridegroom is a 1984 graduate of Novi High School and a 1988 graduate of Kalamazoo College. He is employed at Centre College in Danville, Ky. The couple plan an April wedding.

Diversions

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Libraries offer variety of videos

By AMY ROSA staff writer

You may not know it, but your friendly neighborhood library may have a great selection of videos as your local video store does.

A library may not contain as many titles as, say, a Blockbuster Video. But often times you can find movies and unique non-fiction videos in a library that you can't find in the stores.

For instance, Novi Library Director Brenda Burrell said her library offers some older, foreign and classical movies that aren't always carried elsewhere. "We try to focus on getting those movies that are less available," she said.

Some examples, she said, include silent movies starring the likes of Charlie Chaplin, and the films of Laurel and Hardy. Also, Burrell has received recent requests for such movies as "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "Gone With the Wind." People seemed surprised to learn the library carried them, she added.

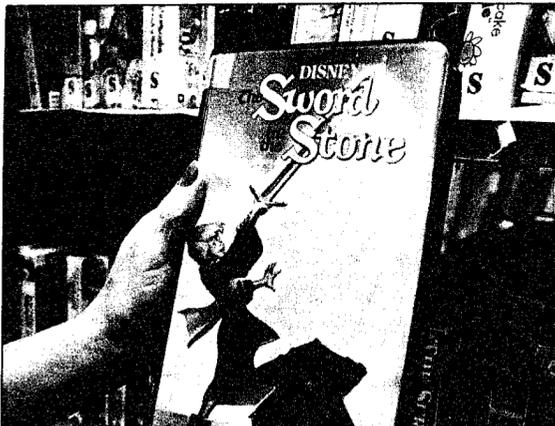
Novi's library carries about 1,000 videos in all, Burrell said. Joanne Dewey, children's librarian at the Northville Public Library, said they, too, have a good selection of "hard-to-find" videos. They carry about 500 movie titles.

Dewey said some of her library's travel and child care videos, as well as the "how-tos" fall into that category.

Cooking, cooking and how to learn the fox trot or ballroom dancing are examples of the library's how-to video list. "It's a lot easier to learn some things from a movie than from a book," said Burrell.

The arts is another area in which libraries may be stronger than the average video store, Burrell explained.

For instance, Burrell said she has in stock a number of Broadway plays like "Sunday in the Park with



Disney's "The Sword in the Stone" is just one of the video rental titles available at local libraries

George" or "Sweeney Todd." She also carries ballets.

Two of the most interesting movies the library had obtained, and which may be rather unusual, said Burrell, are "Baghdad Cafe" and "The Dead."

"Baghdad Cafe" is actually a German film that was made to show what life in the U.S. is like—all from a German perspective. The movie, which is set in California, has spawned a T.V. situation-comedy pilot starring Whoopi Goldberg for the fall.

"The Dead," said Burrell, is not a horror story as one might think, but

an interesting "character study."

For all this though, libraries are not without the new releases and popular rentals upon which the video stores depend. The main difference between the two, said Burrell and Dewey, is the fact that libraries buy only one copy of a movie to rent, rather than having multiple rentals of the same movie.

For example, Northville's library has just received the new rental of "Big," "Punchline," "A Fish Called Wanda" and "Clean and Sober."

Novi's library is now renting "The God Mother," "The Great Out-

doors" and "The Presidio."

Both libraries keep up with current titles by ordering from the same magazines as do video stores. "But we're not in competition with the video stores," Burrell asserted.

Another advantage of renting from the library, besides the unique selection, is cost. Both libraries rent entertainment video for \$1 and rent education videos for more than one day free of charge.

Compare that to the current prices of \$2, \$3 and \$4 elsewhere and you have a deal.

Marquis Theater hosts 'Grease'

Northville's historic Marquis Theater will present a live rendition of "Grease," the '50's rock 'n' roll musical April 21 through May 14.

Performance dates are Fridays (April 21 and 28 and May 5 and 12), Saturdays (April 15, 22 and 29 and May 6 and 13) and Sundays (April 16, 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14).

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$9 and \$10 or \$7 for students under 16. Seniors receive special discounts.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by telephone by calling 349-8110 or 349-0888. Tickets also are available at the door or from The Marquis Stores at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

Reserved seating is available for groups of 20 or more.

In Town

Wilhelm Grimm, who, along with their sister Charlotte, update many of their treasured classics.

Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office or at the door. Call 347-4400.

The performance is one in a series of "First Sunday" programs offered for area families by the Novi Arts and Culture Committee.

Mr. B's Farm: The band "Sittin' In" is currently performing at Mr. B's Farm on Fridays and Saturdays. Entertainment is provided at Mr. B's Farm from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located on the west side of Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in Novi.

Novi Hilton: The band "Two Twenty" is currently performing at the Novi Hilton's Whispers Lounge this weekend.

The Novi Hilton is located on Haggerty Road, just north of Eight Mile.

Sheraton Oaks: The band "Reflections" is playing at Anthony's Lounge in the Novi Sheraton Oaks this weekend.

Sheraton Oaks is located on 2700 Sheraton Drive, near the West Oaks shopping center in Novi.

Calligraphy: Novi resident Linda McVicar lectures two of her works of calligraphy in the Michigan Association of Calligraphers Annual Juried Exhibition.

The show can be viewed at the Oakland County Executive Offices Galleria in Pontiac from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until the end of March.

The display features works by some of the state's finest calligraphers. McVicar currently teaches calligraphy classes in the Farmington and Livonia Community Education programs.

For more information about the show or classes, contact her at 474-7214.

"In Town" lists entertainment events in Novi and Northville. To have an event listed write to "In Town," Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

DI to present 'Arts & Flowers'

The Detroit Institute of Arts presents "Art & Flowers," a festival of spring, April 11-16.

Events and displays include floral arrangements created by members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, celebrity invitational floral displays, horticulture and garden exhibits, an art and flowers poster competition, public docent tours and self-guided tours.

Guest speakers Renny Reynolds, Martha Stewart, Judith Smith, Mario Buatta, David Smith and Thomas Hoving will appear throughout the event. For ticket information call 833-7959.

"Pack of Lies": Farmington Players presents the opening of Hugh Whitmore's "Pack of Lies" on Friday, April 21, at the Farmington Players Barn on Twelve Mile, west of Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

The play is based on a true incident and follows a family as it is swept in to a cold-war whirlpool of deceit and betrayal. It takes place in London and focuses on the moral dilemma of what happens when commonplace people are petitioned to spy on their friends.

Performance dates are April 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and May 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13. Curtain time for all performances is 8 p.m. except on Sundays when it is 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 and can be obtained by calling 538-1670.

Nearby



Tim Conway, left, and Tom Poston appear in "The Odd Couple" at the Fox Theater

Township Area Historical Society presents a travel and adventure film "The Spanish Season," narrated by Bob Pearce at the Walled Lake Center High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 19, at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for students. For more information call 624-1483.

The Guild Playhouse is at 15138 Beech Daly Road, one block south of Five Mile. For reservations call 538-5878.

Spring events: Upcoming programs at Kensington Metropark's Nature Center include "In Search of Spring" on April 2, "Planting for Wildlife" on April 9, "Dinosaur Days" on April 16, "Full Moon Walk" on April 20, "Nature & Spring for 4-7 year olds" on April 23 and "Spring Has Sprung" on April 30.

Registration is required for all programs. For more information call 1-800-24PARKS or 685-1561.

"Odd Couple": The Fox Theater presents Tim Conway as Felix Unger and Tom Poston as Oscar Madison in Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" April 25-30.

Tickets are \$15 to \$27 and are available at the Fox Theater box office, Joe Louis Arena box office or Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone using Visa or MasterCard call 432-6666. For general information call 567-6000.

Upcoming comedy: Ann Arbor Civic Theater presents the zany comedy "The House of Blue Leaves." Performance dates are April 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 and 8 p.m. at the AACT Building, 1035 S. Main in Ann Arbor.

General admission tickets are \$5. For ticket information and reservations call 662-7282.

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The University of Michigan MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS

By BUDDY MOOREHOUSE

So you think you've got a green thumb?

You might feel like you've still got some learning to do after a visit to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. You name it, they can grow it.

The Matthaei (pronounced "math-ee") Botanical Gardens are owned and operated by the University of Michigan's Department of Biology. The gardens operate as a living classroom for U-M's students, but they also afford nature lovers an excellent opportunity to see Mother Nature at her best.

The Botanical Gardens were formally organized in 1907 under the direction of George P. Burns, a U-M botany professor. Burns helped get 55 acres adjacent to the Nichols Arboretum to house the gardens.

In 1915, the Botanical Gardens moved to a 42-acre site on Iroquois Avenue in Ann Arbor. In 1955, the search for a new site began. A



donation from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Matthaei Sr. made possible the purchase of the present site on Dixboro Road, between Plymouth and Geddes roads.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens continue to serve as a botany classroom for U-M, but they are also open to the public seven days a week.

Both inside and outside, there is no shortage of beautiful plant life on display.

The Exotic Conservatory is the main greenhouse, where a variety of tropical, warm-temperature and desert plants live. All of the plants are well-marked, and during the winter and late-spring months, this is the display you'll want to visit.

In one room alone, dozens of exotic cactus strains are on display.

When the weather warms up a bit, and the plants start to bloom, the acres of outdoor trails make the Botanical Gardens even more popular with visitors.

There are four nature trails set up on the grounds, each offering a different array of plants and animals. They are:

THE RED TRAIL. The shortest of the four trails, the Red Trail covers six-tenths of a mile and only takes 20 minutes or so to walk. Along the way, you'll see an oak grove which features 200-year-old oaks, a grove filled with wildflowers and a rare, 40-foot Metasequoia tree from China.

THE YELLOW TRAIL. This 1.2 mile trail showcases a newly planted grove of ash trees and a prairie area which features Big Bluestem grass. The Yellow Trail

also passes by a marsh inhabited by frogs, fish and muskrats.

THE BLUE TRAIL. Covering 1.6 miles, the Blue Trail winds through a dense pine plantation. The Blue Trail is an excellent trail for winter viewing.

THE GREEN TRAIL. A number of interesting trees (including a huge cherry tree), wildflowers (including wild bergamot and Queen Anne's lace) and other plants (bayberry and yucca) are displayed along this trail.

Also for outdoor viewing, the Horticultural Specialty Gardens offers a look at a rock garden, medicinal garden, grass collection and spreads of roses, peonies, bulbs and perennials.

If you're planning on visiting the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, you'll have to observe some house rules. Among them: no dogs, no picnicking and no picking flowers.

The gardens are open from sunrise to sunset every day of the year, except Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. The inside conservatory is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for adults, 75 cents for seniors and 50 cents for children ages 6-12.

Guided tours are available for groups of eight or more, if you call at least three weeks in advance.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens are located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Take U.S. 23 south to Plymouth Road. Head east to Dixboro Road, then south to the gardens. For more information, call (313) 763-7060.

APRIL What's Going ON

Theater

THEATER: Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound."

Birmingham Theater presents "Broadway Bound," the final installment of Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical trilogy, for a five-week engagement April 4-May 7. Tickets are \$15-\$24. For information and tickets call 644-3533.

Birmingham Theater is at 211 S. Woodward. The Detroit premiere of "Quilters" opens a four-week run at **Meadow Brook Theater** on the campus of **Oakland University near Rochester** beginning March 30. "Quilters" is a musical about American pioneer women who relate their experiences through songs, dances and storytelling which in turn inspires designs for quilts. Tickets can be reserved by calling 377-3300. **Bonstelle Theater** at **Wayne State University** presents Chekhov's "The Three Sisters," one of the masterpieces of modern theater, to conclude its theater season April 14-23.

The production replaces "The Comedy of Errors," which was originally scheduled. Subscribers are asked to use their "Comedy of Errors" tickets for "The Three Sisters." For more information and tickets call 577-2960.

University of Michigan's University Players presents Dario Fo's political satire "We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!" at the Trueblood Theater on the University campus March 20-April 2. The cast of the play consists of undergraduate students of acting. The production is based on a series of consumer uprisings that occurred in Italy in 1974. General admission tickets are \$7. For more information call 764-0450. **Ann Arbor Civic Theater**, 1035 S. Main St. in Ann Arbor features the comedy "The House of Blue Leaves," by Main Street Productions. Written by John Guare, the play is winner of the 1971 Critics Award and the Obie Award. Performance dates are April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22; at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$5; Thursday tickets are 2 for 1. For ticket information and reservations call 662-7282.

Sounds

MUSIC: Spring concert planned.

Madonna College in Livonia hosts the **Madonna Chorale Spring Concert** Sunday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road. The concert features John Rutter's "Requiem" and works by Faure, Byrd, Stavinsky, Vauhan, Williams and Christiansen. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 591-5097. **The Marriage of Figaro** will be performed in English by the School of Music Opera Theater March 30, 31, April 1 at 8 p.m. and April 2 at 2 p.m. at Mendelssohn Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 and \$7. For more information call 764-0450. The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit presents **Michigan Musician Winners Concert** April 5 at 8 p.m. Admission is free. The Center is at 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield. The concert is part of the "Let Us Entertain You" series. For more information call 661-1000. **Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach** will appear at the Palace of Auburn Hills May 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 (cabaret), \$25 and \$17.50. For more information and tickets call 377-8600. The pair has been music collaborators for nearly 30 years and is best known for the 1986 hit "That's What Friends Are For."

EXHIBITS: DIA hosts Arts & Flowers.

Detroit Institute of Arts presents "Arts & Flowers: A Festival of Spring," April 11-16. The display begins with a preview party April 11 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., which includes a cocktail reception and music, touring of Arts and Flowers and the first viewing of **Celebrity Invitational Floral Displays** in the Great Hall. Activities scheduled throughout the event include an Arts and Flowers poster competition, public docent tours, floral arrangements, an afternoon tea and lectures by well-known interior designers and consultants. To reserve tickets call 833-7969. **Pewabic Pottery**, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave. in Detroit presents "The Scheier's and the Heino's Exhibit" at Pewabic Pottery through April 22. An opening reception will be held March 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. Edwin and Mary Scheier were recognized as the leading artists in their field during the 1950s. Vivika and Otto Heino have also played a major role in the history of American ceramics. For more information call 882-0954. Artist Ken Dallison will exhibit his works at **Gallery Automania**, 304 East St. in Rochester through April 8. Dallison is a commercial illustrator in England and the U.S. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

ART: WORKS OF BOTERA, lecture and slide series by Michael Farrell, associate professor of art history at University of Windsor, program takes place at Northville City Hall, corner of Main and Wing streets, Northville, 8 p.m. April 20, \$5 admission, call 349-1473 for information.

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The increase in the number of two-income families and the corresponding decrease in the amount of leisure time has led to rapid growth in the carry-out food industry. Restaurants specializing in carry-out pizza, burgers, Chinese, chicken, ribs and various other types of food are thriving.

But the advent of gourmet carry-out is relatively recent, a product perhaps of more discerning tastes and an indication of the spreading pervasiveness of yuppie ideals.

Then, again, maybe people just want a change from pizza when they're too tired to prepare a meal or go out for dinner after a hard day at the office.

Whatever the reason, Edwards has found a rapidly growing market for its carry-out gourmet meals.

Edwards' carry-out menu would do the vast majority of restaurants proud in terms of the creativity of its cuisine.



Photo by CHRIS BOYD

Edwards Caterer in Northville offers carry-out gourmet lunches and dinners

Tired of pizza? Order *filet of beef tournedoes au poivre* instead.

Need a break from Chinese? Then try some *herb chicken du provence*, gougons of chicken breast with rosemary, sage, thyme, fresh tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach and kalamata olives.

For starters, Edwards offers a large selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Examples include tiny gougeres with smoked turkey, tomato chutney and granny apple slices, or mustard caramelized water chestnuts with spinach and jarlsberg swiss filling.

Entrees include four selections of chicken, three choices of beef and four choices of fish, including fresh Atlantic salmon and sweet and mild smoked rainbow trout.

Also available are more than 15 types of salads and four types of casseroles.

Having decided to give gourmet carry-out a try recently, we selected a dinner that began with a simple mixed-greens salad accented by gyure cheese and topped with a mustard vinaigrette dressing.

The entree was crusty mustard chicken, boneless breast of chicken dipped in dijon mustard and French bread crumbs, and

sautéed in virgin olive oil. It was accompanied by a fresh basil cream sauce.

Complementing the meal was a vegetable lasagna of rotini pasta layered with ricotta, fresh tomato, basil sauce, white parmesan sauce and fresh grated asiago and parmesan cheese.

From a wide variety of dessert choices, we selected the Key Lime tartlets.

The results of the venture into carry-out gourmet were most satisfying. The salad was crisp. The mustard chicken was tasty. And the vegetable lasagna was quite flavorful — a most acceptable complement to the chicken.

The Key Lime tartlet — made with limes shipped from Florida — was also surprisingly good with a surprisingly delicate pastry shell and a light, under-stated flavor.

If you're among those who have not yet tried carry-in gourmet, Edwards will prove a good place to start.

Edwards Caterer, 116 East Dunlap Street, Northville. 344-1550. Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays. Credit cards accepted.

John Schlagheck, 25, is assistant planner in Novi's Community Development Department. On a personal note, John just returned from two-weeks of active duty training with the Marine Corps Reserve in Norway. There he spent 10 continuous days outdoors where the temperature dropped to 0 degrees at night.



My Favorite Things

1. **FAMILY REUNIONS** "I like to go where everyone knows your name (like the TV show "Cheers"), and where you can really be yourself."

2. **BIG CITIES** He's drawn to the downtowns of such places as Boston, Chicago, San Diego — and of course, Detroit.

3. **PLANNING TRIPS** "I like the anticipation of going overseas," he said, recalling a fun personal vacation in central Europe five years ago, and the visit to Norway recently — although that one wasn't so fun, he said.

4. **WMU FOOTBALL** John tries to get to every game he can at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, his alma mater. "I'll be able to go to more now that I'm finished with reserve duty."

5. **CAREER CHOICE** "I'm very satisfied with it," said John, calling himself a flatlander, which he said is another name for city dweller. He remembers reading about cities as a child, and feels he is now living his childhood dream.

HALF-MARATHON:
Runners prepare for annual 'half-marathon'/2D

THE COHEN YEARS:
Novi All-American caps brilliant career/3D

OLYMPIC DREAM:
Jerod Swallow takes new skating partner/3D

DAIRY PRODUCTS:
Experts re-examine values of dairy products/4D

The Best in area Hoops

The 1988-89 Sliger-Livingston East Boys' Basketball Team is a collection of the 10 best players in the area. These two squads have a little bit of everything: long range shooting specialists, inside scoring threats, heady floor leaders and fine passers and rebounders. Here's a closer look at the teams...

FIRST TEAM

SCOTT ARMSTRONG, Milford, guard: This 6-foot-2 junior doesn't play with a lot of flash, but his numbers do plenty of talking.

A two-year varsity player, Armstrong averaged 18.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game in leading the Redskins to a 21-2 record and Kensington Valley Conference co-championship.

"Scott is an unassuming-type player," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "He's not spectacular, just real solid. His game is one of the most complete around. He does everything pretty well."

Armstrong, a left-handed shooter, converted 152 of 333 field goal attempts (45.6 percent) and 75 of 104 free throw tries (72.1). He statistics may have been more impressive had it not been for an ankle injury, which bothered him most of the season and kept him out of two games.

"Scott's biggest asset may be in-

telligence," said Palmer, noting his 3.9 grade-point average. "He understands game plans and adjusts to things very well. Plus, he's a class kid. He's really everything you want in a player."

ED COTE, Novi, guard: Cote is one of the most explosive long-range shooters in Novi history. Just 5-foot-10 in height, he already holds every school record for three-point shooting — including eight treys in one game — and was a unanimous All-Kensington Valley Conference pick.

He was the area's fourth-best scorer with a 17.9 average and also was among the leaders in steals (2.9 per game).

"Ed has great range as a shooter, and when he gets in a groove it's almost impossible to stop him," Wildcat coach John Cicchelli said. "Nobody could take us lightly because he was such a weapon. He had the ability to score in bunches and because of that, he kept us in a lot of games."

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Sliger-Livingston East Boys' Basketball Team

FIRST TEAM

Name	Grade	Height	Position	School
Scott Armstrong	11	6'2"	Guard	Milford
Ed Cote	12	5'11"	Guard	Novi
Chris House	12	6'6"	Center	Northville
Chris Hutchins	12	5'10"	Guard	Lakeland
Randy Watters	12	6'3"	Forward	Lakeland

SECOND TEAM

Name	Grade	Height	Position	School
Matt Byrd	12	6'1"	Forward	South Lyon
Mark Fisher	11	6'6"	Center	Novi
Matt Hutchins	11	5'10"	Guard	Lakeland
Jeff Irish	12	5'11"	Forward	Milford
Heath Meyers	12	6'3"	Guard	Northville

Honorable Mention: Lakeland - Todd Perry; Milford - Dean Dirmeyer, Greg Petru, Greg Wilhelm; Northville - Joe Kaley, Greg Prica, Mike Karfis; Novi - Todd Wise, Bret Csordas; South Lyon - Eric Niemur; Novi Christian - Dennis Leech.

Player of the Year: Scott Armstrong, Milford
Coach of the Year: Don Palmer, Milford



Don Palmer, Milford



Ed Cote, Novi



Chris Hutchins, Lakeland



Scott Armstrong, Milford



Chris House, Northville



Randy Watters, Lakeland



Cote, Fisher win All-Area berths

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On Jan. 6, Cote put on the greatest scoring exhibition in 12 years at Novi when he exploded for 37 points against Howell. It was the third-highest scoring output in school history. A few weeks later, he repeated the feat against the same squad.

"He just seems to go wild on us," Howell Coach Jerry Johnson said. "He had six three-point baskets in the fourth quarter, but we were all over him. It wasn't because we weren't covering him. (Cote) has a quick release and was as hot as a firecracker."

CHRIS HOUSE, Northville, center: A second-team selection last year, this 6-foot-6 pivotman was one of Northville's top scorers, rebounders and percentage shooters. He was the area's best pure center, possessing good inside skills and strength.

Chris had an ankle injury early in the season and it really slowed him down. Mustang coach Omar Harrison said, "But once he got over it, he came on strong and played the way we expected he would."

House ended up being team MVP for scoring honors with a 14.5 average. He also led Northville in rebounds (7.3 per game), blocked shots and field goal percentage (54), and was among area leaders in all of those categories.

Northville won five of its last six regular season games to finish at 18-10 overall. House was a key offensive contributor in that span, averaging more than 20 points per outing.

CHRIS HUTCHINS, Lakeland, guard: One has to wonder what this 5-foot-10 senior would have accomplished had he not fractured his toe late in the season.

"His numbers are impressive when you consider he missed three games, played about half of another and really wasn't in top form the last part of the season," Lakeland coach Bob McFarland said. "He was really on a roll early in the year. He was penetrating well and, if the jumpers were falling, he was just a dominating player."

Hutchins — arguably the quickest player in the Kensington Valley Conference — finished with an 18.0

points-per-game average. He converted 108 of 256 field goal attempts (42.2 percent) and 58 of 85 free throw tries (68.2).

He also averaged 4.1 assists and 2.2 steals per game. "We're going to miss him," McFarland said. "He did so much for us on both ends of the court. His offensive numbers stand out, but he plays very good defense, too. We usually put him on the other team's leading scorer."

Hutchins held Novi's Ed Cote to nine points on one occasion and Milford's Scott Armstrong to four on another.

RANDY WATERS, Lakeland, forward: The area's leading scorer with an 18.7 points-per-game average, this 6-foot-3 senior kept defenses off-balance with a combination of inside and outside maneuvers.

Waters was a problem for opponents in the low post area, mainly because of his strength and sound footwork, and also poured in 20 three-pointers in 21 games.

"Randy had a great season considering he was the low post area, mainly because of his strength and sound footwork, and also poured in 20 three-pointers in 21 games."

Waters also averaged 10.3 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.9 steals per outing. His shooting percentages were 32.3 from the floor and 72.9 from the charity stripe.

McFarland feels Waters has an excellent chance to play college basketball, noting that a handful of small schools have shown interest.

MATT BYRD, South Lyon, forward: This 6-foot-1 senior was the area's premier rebounder (11.2 per game) despite a size disadvantage against most of his opponents.

"Matt really battled. He did the little things," South Lyon coach John Kearney said. "He wasn't a real scoring threat, but he'd get in there and bang. He's the kind of kid who would make the key pass, take the charge, scrap for loose balls... those types of things."

He also was an intelligent player.

He knew what he could do and how to do it. He played within himself. He was just a super kid to have on the team."

Byrd finished the season with 130 points, 35 assists, 25 steals and seven blocked shots. He also took 12 charges.

His shooting percentages were 40.0 from the field and 52.1 from the free throw line.

MARK FISHER, Novi, center: This 6-foot-6 junior was the only underclassman in the Kensington Valley Conference to average in double figures in scoring and rebounding.

Fisher and shooting guard Ed Cote combined to give Novi a potent inside-outside offensive attack.

"Fisher and Milford's Scott Armstrong will probably be the top two returnees in the KVC," Wildcats coach John Cicchelli said. "The thing that impressed me about Mark was that he improved and played his best ball in the last third of the season. He really became an inside threat and that diversified our offense."

After struggling early in the campaign, Fisher was Novi's top scorer in the final six games. He averaged 14 points and 10.4 rebounds per game for the season and was among area leaders with 47-percent field goal shooting.

MATT HUTCHINS, Lakeland, guard: Don't be surprised if this 5-foot-10 junior battles for the Kensington Valley Conference scoring title next season.

According to Eagles coach Bob McFarland, Hutchins would have averaged close to 20 points per game this season had he not been on the same team with Randy Waters and brother Chris Hutchins.

"Matt's job was to direct our offense," McFarland explained. "With Randy and Chris out there, he ended up handling the ball and passing it more than shooting it. I wanted him to shoot more, but I'm sure that will take place next season."

Hutchins led the Eagles with 138 assists (6.5 per game), 70 steals (3.3) and 38 three-pointers. He converted 79 of 204 field goal attempts (38.7 percent) and 59 of 88 free throws (67.0) en route to a 12.3 points-per-game average.

"Matt was our best defensive

player, too," McFarland added. "He's quick and he never quits out there. He's a real hustler."

JEFF IRISH, Milford, forward: The value of this 5-foot-11 senior to Milford's program cannot be measured on statistics alone.

"Jeff is a great leader," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "He's the type of kid who will organize a team meeting and talk to the players by himself. They respond, too, because all of them respect him."

A three-year starter for the Redskins, Irish averaged 7.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game this past season. He also converted 69 of 135 field goal attempts for 51.1 percent.

Perhaps Irish's biggest assets are his strength and leaping ability. They enabled him to outplay opponents who were sometimes four and five inches taller.

"He's a man... the guy who does the dirty work for us," Palmer said. "He plays hard and he's not intimidated by anyone. People tend to get out of his way a lot."

Irish, who weighs 190 pounds, also excels as a catcher in baseball — a sport which may produce a Division I scholarship for him.

HEATH MYERS, Northville, forward: Midway through the season, Northville coach Omar Harrison told this 6-foot-3 senior swingman to start shooting more or take a seat on the bench. Myers responded by averaging 18.9 points per game the last half of the season.

He wound up sharing team scoring honors with Chris House at 14.5, but actually led the team with 305 total points.

"Once we convinced Heath to start shooting more, we didn't have any more real bad scoring quarters like we did earlier in the year," Harrison said. "He is a great scorer, but for some reason or another he was a little bit bashful to put it up."

Myers, a Western Lakes All-Division selection, led the Mustangs in three players (29), steals (38) and minutes played. He also was a key contributor in free throw shooting (67 percent), assists (1.6 per game), rebounds (5.7 per game) and field goal shooting (46.9 percent).

Rec Briefs

Hunter education: Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services division is offering a four-session course on hunter education beginning April 14. This safety course will meet April 14 from 7:10 p.m. to April 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon and April 28 from 7:10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course provides instruction in home firearm responsibility and hunter safety as outlined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This course is open to anyone 12 years of age or older and there is no fee. For more information call 462-4413.

Beginning kayaking: Schoolcraft College will offer a beginning kayaking course on Friday, April 21, from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$75. This course provides students with the skills necessary to go into open water safely. These skills will easily cross over from river to ocean paddling. For more information call 462-4413.

Parent-tot swimming: Schoolcraft College is offering two sessions of "Parent and Tot Swim" on Thursdays (4-5 p.m.) for seven weeks beginning April 13 and Tuesdays (6-7 p.m.) for seven weeks beginning April 17. The fee is \$25.

This course is designed to teach toddlers and young children to swim with the assistance of a parent. There must be one parent registered for each child attending this class.

Enrollment is limited to the first 15 registered. For more information call 462-4413.

Adult softball leagues: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is looking for teams to participate in its adult softball leagues this summer.

There are openings in the Men's Resident League, Men's Wednesday Open League, Women's Open League and the 35-and-Over League. For more information call Carla Scroggs at 347-0400.

Gymnastics lessons: Parents will be able to discover if their children have talents in gymnastics during a series of classes offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Classes will be offered at Novi Middle School on Mondays and Wednesdays for eight weeks beginning April 3 and running through May 24. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 29, at 5 p.m. and classes are limited in size to 21 students.

Pre-beginners (3-5 year olds) will meet from 5-5:45 p.m. (\$20 fee). Beginners (five-and-over) will meet from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. (\$28 fee) and Intermediates (five-and-over) will meet from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. (\$36 fee). For more information or to register call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Novi/Providence Run: The ninth annual Novi/Providence Run will be held Sunday, April 23, at the Novi Civic Center. The event is co-sponsored by JCK & Associates and Providence Hospital of Novi.

The annual spring runs is one of the few in the area to prepare runners for a busy racing season. Families and friends can take part by walking, jogging or running in the One-Mile Fun Run/Walk which begins at 1 p.m. or the 5k and 10k events which begin at 1:30 p.m.

Early registration (see before Friday, April 14) are \$5 for the Fun Run/Walk and \$8 for the 5k and 10k races. Late registrations of \$5 for the Fun Run/Walk and \$10 for the 5k and 10k races will be accepted at the Civic Center Atrium on Sunday, April 23, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The first 225 entrants will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments, awards and a raffle will follow the race. For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Help wanted: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is in need of coaches and referees for basketball, floor hockey, soccer, softball and T-ball.

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Jon Cohen has finished his Novi High School swim career.

Jerod Swallow has new skating partner

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. — Northville's Jerod Swallow is beginning the next ice dance season differently than any other season in the last nine years. He has a new partner.

After their sixth-place finish at the 1989 Nationals, Swallow and his original partner Jodi Balogh of Livonia decided to part company. Now, he is continuing his career with Elizabeth Punsalan, a 1988 Junior Ice Dance Champion.

Although they have practiced together just a few weeks, Don Adair, one of the new pair's coaches — is already excited about the future. "They are very powerful," Adair said. "They have a lot of speed and flow across the ice. One of the most important things to look for in a pair is their physical match, and their match is right. Their height and leg lines, their coloring and hair is almost perfect."

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'The Cohen Years'

Wildcat All-American caps prep career

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Years from now, whenever a conversation turns to the Novi boys swim teams of the late 1980s, they will probably be referred to as the 'Cohen Years.'

That's only natural considering what Jon Cohen has done for the program the last four years. As one of the best prep swimmers ever to come out of Michigan, Cohen almost single-handedly has put Novi on the map as a swimming power.

After a truly brilliant prep career, he now moves on to the college ranks at Michigan State, with the '92 Olympics as a much sought-after goal on the horizon.

As Cohen leaves, the Novi swim program is much better off than when he arrived in the fall of 1985, and the challenge is in place for Coach Larry Teahan to maintain that level of success.

"You can't overlook what Jon has done," Teahan said. "He drew attention to the program right from the start when he was the Oakland County and State Champion as a freshman in the 500-yard freestyle. We eventually got some kids to go along with him, and we built ourselves into a solid team... with one superstar."

The list of accomplishments, records and titles by Cohen during his years as a Wildcat could fill a novel. He won a state title in each of his four years and added seven county crowns including a pair of county records that still stand (in the 500 freestyle and 200 IM).

Amazingly, he holds every individual school record except diving and owns all but two Novi pool records.

"Jon is one of the best swimmers ever to come out of the county, and also the state," Teahan said. "You

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With all the state, county and school titles aside, perhaps his most amazing accomplishment is that in four years of competing, Cohen lost just once in dual meet competition. Once! It happened a year ago when he was a junior, and it came in the 200 freestyle against Plymouth Salem's Tom Ortis.

"Jon was a high-profile performer for us, and we built off of him," Teahan said. "It was a big luxury to be able to put in a kid like him in any event and be assured of a first-place finish. When Jon came aboard, we were a solid team, but we weren't a program respected state-wide like we are now."

As a team, the Wildcats were never really challenged during the dual meet portion of the 1988-89 season as they wrapped up the school's first-ever undefeated swim season at 10-0. Novi was also a first-place finisher in a pair of invitational meets in Chelsea and placed third in the

destroy these teams, but we didn't have any white-knucklers that went down to the end."

For most of the season, the 'Cats were ranked fourth among Class A schools. And even though Novi ended up ninth at the state meet, it was a pretty accurate picture of where the Wildcats fit in this winter.

"We were ranked fourth and that's probably pretty accurate as a dual-meet team," Teahan said. "I don't think there's any doubt we were one of the best teams in the state. We were pleased to finish in the top 10 at the state meet for two years in a row."

Jon Cohen and Josh Matla are the only two swimmers who will be lost to graduation next season along with several senior divers. And even though the number isn't great, the talent level is.

But Teahan certainly doesn't have to start back at square one. He has a solid group of veteran swimmers returning.

"You don't replace a guy like Jon Cohen, but we have some quality kids back," he said. "We'll have a good program next year, but we'll be a different kind of team. We'll have to focus more on the team-oriented approach and we'll have to be more flexible in what events we can move different swimmers."

The list of returning talent includes state meet qualifiers like Rudy Speerscheider, Steve Strausberg and Steve Cohen — all juniors this season. Other 11th graders expected back are Bob Bates, Phil Byers and Ryan Devereaux.

Underclassmen like Derek Speerscheider, Mark Chirgwin, Jeff Leahy, Jamie May and Dan Sweller all have great potential and will be expected to contribute even more to the cause.

West Bloomfield hosts half-marathon

The West Bloomfield half-marathon will mark its 13th year of competition on Sunday, April 16. The event is ranked as one of Michigan's best organized races by the Michigan Runner magazine. Between 800 and 900 runners are expected to participate in the half-marathon again this year.

The 13.1 mile race travels through this scenic and rolling southeastern lower Michigan community located northwest of Detroit. The starting gun is fired at 12:30 p.m.

Over 150 volunteers are recruited as race support staff. Volunteer groups may enter the race in stations set up every two miles along the course. Others register runners or act as route marshals stationed at every turn.

For an entry form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 3325 Middlebell Road, West Bloomfield, MI, 48303. The entry fee is \$10 if runners register on or before April 7. Registration after April 7 through race day is \$13. Fees will be accepted only in U.S. funds.

For more information contact Scott Van Meier of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department at 313-334-5600.

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Another view of dairy products

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

"Drink your milk. It's good for you!"

That was the line, repeated over and over again, as most children advanced through their primary years into early adulthood. Sometimes it took the form of a stern warning. Other times the deal was sweetened a bit, perhaps with a plate of home-baked cookies, or a thick peanut butter sandwich.

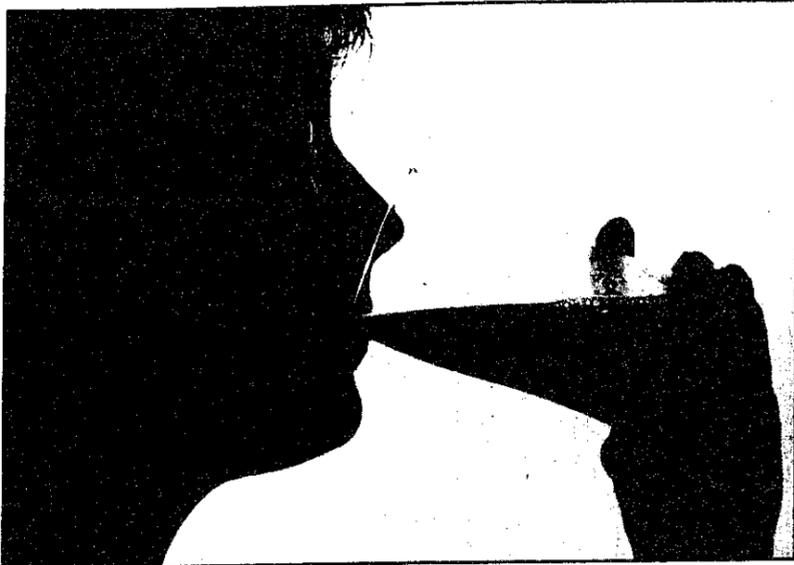
In any case, it was a lesson well-learned for most — one they took with them through adolescence and into adulthood. Milk was milk.

But things are changing. Milk, cheeses and other dairy products richly-laden with milk fats are coming under a microscope, of sorts, as America re-examines what it consumes on a day-to-day basis and attempts to sort out what is old wives' tale and what is truly fact.

"Dairy products are great sources of protein and calcium... but non-fat milk, skimmed milk, has just as much calcium and protein and half the calories," said Kathy Rhodes of "MedSport," a division of the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Diet experts are in agreement that most adults and younger adults should look at substituting lower fat dairy items for some of the whole milk products in their diets. That means consuming low-fat cheeses, low-fat milk and low-fat yogurts, and monitoring intake as part of an overall strategy to reduce cholesterol levels.

Extremely heavy consumers run an increased risk of high cholesterol levels and higher levels of fat in the bloodstream, potentially leading to clogged arteries or heart disorders,



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Milk, cheeses and dairy products richly-laden with milk fats are coming under scrutiny

according to Rhodes. What children should do is still a topic of debate.

How much is enough and how much is too much for children should be examined in a National Cholesterol Education Program study. That topic is currently being investigated. A document should be ready for release in October.

MedSport is currently recommending non-fat or low-fat dairy products for most children over the age of two, according to Rhodes. Other dieti-

cians point to younger children's need to consume more fats while growing rapidly, although the matter is likely to remain in a "grey area" until the cholesterol report comes out this fall.

The recommended diet includes only skim milk, non-fat yogurts, and cottage cheese and regular cheeses produced from low-fat dairy products.

Sandy Gloss, manager of Clinical Nutrition at Providence Hospital in Southfield, recommends that parents

"not overdo it" in the early years.

"Kids have much more of a need for fat than adults do," she said. "We don't necessarily recommend that all children go for low-fat milk."

The average fat level in a cup of whole milk is 8.9 grams. That compares with about 5 grams of fat in "two percent" milk and a gram in "half percent" milk.

Drinking an eight-ounce glass of whole milk is equivalent to eating two teaspoons of butter. Two percent milk is equivalent to about one teaspoon, Gloss said.

Cancer screening kits available

The University of Michigan M-Care Health Center in Northville is offering free colon cancer screening kits to aid in early detection. Early detection will enable 75 percent of the people diagnosed with colon cancer to be cured.

The take-home kits will be available at the center during regular office hours through Friday, March 31. They are easy to use, painless and can be done in privacy at home. Samples can be mailed back to the health center for analysis, and results will be available three to four days after the sample is received.

The Northville M-Care Center is located at 650 Griswold. Call 344-1777 for more information.

Providence/Novi run: One of the first organized runs in the spring, the Providence/Novi Run is set for April 23, at the Novi Civic Center. Runners can prepare for the coming race season by entering the five kilometer or 10 kilometer event. Both begin at 1 p.m. Families and friends can enter the one-mile fun run/walk which starts at 1:30 p.m.

Entry fees are \$5 for the fun run/walk and \$8 for the longer runs (\$10 on race day). The first 325 entrants will receive a two-color race T-shirt.

The Novi Trackers Club, who have assisted with the event since it began in 1981, will serve as hosts. For further information, call the Novi Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Massage workshop: A "Massage for Better Health" workshop will be offered at Schoolcraft College on Thursday, April 6, from 7-10 p.m. The fee is \$15.

The course focuses on soothing tensions and pain through massage. After a professional

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demonstration, participants will practice head, neck, shoulder, hand and foot massage.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information call 462-4448.

Diabetes classes: A series of six diabetes classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium of the Oakland County Health Division's South Office at 27725 Greenfield Road in Southfield. These classes are scheduled to begin April 6.

There are no fees charged for this class, but pre-registration is encouraged. Call 424-7042.

Wellness seminars: The fifth in a series of six personal wellness seminars being offered by Madonna College is entitled "Overcoming Worry, Fear and Anxiety" and will be held Tuesday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m.

The seminar is for those who worry compulsively, have unreasonable fears or can't rest or work because of anxiety. Learn about the biological, emotional and spiritual basis for these emotional and spiritual basis for these emotions.

Cost is \$10. For more information call 591-5188. Madonna College is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

Expectant parents: The Oakland

County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes beginning April 27 in the Bartlett Friendship Center (Room 116), Community Education, 350 School Street, South Lyon.

Classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. and be taught by public health nurses. There is no charge for attending the series of classes, but pre-registration is requested.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting. Please call 424-7042 to register.

Teen behavior: The M-Care Center in Northville is offering a class for teens, dealing with personality traits and life circumstances that serve as a warning for self-destructive behavior.

The class will be held Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Maternity fitness: The Motherwell Maternity Fitness Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center offers classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the M-Care Health Center in Northville.

The medically-approved exercise classes, designed specifically for pregnant women, are taught by certified instructors and provide many benefits.

A package of information is available by calling 936-5186.

Blood pressure classes:

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is sponsoring a series of blood pressure education classes. The classes will run four consecutive Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., beginning March 28.

Cost is \$25. For more information call 471-8090.

Fitness Tips

Doctors warn of 'Lyme disease'

By LINDA PASSINI, R.N.
special writer

Lyme disease has become the United States' most common tick-borne disease.

Ticks are small, blood-sucking parasites, which are larger than their relatives, the mites. There are two families — soft-bodied ticks and hard-bodied ticks. Ticks are distributed throughout the world and are second only to mosquitoes as a carrier of human disease.

Lyme disease is a multi-system disorder often characterized by fatigue, non-specific flu-like symptoms and a characteristic rash. The disease is named after Lyme, Conn., where, in 1975, two mothers independently notified the state health department of a cluster of cases of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. A tick-borne cause was suspected due to the presence of a skin lesion which in Europe is associated with tick bites.

Lyme disease is caused by a spirochete, which is a spiral bacterium, and the carrier is a deer tick. There have been three primary locations where the disease has been found in this country. These areas are the coastal Northeast States, the

Midwest (Minnesota and Wisconsin) and the West.

However, Lyme disease has occurred in many other states. Lyme disease is more common in children and young adults and slightly more common in men than women.

In the Northeast and Midwest, the deer tick is the carrier. Adult ticks live on deer. They drop off to lay eggs, which hatch into tick larvae and pick up infection by feeding on the ordinary white-footed mouse. The larvae eventually molt into "nymphs," which is the stage between larva and adult.

The nymph resembles the adult in appearance but is so small that it is difficult to see which is the major reason their bites often go unnoticed. The peak incidence occurs when the nymph is most active, during the late spring and early summer months.

Lyme disease has been classified into three stages, which often overlap. The first stage consists of the most obvious early symptom, the development of a rash at the site of the tick bite. It first appears as a small, red macule (a discolored spot on the skin that is not elevated above the surface) or papule (a small circumscribed, superficial solid eleva-

tion of the skin).

The rash expands to become a large maculopapular lesion with a bright red border and central clearing. The most common sites are the thigh, groin and armpit. Diagnosing the disease at this stage is important since early treatment with antibiotics significantly reduces the effect of the disease.

Approximately half of those bitten will develop secondary lesions, which are ring-shaped and smaller than the initial rash but not associated with a tick bite. This rash usually fades within several days of antibiotic therapy, but if untreated may persist for weeks to months. Malaise, fatigue and lethargy are found frequently during this stage.

During the second stage, neurologic complications may occur anywhere from weeks to months after the onset of the illness. Cardiac abnormalities may also occur during this time.

Stage three is associated with an intermittent arthritis which primarily affects the knees. The onset of arthritis may occur from several weeks to as long as two years after the onset of illness. More serious neurological problems may also occur.

People who are at highest risk live within the three areas identified. Protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts, pants drawn tight around the bottom and socks are good preventative measures. Tick repellent can also be used.

After clothing is removed, inspect skin for tick attachment. If a tick is found, immediately attempt to remove it by grasping it close to the mouth with a pair of thin tweezers and pulling steadily until it pulls free. Disinfect the area and observe for a rash. If a rash forms contact a physician.

Diagnosis is based on a high index of suspicion with the classic rash being present in a majority of the cases. Tick bite is seldom reported. The long-term effects of Lyme disease has not been studied, but most persons treated with antibiotics in the early stage do well.

The Novi News is working with medical authorities at the University of Michigan Medical Center (M-Care) in Northville to provide up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics. The series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the M-Care staff.

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