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## Daddy's dance

Charles and Leslie Bateman take time off the dance floor to pose for a picture at the sixth annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center, sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. This year's dances attracted more than

500 daddy-daughter couples to the Civic Center on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19, in celebration of Valentines Day.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## City revamps ordinance to cover buyers

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

The Novi City Council is trying to take some of the sting out of the old saying "buyer beware."

A revamp of the home sales disclosure ordinance now under consideration would require the builder of a new development to post in a sales office or model home a standardized form showing: the school district in which the dwelling is located, the existence of any nature trails or public or private walkways, all nearby parks and commons areas, and Novi's zoning map and master plan.

One previous option in the existing ordinance which allowed homebuyers to waive disclosure is likely

to be eliminated.

Council Member Rob Mitzel said he learned from the city building department that about half of the purchasers choose not to have information specified in the existing city ordinance disclosed. The current regulation informs homebuyers of nearby protected woodlands and wetlands.

"I don't know if the evidence we're trying to get across is getting across," Mitzel said.

Mitzel said he was also concerned that the posted information be clearly visible, "not in a little frame on the wall."

The whole ordinance came back for another look in the wake of the

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## Pair pose as school fund raising frauds

By SHARON CONDRON  
 Staff Writer

Two con artists almost swindled the co-owner of a local dance school out of \$325 when the pair claimed to be running a fundraiser for the Novi Community School District.

The business owner told Novi police she received a telephone call on Feb. 7 from a representative of a business looking for sponsors to buy advertisements on school book covers. The books, the representative said, would be distributed to Novi students free of charge in the next four weeks.

The representative asked to meet with the business owner the next day at 3:30 p.m. to explain advertisement rates. On Feb. 8, the sales representative showed up for the afternoon appointment.

He explained an ad would cost \$325. He said the business owner could get a discount if she paid for the ad immediately. She did and he left.

The business owner later called Novi High School to inquire about the fundraiser. The principal denied any knowledge of the fundraiser, according to the police report.

The business owner immediately called NBD and stop payment on her \$325 check. And then she called police to report the attempted larceny by trick.

Police followed up on the woman's complaint and telephoned the numbers the sales representative left on receipts he gave her in exchange for the check. There was no answer at the first number listed on the receipt. A woman answered at the second number. The police officer disguised himself as a potential business sponsor and asked to meet with her to discuss buying an ad for the book. She agreed and they two agreed to meet on Feb. 11 at the Koney Island Inn in Novi.

No further information about the incident or the police department's investigation was available by deadline.

## Main Street clears first hurdle

By SHARON CONDRON  
 Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioners were fishing for a point of no return Wednesday before approving the first of two phases in the multi-million dollar Main Street project.

Planners recommended preliminary site plan approval provided that the developers, Evergreen III, agree to construct Main Street and Main Street proper if they are granted phase one approval.

The Novi City Council will take

the recommendation under advisement before they consider final preliminary site plan approval later this month.

Seven members of the commission lent their unanimous support to a positive recommendation to council about the first phase of the estimated \$50 to \$60 million, 600,000 square foot project being sketched for the four corners of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

Commissioners Kim Thomas Capello and Eddy Weddington were absent from Wednesday's pivotal

meeting for the launching of what's quickly becoming a controversial downtown project.

Developers say phase one will encompass 11-acres of the proposed 29 acre project being planned for 55-acres near the intersection.

Vic's Fruit Market and the sports tavern will be the eastern anchors of the Main Street project. The 66,940 square-foot market and 22,000 square-foot combined tavern and retail space will occupy two of the ten buildings planned in the overall development.

Evergreen III is hoping to win city council approval for phase one so Vic's can open in November.

"We would like to start construction in the spring," said James Chen, the spokesman for the Farmington Hills-based developer group. "But a lot needs to be done to make it happen."

Architects working on the half-mile long Main Street plan say it's been designed to be a "user-friendly" attraction for Novi residents.

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## City celebrates its 25th on Sunday

The City of Novi will celebrate its 25th birthday with a bash featuring its past from noon to 5 p.m.

A highlight of the day will include the unveiling of a gift to the city, purchased by former elected city officials, at 1:40 p.m. Most of Novi's past mayors and council members are expected to be present, as will Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, will join City Manager Ed Kriewall in making the welcoming remarks at the events beginning.

A lineup of entertainment begins

with a 12:30 p.m. performance by the Four Seasons Brass. Novi Girl Scout Troop 326 takes the stage at 1 p.m. Under the direction of scout leader Lori Burkhardt, the Scouts will lip sync to "Yakety Yak" in order to earn their theatre badges.

At 1:10 p.m., Kriewall will give a brief history of the city before introducing guests.

After the 1:40 p.m. unveiling of the gift to the city, hosted by former Mayor Matthew C. Quinn, the Novi Concert Band will provide the music for guests to sing "Happy

Birthday."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen will officially welcome guests at 1:50 p.m. with remarks before the Novi Middle School Concert Band performs at 2 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m. the Novi Middle School Jazz Ensemble will play and will be followed by the Toll Gate Cloggers at 2:40.

Sheryl's School of Dance will present "A Dance Review" at 3:10 p.m.; No Man's Band, a band comprised of senior citizens, will perform at 3:40 p.m.; more cloggers take the

stage at 4:10 p.m. with a performance scheduled by the Sixth Gate Cloggers; and Totally Awesome Solo Entertainment will wrap up the afternoon with a 4:40 p.m. show.

All entertainment will take place in the multi-purpose room while exhibits and food samples will be available in the atrium of the Civic Center.

More information on the events and activities, as well as the history of Novi is available in the special supplement included in today's edition of *The Novi News*.

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In today's issue



A special section . . .

## The City of Novi's 25th Anniversary

## Lawmakers hurry to delay due date

A bill to extend the deadline for homeowners to submit the new Homestead affidavit form in order to be eligible for lower homestead property taxes, under both the ballot and statutory school finance reform plans, was passed unanimously in the House Taxation Committee Feb. 16.

This bill was expected to be taken up this week by the full House and is expected to pass.

A companion bill was approved by the state Senate in a 33-0 vote Tuesday, Feb. 22. Differences between the bills will now have to be worked out in conference committee.

The law currently says that these homestead forms must be submitted by March 1, but, that date would be moved to May 1, under

both bills pending in Lansing.

If homeowners do not file by May 1, then they will pay the higher rate for their July tax payment. However, under the proposed amendments, there is also a mechanism if homeowners fail to meet the new deadline which will still allow them to realize their tax cut. By failing to file by May 1, a homeowner will pay the higher tax rate on their July tax bill. However, if a homeowner files a late affidavit before October 1, the local tax collecting treasurer may do any of the following to refund or credit the excess amount billed on the summer tax bill: refund the excess amount billed without interest; deduct the excess amount from the succeeding winter tax statement; or credit the excess against future school tax statements.

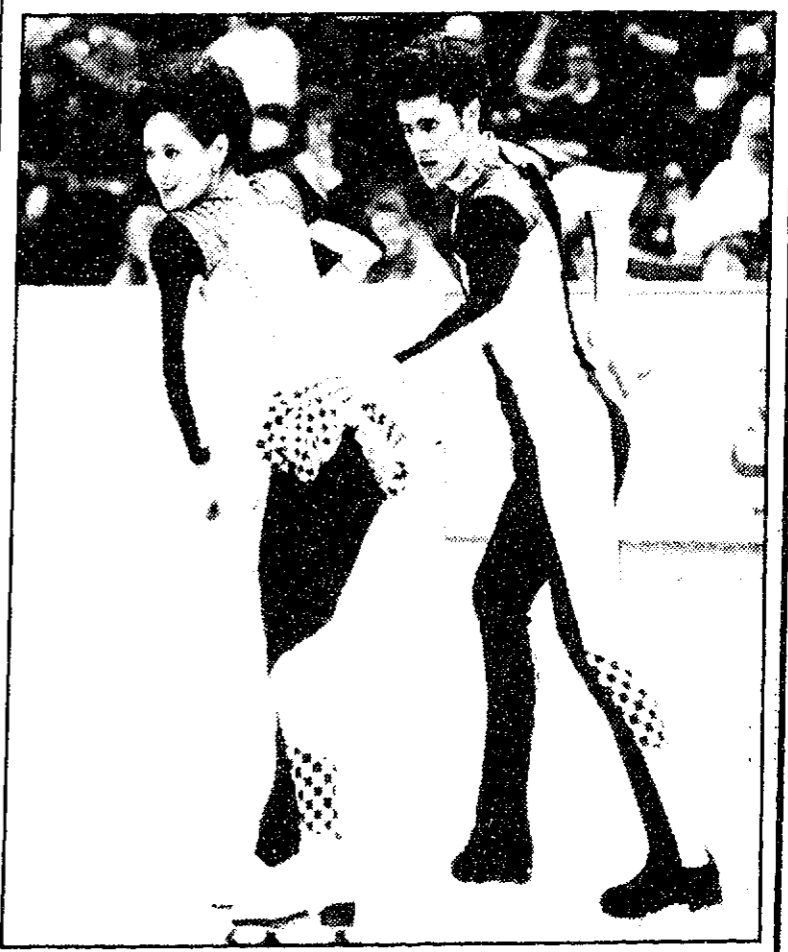


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## Skating isn't tough...

At least not when compared to real life difficulties, according to Northville's Jerod Swallow, who with his wife, Elizabeth Punsalan, competed in the Winter Olympics this week. The two hadn't expected particularly high marks, so they tried to make their skating in the Olympics more enjoyable and just have fun being at the event. Father John Swallow, of Novi Community Schools, was there enjoying the event, too. The story is on page 7B.

## Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

### Sunday, February 27

**Novi's 25th Anniversary:** The City of Novi's 25th Anniversary celebration will be held from noon-5 p.m. at the Civic Center. The festivities will include exhibit booths by local businesses and organizations, entertainment, refreshments, birthday cake and ice cream.

### Monday, February 28

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Health tests:** Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows in Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Breast Disease Support Group:** Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly breast disease support group from 7:30-9 p.m. Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome to attend. Call 1-800-968-5595 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

### Tuesday, March 1

**Amerman PTA:** Welcome to Amerman's PTA meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Media Center.

**Seniors meeting:** The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Menopause Support Group:** Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

**Board of Appeals:** The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

**Chess Club:** The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmillier, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

**Amateur Radio Club:** The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

### Wednesday, March 2

**Athletic Boosters:** The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Business Network International:** The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

### Thursday, March 3

**Novi schools:** The Novi Schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

**Novi Rotary:** The Novi Rotary will hold a business meeting followed by speaker Bill McMasters, Chairman, Taxpayers United of Michigan, at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd., at noon.

### Monday, March 7

**City Council:** The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Health tests:** Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

**Village Oaks PTO:** The Village Oaks PTO (VOICE) will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters:** The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Charisse Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

### Tuesday, March 8

**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

**Camera Club:** The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

**Chess Club:** The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmillier, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

**CHADD:** Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Rds. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the HOTLINE: 486-2876.

## Senate reviews domestic violence legislation

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Area women surprised a key lawmaker by asking the definition of "domestic violence" be expanded to include "intimate" relationships where two people haven't lived together.

"The women asked a Senate committee to toughen already tough bills designed to deal more harshly with husband/wife violence."

"We need to include intimate relationships," said Virginia Nicoll of Farmington Hills, "where people are not necessarily living together. I have only anecdotal evidence," said the leader of the Older Women's League (OWL).

"We're looking at homosexual and lesbian partners," added Clementine Rice, who teaches psychiatric nursing at Oakland University.

"There's a lot of date rape and date violence, especially on university campuses," said Rice, adding that 19 to 25 percent of injured adult women in hospital emergency rooms are domestic violence victims who claim they "fell down the stairs."

Hedy Nariel, executive director of the Haven of Oakland County which has offices in Novi, agreed the definition should be expanded to include "dating violence" and to cover women who "have children in common with someone they haven't lived with."

"That [expanding the definition] may prove difficult," replied Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, author of the Michigan Crime Victims Rights Act and a related constitutional amendment. Van Regenmorter agreed to study suggestions for a broader definition.

Van Regenmorter chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, which recently brought its series of public hearings to Farmington Hills. Reps. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, and

Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, sponsors of some of the bills, joined him.

Fourteen bills are designed to make police and prosecutors treat charges of domestic violence more seriously. They limit the number of dismissals, stiffen penalties for what are short sentence misdemeanors, provide for more civil penalties such as court orders, and require that domestic reports be entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

In southeastern Michigan suburbs, the situation is improving, but not fast enough, witnesses said.

Haven's Nicoll praised the 52-1 District Court in Walled Lake for referring an increasing flow of violators to her group. "It's not counseling. It's not therapy. It's re-education. It (domestic violence) was a learned behavior, and they have to be retrained."

"Are police becoming more responsive?" asked Rep. Dolan.

"No, I wish we could say yes," Nicoll replied. "Police don't ask, 'Can't you come out and train us (to deal with domestic cases)? We have to force the issue. It's not happening.'"

Andrea Solank of the Wayne County prosecutor's office urged prompt adoption of the bills.

"In Wayne County, some of your proposals have been implemented as policy. We will not drop a case," Solank said, adding that the policies need to be made law everywhere.

There should be automatic prosecution of assault," said Lenore Dunn of Livonia. "If (the law enforcement system) didn't work in my case, but it's really, really important."

Senitra Abbott, a Redford resident active in First Step, said she fled her abusive husband, now deceased, and spent two months in a shelter. "My spouse filed a missing persons report and told detectives I was abusing my child," she said.

Suzanne Fabian, of the Junior League of Birmingham, said her group has worked in several areas, helping the Haven expand its program to the new Novi location, serving southwestern Oakland County.

"People have died," said Jean Propow, West Bloomfield resident active in Women's Action for New Directions. "Their lives might have been saved. Use all deliberate speed in moving forward."

For a synopsis of the domestic violence bills, contact the clerk of the Senate Judiciary Committee, (517)373-6920.

## Players take their final bow

### Curtain call due to limited stage conditions

By JAN JEFFREES  
Staff Writer

After 17 years on the boards, the Novi Players disbanded last week.

President Genevieve Terry tendered her resignation to the Novi Arts Council on Feb. 14, citing as reasons the lack of stage time at the Novi Civic Center, a shortage of storage space and no place the theater group could put up a sign to advertise their presence. The group was sponsored by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

"There were a lot of problems. All theater groups really have a difficult way to go, especially now with Engler cutting funding to all the arts," Terry, a Farmington Hills resident, said Monday.

"I really feel bad. It took me months and months to come to this decision."

Their upcoming play, *Cahoots*, was cancelled. But it's possible the theater group may spring to life again. If so, it may be in a neighboring community.

"There is no indication that somebody else within the group is going to pick it up here at this point," Nov Parks and Recreation Director Don Davis said.

The Players had been staging their productions at the Novi Civic Center since it opened in the 1980s, but about two years ago they moved to a

rent-free room at the Novi Expo Center.

"We didn't get any audience there. It was terrible. It flopped after that," said former Players board member Helen Weiss.

As the new Expo Center's business picked up and the space was needed, the Players had to move on and returned to the Novi Civic Center.

City funds of about \$2,000 a year financed mailings for the Players' productions.

Meanwhile, the Parks and Recreation Department's new youth theater program, led by Linda Wickert, made a success of it and was competing with the Players for stage time. For their third play this year, the company could only get two dates at the Novi Civic Center—not enough time to recover their costs.

Terry explained that sufficient tickets must be sold to pay the \$200-\$300 royalties to the playwright and the \$500 cost of stage light installation, before the Players, a non-profit organization, can begin to turn a small profit.

"They wanted to do two to three plays per year and do rehearsals. It's very tight with us as far as the scheduling here. The other theater group wanted to work, too. It was becoming very difficult," Davis explained.

"There weren't a lot of new people getting involved with the Novi Players. The same people kept doing it

over and over again."

It's possible that the parks and recreation department may expand their youth theater program to include adult theater, he added.

Terry said the Players hoped to use the old Novi Methodist Church or a barn on the Furst estate as a theater, but that couldn't happen in time to resuscitate the organization.

"We can't recover the costs. You have to have a permanent place to go," Terry said.

Novi City Manager Edward Krievall found them rent-free, temporary space at the Peachtree Shopping Center, she added, but the Players could not afford to pay for the utilities there.

The Players, once 100 strong, began to lose members to more thriving groups, such as the Farmington Players and the Plymouth Theater Guild.

All's perhaps not lost. There is talk of shifting the homebase of the group to the new Wixom Civic Center and renaming it the Novi-Wixom Players, Terry said, adding that the group has been offered nine nights for their fall production.

Weiss and her husband Al, both Novi residents, have drifted off to the Plymouth Theater Guild. They belonged to the Novi Players since 1988—she acted and he sold refreshments. Weiss is now appearing in the Guild's production of *Gays and Dolls*.

"We need a theater. Farmington has a theater. Northville has a theater. Southfield has a theater. We've been pushed around because we didn't pay rent," Weiss said.

"If one day they decide to have a place, we might fire up again. You'd think the council would push it and look into it and do something, but they don't think it's important enough to have a theater in Novi."

Weiss, who is president of the Novi Seniors Social Club, added that the city's elder generation would miss the Novi Players.

"I'm very unhappy about it. Everybody left for other companies one by one. Once you're an actor, you go from place to place to place," Weiss says.

Typically, the Novi Players did four shows a year but this year that was expected to be down to two.

The group was often innovative, sometimes producing new works by local playwrights. Their last production, *An Axe, An Apple and A Buckskin Jacket*, made its first time ever debut in Novi in November. The musical was performed three times here and five at a City of Southfield Theater.

Terry questions if a theater company can make a go of it here as readily as similar groups seem to succeed in neighboring communities such as Northville and Plymouth. She is now shifting over to the Farmington Players.

## Museum stocks racing magazines

The gift shop at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame has made special arrangements with the publishers of several limited circulation motorsports magazines to sell current issues.

The magazines, covering many aspects of motor racing, are an ongoing donation of the publishers. The proceeds will go to support expansion of the museum.

The Motorsports Museum currently houses about 60 significant vehicles, from numerous current record holders of land and water speed records to a 1904 Packard which set a land speed record 90 years ago at Ormond Beach, Fla. of 77.8 mph.

In the Hall of Fame are enshrined 47 "Heroes of Horsepower." Ten more are to be announced in the next several weeks for induction this June. Museum and gift shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center. Information is available by calling (1)313)349-RACE.

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# Thieves get away squeaky clean

Police are still looking for two white males who stole 14 cases of Dove soap from F & M last week. An employee of the store witnessed the pair loading the cases of soap into two different vehicles on two different days. The first incident occurred on Feb. 14 when the employee was outside smoking a cigarette watching the two suspects load the soap into an older model vehicle. The manager went inside the store and asked the store clerks if they had sold a large amount of soap to any customer. They answered no. The manager returned to the lot but not before the suspects escaped.

The next day the pair returned in a green 1993 Ford Aerostar. Once again the manager was outside to witness the crime. He and a fellow employee watched the same men load eight cases of soap into the Aerostar van. The pair left after the merchandise had been loaded.

The manager returned to the store and asked each of the three clerks if they had sold a large quantity of soap. Each said no. The manager then checked the store's display to find that three open cases of Dove soap had been knocked off and eight cases had been taken.

**BIRTHDAY FIREWORKS:** A 32-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed for operating under the influence of liquor after police saw flames coming from underneath his car.

The officer was called to the four-month Apartments on a report of a man revving his engine in the parking lot. When they arrived the driver of the described vehicle was exiting the apartment complex and turning eastbound onto Pontiac Trail. The officer initiated the traffic stop after he noticed flames coming from underneath the car. The driver told the officer he was unaware his car was on fire. During the conversation the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man. The driver told police he was en route to his home after having drinks with his

## Police News

brother to celebrate his birthday. He was ticketed for OUIL.

**POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS:** Police are seeking warrants for the arrest of a 33-year-old woman they say may have been using cocaine before she was involved in a rear-end collision at Eight Mile and Northville Park Drive on Sunday Feb. 8.

An officer was dispatched to the accident scene and found the woman in her car. While talking with her about the accident the officer said he smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the car. The woman said she had had two drinks while she was bowling earlier. Police got suspicious after she told them she didn't remember seeing the car she allegedly hit. She also demonstrated visible mood swings that made her start and stop crying. A search of her rented police one-half of a ballpoint pen that had a white powder inside it. A test of the substance indicated that it was cocaine. Police ticketed the woman for operating under the influence and are seeking warrants for possession of cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY:** Police are looking for a man who assaulted a Speedway Gas Station owner on Friday, Jan. 28. The station owner called police to report the incident after the suspect assaulted him and left the store. The owner said the man pumped \$10.01 worth of gas at the station, but later paid for only \$1.0. The station attendant asked the man for the penny and that's when the customer became unruly. The attendant came out from behind the cash counter and asked the customer to leave. The suspect then shouted obscenities, shoved the atten-

dant and threw the penny at a glass panel. He then left the store in his girlfriend's red Escort. Police have tracked down the brother of the car owner who said his sister's boyfriend matches the suspect's description and often drives her car.

**FOUND PROPERTY:** A woman found a loaded tool box nestled in a snow bank near the First of America Bank at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads on Feb. 3. The woman informed bank employees about the box and told them she'd be taking it with her. She took the box to her son's home. He called police to say the grey plastic box was loaded with hand and power tools.

**STOLEN TUB:** A Farmington Hills man called police to report that his bathtub had been stolen from his Royal Crown home on Feb. 14. The \$900 tub was taken from a master bathroom after someone had cut the PVC pipe that connected it to the plumbing system. Contractors working on the home over the weekend turned the home's water on without knowing the tub had been taken. The water flow caused more than \$100 worth of water damage to two floors inside the recently constructed home.

**BUILDING MATERIALS:** Police and management of Clasic Construction are once again looking for the bandit who has been stealing building materials from Maples of Novi construction sites.

Last month, police took several reports from the construction contractor who said someone had stolen a host of hot water heaters, plywood and other building materials from homes under construction. Last week on Feb. 11, the same contractor discovered another \$191.78 worth of plywood, handrails and accessories missing. All of the building materials were taken from outside homes that were under construction. Police still have no leads in the case.

**FIGHTING WITH OFFICERS:** On Sunday, Feb. 6, two officers responded to a disturbance call at a Sagebrush home. When they arrived they saw a 28-year-old Brighton woman who was intoxicated and throwing glasses and creating a disturbance.

A person inside the home tried to control the woman by pinning her down on a couch.

The first officer inside the home asked the woman to release the woman. He did. She immediately became violent and started shouting obscenities at the officer. He told her to sit down. She refused so he forced her to sit down. A second officer entered and the woman started acting crazed again. This time after two requests from the second officer to sit down, she kicked the officer. Police forced the woman to floor, handcuffed her and then brought her into the station. At the station, she continued to kick and yell. She was verbally resistant during the arrest process and refused to answer police officers' questions. While being escorted to the cell, the first officer said she swung her fist at him and struck him in the chest.

She was ticketed twice for assaulting police officers and once for assault and battery to a citizen.

## Novi Briefs

**It's roundup time again!** The Novi Community School District is now registering students for the fall of 1994 kindergarten classes. Registration will continue through Wednesday, March 16 and all Novi elementary schools will be hosting parent information meetings on March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is for parents of children who will turn 5 years old by Dec. 1, 1994, and enter kindergarten in the fall of 1994. For assistance in determining which elementary school a child will attend, please contact Rebecca Holcomb at 344-8330.

Parents of 1994-95 kindergarten students who know which elementary attendance boundary they live within should contact the appropriate elementary school prior to the meeting; Novi Woods, 344-8335; Orchard Hills, 344-8332; Parkview, 344-2600; Village Oaks, 344-8324.

**Town meeting:** State Senator Jack Faxon will be holding a Town Meeting on Monday, March 7 at the Waxom Community Center, located at 49015 Pontiac Trail. The purpose of this town meeting will be to discuss the March 15 ballot proposal pertaining to school district financing. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

**Eleven Mile project:** Within the next couple of months, the City of Novi will begin construction of the 1990 road bond program Eleven Mile Road, from Beck Road to Taft.

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Activities Room of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Representatives from both the City of Novi and JCK & Associates will be on hand to offer information and answer questions regarding the construction.

Anyone who has questions or concerns regarding this project is welcomed to attend the meeting.

**Creative minds:** The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's Community Access Computer Group is looking for creative minds. You can be part of an informal and creative team.

The group is developing a database of graphic images on the Amiga platform. However, graphic images created on IBM or Macintosh systems are easily converted for use.

More information? Call Mark at (810)349-2666. Next meeting of the group is Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

# Kevorkian faces trial for assisting in Hyde's suicide

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 93-0101-58. The People versus Jack Kevorkian, is set to go to trial on April 19 — but an opinion from the Michigan Court of Appeals could change that.

Before then, Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Thomas Jackson will rule on whether or not a video of Novi resident Thomas Hyde asking Kevorkian for help in committing suicide can be shown during the trial.

On Feb. 18, Jackson was all for delaying the proceedings until the appeals court determines the constitutionality of the state's ban on assisted suicide. But Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, urged him to set a date.

"We are now presented with no alternative but to demand a trial. I want to go ahead now. My client can't be held hostage by the prosecutor. We want to go to trial," Fieger said.

The motion on the Hyde video was filed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"The issue is whether there is a suicide and if Dr. Kevorkian assisted in it. The only reason the video would be admitted is for sympathy," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Tim Baughman said.

"Sympathy is not admissible in a trial."

Baughman explained that the jury is required to evaluate only the facts. The videotape of Hyde, who was so ill with Lou Gehrig's disease that he was barely able to speak, was filmed by Kevorkian's sister Margo Janus. It was shown by Fieger at a September preliminary exam and later broadcast on national television, including CNN.

Hyde died August 4 on Belle Isle of carbon monoxide poisoning. In a press conference that day, Kevorkian said he helped the 30-year-old man end his life.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has indicated it will speed up its decision process as it tackles the issue of whether or not the state's ban on assisted suicide is legal. Three lower court judges think it isn't.

If the law is deemed unconstitutional, Kevorkian will not go to trial.

"I would expect to see it (a decision) in the next couple of weeks, but that's pure guesswork. Clearly, before the April date," Baughman said.

In Detroit Recorder's Court last week, Jackson ruled against a motion to dismiss the case filed by Fieger. Fieger argued that the doctrine of collateral estoppel prohibited Kevorkian from being tried in the Hyde case after a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman threw the Donald O'Keefe case out of court.

O'Keefe, a home cancer patient, died Sept. 9 of carbon monoxide poisoning but Kevorkian did not make a confession afterwards.

The prosecution at that time argued that because the means of the two suicides were similar, Kevorkian should also be charged in the O'Keefe case.

Fieger contended that Kaufman, after hearing the facts in the Hyde case, dismissed the O'Keefe case and therefore reached a conclusion on both. He told Jackson Kevorkian would essentially be placed in double jeopardy if tried for Hyde's death.

"These are two separate charges involving different sets of facts. The charges did not occur at the same time and place. The collateral estoppel principle is not applicable," Jackson ruled.

"They speak to different circumstances and different places in time," Jackson, pointing out that he was never asked by the defense to rule on the constitutionality of the assisted suicide ban, suggested that the trial be postponed indefinitely.

"The constitutionality of the statute is still an issue that has to be decided by the Court of Appeals. Hopefully, they'll finally resolve that," the judge said.

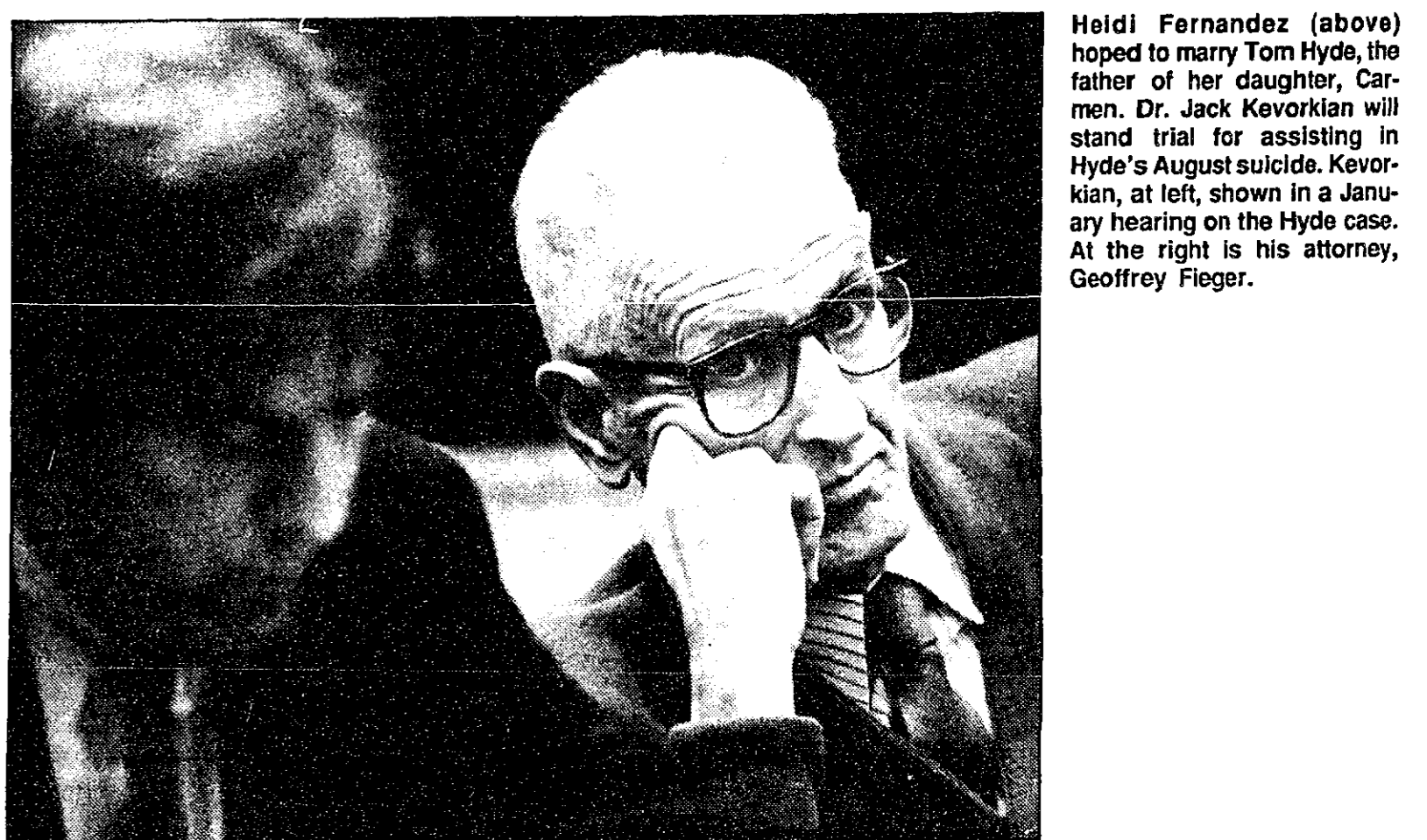
"I cannot promote that further proceeding here. It may be wise to kind of wait to see what the Court of Appeals does."

Hyde's fiancée, Heidi Fernandez, has joined forces with Kevorkian in a petition drive to get a state constitutional amendment permitting physician-assisted suicide on the November ballot.

"Tom got what he wanted. That was black and white," Fernandez said after last week's hearing.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL



Heidi Fernandez (above) hoped to marry Tom Hyde, the father of her daughter, Carmen. Dr. Jack Kevorkian will stand trial for assisting in Hyde's August suicide. Kevorkian, at left, shown in a January hearing on the Hyde case. At the right is his attorney, Geoffrey Fieger.

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# Park wanted for southeast Novi

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

With 475 houses in Meadowbrook Glens subdivision, there's no shortage of kids in the neighborhood.

What there is a shortage of, two of the moms say, is a place for the youngsters to play. So Jackie Kuhn and Lorie Burkhardt asked the Novi Parks and Recreation Department recently to consider buying a vacant piece of adjoining land for a city park.

The 20 acres, on the west side of Meadowbrook Road just south of Cherry Hill, are apparently part of an old, closed-up landfill.

"They (the owners, Holzman and Silverman) can't build on it due to something being there; although no one will tell us, there are stories about it," Burkhardt said.

"It's really hard to find land on the east side of Novi."

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said he would report back to the commission in March, after he has researched the background of the land.

What the city might consider, Davis said, is a long-term lease of the site, rather than buying it out right. He plans to bring the issue to the City Council sometime in the future.

That the property, just south of Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road, has a history appears clear. Whether or not what's underneath would preclude kids playing above it is another story.

An environmental inventory of the City of Novi, produced in November 1985 by the city's consulting engineers JCK & Associates, notes that three solid waste landfills were operated along Ten Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Novi roads. Munn Contractors ran the business prior to

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Jackie Kuhn  
President, Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association

the enactment of today's more stringent state regulations on landfills. According to the report, while there was no evidence that the landfill was ever capped, no contamination of the groundwater or neighboring wells was found nine years ago. JCK did note one leakage of methane gas from the landfill into the basement of a Meadowbrook Glens home and in 1982, the discovery of leachate from the site in a ditch along Meadowbrook Road.

The site remains on the most recent Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Proposed List of Michigan Sites of Environmental Contamination, released November 1993 for fiscal year 1995. Pollutants listed for the site are methane, fluoranthene and polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs. The DNR classifies the old landfill as being in the evaluation stage, which means no remedial action plan has been approved but the state has funded an interim response.

Davis said Tuesday he's just started pulling out the files on the property, which was first targeted on the parks and recreation 1983 master plan as a site Novi should buy. He will be talking with the city's attorney and consulting engineers, JCK & Associates.

"Hopefully, we'll have it all together next week," Davis added. Meadowbrook Glens original de-

subdivisions, such as Deerbrook, Cambridge and Westbrook.

Burkhardt, a member of the board of directors of the Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association, says the subdivision will donate equipment for the park, such as jungle gyms and slides. The local Girl Scouts might fix it up as a civic project.

At one time, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Robert Pfeiffer said, residents responded with NIMBY when it was suggested the site become a park. Pfeiffer is also a former Meadowbrook Glens resident.

"A number of us were opposed to picnic benches behind our houses. They decided it was more trouble than it was worth," he said.

The Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association briefly had ball fields on the land, then pulled them due to liability fears.

Kuhn, who is president of the homeowners association today, said Meadowbrook Glens is home to 120 children under the age of ten.

"All these kids are playing in the street. That land is sitting there. We're not looking for anything big," she said.

# Community Education

**Mom's May Basket:** Make an oval-shaped basket using continuous weaving in variegated pastels. It is made on an 8-inch by 12-inch frame with a wrapped handle.

Bring pan for soaking reed, tape measure, pencil and paper, clip-type clothespins, an awl or small flat screwdriver, needle-nose pliers, scissors, and a small towel.

The class will meet on Thursdays, March 3 and 10, in Middle School Room 522 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$19.

**Drawing for Singles:** Sign up with a friend and meet some new ones at a fun, low-key art class. No prior drawing experience is necessary to enroll in this beginners class for single adults (age 18-25). Basic drawing techniques will be taught. Bring \$12 to the instructor for materials.

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# Yoopers shake off snow to perform



The '69 Camaro being raffled off by the Novi Rotary Club.

Da Yoopers leave behind the 14-foot snowbanks of Ishpeming to perform daily at the 1994 Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show, Feb. 25 through March 6 at the Novi Expo Center. Outdoorama is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

During their 10-day engagement at Outdoorama, Da Yoopers will perform a variety of new songs and skits. They will also sing such crowd-pleasing hits as "Second Week of Deer Camp" and "Rusty Chevrolet."

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# Take a chance on a 1969 Z-28

The 1994 Novi Rotary Car Raffle, run in conjunction with Novi's Michigan '50s Festival, is off to its fastest start ever.

Only a few short weeks after acquiring the classic car, the Novi Rotary has raised nearly \$10,000 from raffle ticket sales and should have the car paid off in nearly record time, thanks in part to Rotarian Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager, and his car selection committee.

The car purchased for this year's raffle is a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Z-28, the model year corresponding to the year Novi achieved cityhood, 25 years ago this year. The car is bright orange in color, has a rare 302 cu. in. V-8, a Hurst/Muncie 4-speed, has been restored to original condition and is show-car quality (numbers match). The motor (original) was prepared by DeLoe and draws over 375 horsepower.

The car will be on display in the Novi Expo Center during all major events through mid-April, and the

# House kills cutback for home sales tax

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Democrats hope they've stuck a poison pill into a cut in the real estate transfer tax sought by Gov. John Engler.

The House Wednesday passed the tax cut 75 to 28. But it failed to come up with the two-thirds majority (72) to give Senate Bill 999 immediate effect. The second vote was 68 to 32.

So if the Engler-backed Proposal A wins March 15 at the polls, the real estate transfer tax — a 2 percent sales tax on homes — can't be cut to 0.75 percent until about April 1, 1995. Under the statutory plan, which takes effect if Proposal A loses, the real estate transfer tax starts at 1 percent on May 1 and drops to 0.75 percent in April of 1995.

"It will kill real estate sales," said Republicans like Rep. Willis Bullard of Milford and Sen. Michael Bouchard of Birmingham. Bouchard sponsored the bill. Bullard guided it through the House Taxation Committee.

They fear sellers will keep houses off the market until April of 1995 in order to avoid a tax of \$200 per \$100,000 of sale price.

transfer tax's yield will be cut by \$265 million on a full-year basis. Bouchard said.

The Republican chief aims hope to try again for a two-thirds immediate effect vote — perhaps after the March 15 election, when the issue may be less partisan.

Engler called the plan a "poison pill" designed to damage Proposal A at the polls. The governor said he proposed it last October when it appeared home property taxes would be zeroed out completely, but he wanted to drop it after the residential property tax was revived. Engler said it was reintroduced in the Dec. 23-24 marathon legislative session.

Four Democrats voted both ways for the tax cut but against giving it immediate effect.

Bullard, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

One Democrat, Howard Wetters of Bay County, denounced Engler and Republican senators as "willing to change this in mid-stream while the voters are watching. To give this bill immediate effect would only encourage and reward this behavior" and aid the GOP in their headlong desire to appease the special interests.

Realtors had withheld support of Proposal A until the transfer tax was reduced.

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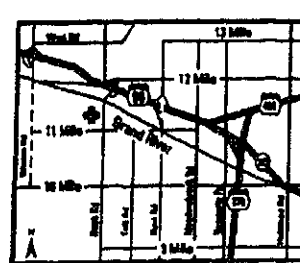
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**Story time**

Getting lost in a good book is the best way to chase away a winter chill. The Novi Public Library hosts a number of story hour programs throughout the winter months. Above,

storyteller Mary Kay Davis gathers all of her warm and fuzzy friends together to share a book with (from left) Daniel and Brian Duizo, Patrick Spillane, Robbie Park and Sarah Greenberg.

**Lakes area couple busted for drugs**

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi police officers joined law enforcement officers from the Narcotic Enforcement Team (NET) to bust two Novi residents on felony drug and explosives charges.

Ryu Ho Yun and Tamara Lynn Anglin were arrested on the charges after they surrendered to Novi police on Feb. 18, according to a press release issued by the department.

The pair turned themselves in without incident at the Novi Police Department.

They were booked and photographed and later arraigned before Magistrate Andrea Richardson of the 52-1 District Court.

Yun was charged with felony possession with intent to deliver marijuana and felony possession of a pipebomb/explosive device. Anglin was charged with felony possession with intent to deliver marijuana and felony possession of a pipebomb/explosive device.

All charges carry four year prison terms and/or a \$2,000 fine.

The suspects were released on a \$4,000 personal recognizance bond on each count. They are due back in court on March 2 for a preliminary examination.

The charges against them stem from a December 21 police raid on

the suspects' Wilshire Court home. NET officials and Novi Police secured and executed the search warrant at the Novi address.

In the home, police located and confiscated over an eighth of a pound of marijuana, a digital scale, a large sum of cash and a device later identified as the pipebomb/explosive.

NET officials believe Yun and Anglin were mid-level traffickers of marijuana to buyers in Novi, according to a press release about the drug bust issued by Novi Police on Feb. 22. Police have also determined that the pipebomb was originally used to settle an overdue drug related debt, the release stated.

The case remains under investigation by NET officials.

A week before the Novi bust, NET officials arrested Kevin Henry Shannon of Westland in Novi for felony possession with intent to deliver marijuana. Shannon was arrested at the Novi Police Department on Feb. 11. Police say he was apprehended while en route to deliver a quarter pound of marijuana to an unknown buyer.

Shannon was arraigned in the 52-1 District Court and is free on a personal bond. NET agents believe the Westland man is a substantial supplier of marijuana to people living in Southern Oakland and Western Wayne areas.

**Planners eye three rezonings**

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi City Planners are seeking three city-initiated rezonings that are intended to bring Novi's zoning district map into conformity with the city's master plan.

The Novi Planning Commission has passed three of four recommended rezoning requests onto the City Council.

The council and commission are expected to discuss the commissioner's recommendations at a joint meeting of the governing bodies to-night (Thursday, Feb. 24).

The city's staff planners say the rezonings are needed to bring the zoning district map and the city's recently adopted master plan into harmony.

The recommendations surfaced in December after a subcommittee of the planning commission studied both planning maps and highlighted the inconsistencies.

The committee has made several recommendations, but only three were approved by the commission.

The commissioner's recommendations were rubberstamped by city staff and consultants.

The requests include rezoning: ■ The Corvo Iron Works property, between Eleven Mile and Twelve Mile roads, east of Wixom Road, from general industrial to light industrial, or I-2 to I-1. The site is now vacant and commissioners believe that maintaining the I-2 zoning would be inconsistent with surrounding residential uses.

The planning commission deleted a parcel of land near the Corvo Iron

Works property from their motion at the request of the property owner, Carl Wlazlinsky. Wlazlinsky owns a home on 12 acres that is adjacent to what planners are attempting to rezone. He said he is trying to sell his land. He contends the rezoning would create a financial hardship for his family if it were approved before he sold the land.

■ The area on the south side of Twelve Mile Road, between Haggerty Road and the M-5/Haggerty Connector from residential agricultural to planned office service district. That area is currently designated on the city's master plan map as a PD-4 option which allows for high tech office operations.

■ The area encompassing the north half of Section 18, which is south of Twelve Mile Road between Napier and Wixom roads, from residential agricultural, one family residential and general industrial to planned office service with the PD-4 option for high tech development.

A fourth request from the committee to rezone property on the west side of Town Center Drive, between Eleven Mile Road and I-96 from office-service-commercial district to Town Center district zoning was tabled.

Action on that item was stalled pending the petition for rezoning of the same parcel from a developer interested in bringing a TGIFriday's restaurant into the Town Center. That petition has already been filed, according to Novi staff planner Mike Caspo. It makes that rezoning a developer-initiated one rather than a city-initiated rezoning.

Two of the three city-initiated rezoning appeared to have passed without objection from neighboring property owners. But the commissioner's plan to rezone 40 acres in Section 18 from residential to office use didn't find favor with one local developer.

Thompson Brown Realtor and developer Todd Smith spoke in favor of the commissioner's plan to rezone 40 acres in Section 18 from heavy industrial to light industrial. But he opposed rezoning the entire section from residential to office.

He said he prefers the lighter industrial use because it paves the way for a cleaner office use. But Smith asked the commission to retain the current residential zoning on the property because he intends to submit plans for a single family residential development for that area. The homes he said would be moderately priced between \$140,000 and \$155,000. His development, he argued, would provide a nice buffer between neighboring industrial and mobile home zoned districts than the office use.

"We just don't think it's an appropriate zoning district in this area," Smith said. "On the other hand we don't think the best use would be heavy industrial either. We are just looking for a transition."

But commissioners and Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers balked at Smith's idea to build ranch style homes next to an industrial park. They also challenged Smith's idea of affordable housing. Commissioners Laura Lorenzo and Kim Thomas Capello told Smith his homes probably wouldn't sell in Novi where the market demands luxury homes

**Obituaries**

**WINIFRED M. PROCTOR**  
Winifred M. Proctor died Feb. 6 at her home in Livonia. She was 81. She was born Nov. 12, 1912 in Novi to Edward H. and Marie Engles Seelye. Mrs. Proctor was a life-long resident of this community, and was retired from the Northville Public Schools. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville.

Surviving are her sons Dennis C. and Edward H., both of Livonia; and two grandchildren. Her husband, Donald M., preceded her in death in 1943.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Pastor Lawrence Kiruse of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church officiated. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

The family would appreciate memorials to Angela Hospice in Livonia, Mich. or St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville.

**VICTOR R. CUNHA**  
Victor R. Cunha died Feb. 15 at Harper Hospital. He was 48.

Mr. Cunha was born in Detroit and was a 1970 graduate of Wayne State University. He was a sales representative for Comtel Inc. and a former Detroit police officer. Mr. Cunha was a member of the Edgewood Golf and Country Club and had organized Vic Cunha's Kingsville Open in Battle Creek for 17 years.

Surviving is his wife, Lisa; step daughter, Lindsey; his parents, Moritz and Mary; his brothers, Morris, David and Mark, and long-time friend, Mike McGoanagall. Mr. Cunha's sister, Carla Chenoweth, who was a perfect match donor for his bone marrow transplant, also survives.

Services were held at O'Brien Chapel and burial followed at Oakland Hills.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Leukemia Foundation.

**Library Notes**

**Abe Lincoln Program:** "The Qualities of Abraham Lincoln's Leadership" will be discussed this evening at 7 p.m. in the Novi Public Library.

Carl Isthau, Ph.D., Oakland University History Department, will present the free program.

**Tax Service for Seniors:** The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is sponsoring a tax assistance program for senior citizens at Novi Public Library on Thursday, March 3 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Genealogy Repeat:** Kathy Mutch will repeat Part 2 of her "Genealogical Research" program for those who missed it due to bad weather on Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Novi Library.

To register or make an appointment for any of the above, call the library at 349-0720.

**Betty Griffin's volunteer work applauded by AAUW**

In celebration of Women's History Month, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Northville-Novato Branch, will present its annual Community Enrichment Award.

The event will take place on International Women's Day, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Country Epicure Restaurant, 42050 Grand River Ave., Novi. Dinner will precede the event at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

For reservations, call Verna Lee Hill at 348-3006 before March 2. The recipient of this year's award is Betty Griffin. She is recognized for her continuous involvement through the years in several worthwhile community activities in both Northville and Novi.

Among other things Griffin has generously given her time and efforts to an adult literacy program; she is past president of the Friends of

Northville Library; edits the newsletter of the organization; and is campaigning for a new public library in Northville. She also edits the newsletter of the Farmington chapter of the Older Women's League, a non-profit national organization concerned with affordable housing, pension equity, social security reform and health care for older women.

For nearly nine years, Griffin has been a volunteer peer counselor at the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Griffin also works at the Holy Family Church in Novi with the international ecumenical Stephen Ministry Program, a one-on-one caregivers program for people who are hurting in any way. At the same church, she is one of the founders of Accent on Women, a newly formed group for mutual support, fellowship and enrichment through outside speakers.

All of Griffin's activities fulfill the criteria stipulated for the AAUW award. The recipient should: ■ Have a current or historical impact in the community. ■ Reflect the goals of the AAUW's mission statement which promotes equality for women, education and self-development over the life span.

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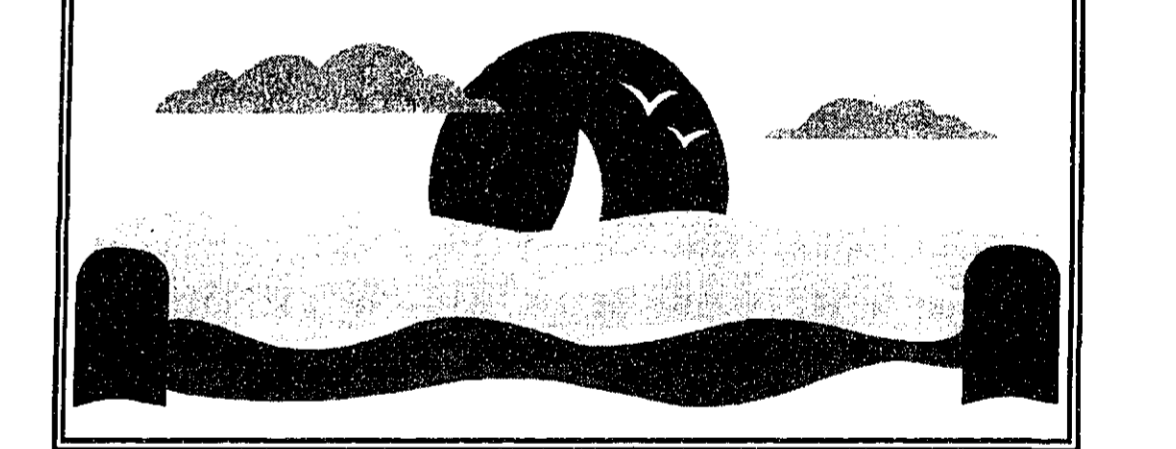
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# Sellers to tell more to buyers

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controversy over the city's nature trail system. Residents opposed to the plan said they were not notified of the trails when they purchased their new homes. The council's first reading of the ordinance was Feb. 14. It will not be adopted or abandoned until a second reading is held.

When the ordinance was first adopted, the council called for giving the buyer the chance to sign away rights to the disclosure, City Attorney David Fried said.

"I'm sure the builders were behind the requesting of it," Fried said. "I'm sure they (builders) would complain that they are having problems closing deals but that doesn't mean it can't be eliminated."

Mark Sturing, general counsel for Betzak Building Company suggested that the city-mandated disclosure make it clear it was Nov's idea — not the developers — that subdivision easements be donated for the trails.

"I'm in full support of a disclosure system . . . I question who could have adequately predicted or disclosed the status of the trail system as it exists today," Sturing said.

A suggestion by Council Member Tim Pope to require disclosure of high-tension electrical lines near new homes failed to win council support. Questions have arisen nationally on whether or not the high-voltage lines may affect health.

"That's the most obvious thing in the world to see high voltage lines. It may be a case of overlooking it," Council Member Robert Schmidt said.

Schmidt was also against disclosing which school district a residence is in. Novi falls within the jurisdiction of four school districts — South Lyon, Walled Lake, Northville and Novi schools.

"Anybody who has any sense at all in buying a home will determine

The Novi Jaycees will accept nominations for the 22nd annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA) until March 1. The DSA is presented annually by the Jaycees to honor an individual whose dedication to serving humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community. Individuals who live or work in the city may be nominated by groups or individuals. Nominations must be for individuals, not groups. The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award will be announced by the Jaycees at the annual Community Recognition Breakfast, which will be held at the Sheraton Oaks on Saturday, March 25.

# Slide, talk celebrate 100 years of nursing

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Learn how it all started at a program at Novi Library on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Karen Kessler, Community Representative, will give a slide presentation on the history of the organization, describing its original purpose and its evolution to the present in home medical care.

To register for this free program, call Novi Public Library at 349-0720. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

### NOVI JAYCEES Distinguished Service Award 1994 Nomination Form

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The Breakfast honoring all nominees and announcing the honorees will be held on Saturday, March 26, 1994 at the Sheraton Oaks, Novi beginning at 9 a.m. Nominees and their spouses will receive a complimentary breakfast. All other reservations are \$7.00. Would you, the nominator, like to make a reservation for the breakfast?

Yes # of reservations  No

Completed forms must be returned by March 1, 1994.  
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# Jaycees peddle bike tour flyers

The Novi Jaycees have stepped forward to help the Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society promote its annual bike tour.

The MS150 is a two-day bike tour between metro Detroit and Lansing in which bikers receive pledges for participating. Approximately a half million dollars was raised toward multiple sclerosis research during the 1993 tour.

Every year, the Multiple Sclerosis Society incurs thousands of dollars in expenses to pay individuals to distribute its brochures announcing the event and including entry forms throughout Michigan communities in stores, restaurants and other public places.

This year, the Novi Jaycees will assist with the distribution in the Novi area to help reduce these costs.

If you are interested in helping distribute brochures, call the Multiple Sclerosis Society at (313)350-0020. For information about the Novi Jaycees, call 248-NOVI.

# Three must agree to settle suit

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The way a planning expert's affidavit on the Ted Andris property on East Lake Drive arrived in Jim Korte's mailbox may be a mystery — but the document itself isn't.

It's part of a mountain of paper on the May 1988 zoning lawsuit, stashed in two massive files in the basement of the Oakland County courthouse.

The City of Novi's headed for a trial on March 28. Three parties don't see eye-to-eye next week — the Novi City Council, Andris and James and Carol Keman, owner of Frigate's Inn on East Lake Drive.

In a public hearing on March 3 at 8 p.m., the council will ponder a proposed settlement of the lawsuit which would call for a closure and reroute of East Lake Drive south of Fourteen Mile Road and give Andris his rezoning.

However, the Kemens, who jumped into the lawsuit in September 1989 as intervening defendants, are opposed to Andris' restaurant plans and any alteration of East Lake Drive.

On Feb. 14, Korte flourished the affidavit from planning expert Gerald Luedtke, which comes out firmly against any rezoning of the Andris beachfront residential property for a restaurant, at the city council meeting as he protested any settlement of the lawsuit.

The Luedtke affidavit, signed Jan. 24, came after the planner studied the Walled Lake shorefront development. Luedtke, president of Gerald Luedtke and Associates, was paid \$5,400 by the city and the Kemens. Luedtke found that any rezoning of Andris' residential property to commercial would be spot zoning which would clash with the lake residential character and set a dangerous precedent for the Walled Lake neighborhood.

The affidavit from the defendant's expert witness is in response to a 1993 affidavit in support of the rezoning, signed by a Grand Rapids expert hired by Andris.

Larry Nix, manager of planning services for W.W. Engineering and Science, found that the Andris beachfront land is a residential island in a sea of commercial, isolated from the existing residential area, unsuitable for residential use and a natural barrier between development and the residential neighborhood.

If the case does become courtroom drama, a who's who of East Lake Drive and longtime Novi residents are likely to be paraded to the witness stand by one side or the other, according to witness lists on file.

# More dollars for parks sought

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A reluctant Michigan Travel Bureau would be ordered to promote state and local parks under a bill pending before the House of Representatives.

"Our position is reasonably neutral," Travel Bureau director Tom Alley told a House panel promoting it.

"We're concerned about being locked into supporting constituency groups rather than responding to needs of tourists. We approach it from a marketing point of view."

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch, bowed out the Legislature and Department of Natural Resources for neglecting state parks in both money and promotion.

"Fat cats" lake care of the Waterways Commission and Mackinac Island Commission, Alley said, but no one fights for recreational opportunities for plain families.

"DNR is not boisterous and does not fight for appropriations. DNR itself allows the parks to slide. We (legislators) have been as negligent," Alley said.

A simple policy statement, the Alley bill is the first of a dozen pieces of legislation to beef up state park funding in a heavy campaign as the park system celebrates its 75th anniversary.

All members of the House Recreation and Tourism Subcommittee, including Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, voted to send the bill to the House floor for debate.

The bill decides it's the Legislature's intention to promote recreation of state and locally managed recreational opportunities including camping, hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor recreation experiences.

It tells the Travel Bureau to include that policy in its master plan. Altemus, however, said the administration should be guided by public demand rather than suppliers' desires to sell.

"We've got to be careful the marketing program isn't so fragmented. We have changed our focus to be customer and demand oriented," he said, citing requests to promote bed & breakfast houses, urban tourism and local theater groups.

Altemus said the Travel Bureau already promotes state parks — "enormously."

In other testimony, Rick Jameson

of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, urged lawmakers to establish an endowment fund whose interest earnings would pay for state park operations.

"MUCC has made this a priority — to get our state parks back into shape," said Jameson, chief lobbyist for the conservation and environmental group.

"Natural resources are a defining aspect of our state," said Jameson. MUCC wants an \$800 million fund set up to be fed by \$40 million from sale of the State Accident Fund, a state-owned workers comp insurance firm, and annual contributions from oil and natural gas taxes.

Critics say that in the last 10 years, general fund support of the 100 state parks has slipped from 70 percent of their operating budget to 30 percent. The difference has been made up from higher user fees. Critics say many parks are deteriorating and that poorer people are being priced out.

The tourism policy bill is House Bill 5247. The endowment fund bill is House Bill 5064. Refer to bill numbers when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a public hearing relative to the relocation of East Lake Drive to 14 Mile Road. This has been raised with regard to the settlement of litigation regarding the zoning of property at East Lake and 14 Mile Road.

This hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 1994 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time. Said hearing will be held in the Council Chamber at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All interested persons will be heard. (2-24-94 NR, NN)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 1994.

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review meetings will be held at the Novi Assessor's conference room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1994. This year all appearances will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made by 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 1994. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

CITY OF NOVI  
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

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50-22-25-227-002	50-22-25-227-003
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TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of delimiting the special assessment districts share of the cost of the following described public improvement:

Construction of a road closing barrier to include landscaping on Burton Drive at Haggerty Road.

The said Special Assessment Roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the date of the hearing to review said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet on Monday, March 7, 1994, at 8:00 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in the Council Chambers for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK  
 (2-24-94 NR, NN)

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TO REZONE A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 14 T.1N. R.8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

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FROM CSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

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# 1,000 sign Erwin's petition

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Doug Erwin estimated Monday he's now about 50 signatures shy of 1,000 on the petition he set up in his store, urging the Novi City Council not to use taxpayers' money to help create a Main Street.

He's planning to bring a contingent of the petitioners to the city council meeting on Feb. 28. He's also contacted the Novi Chamber of Commerce and hopes to make arrangements to meet with that group.

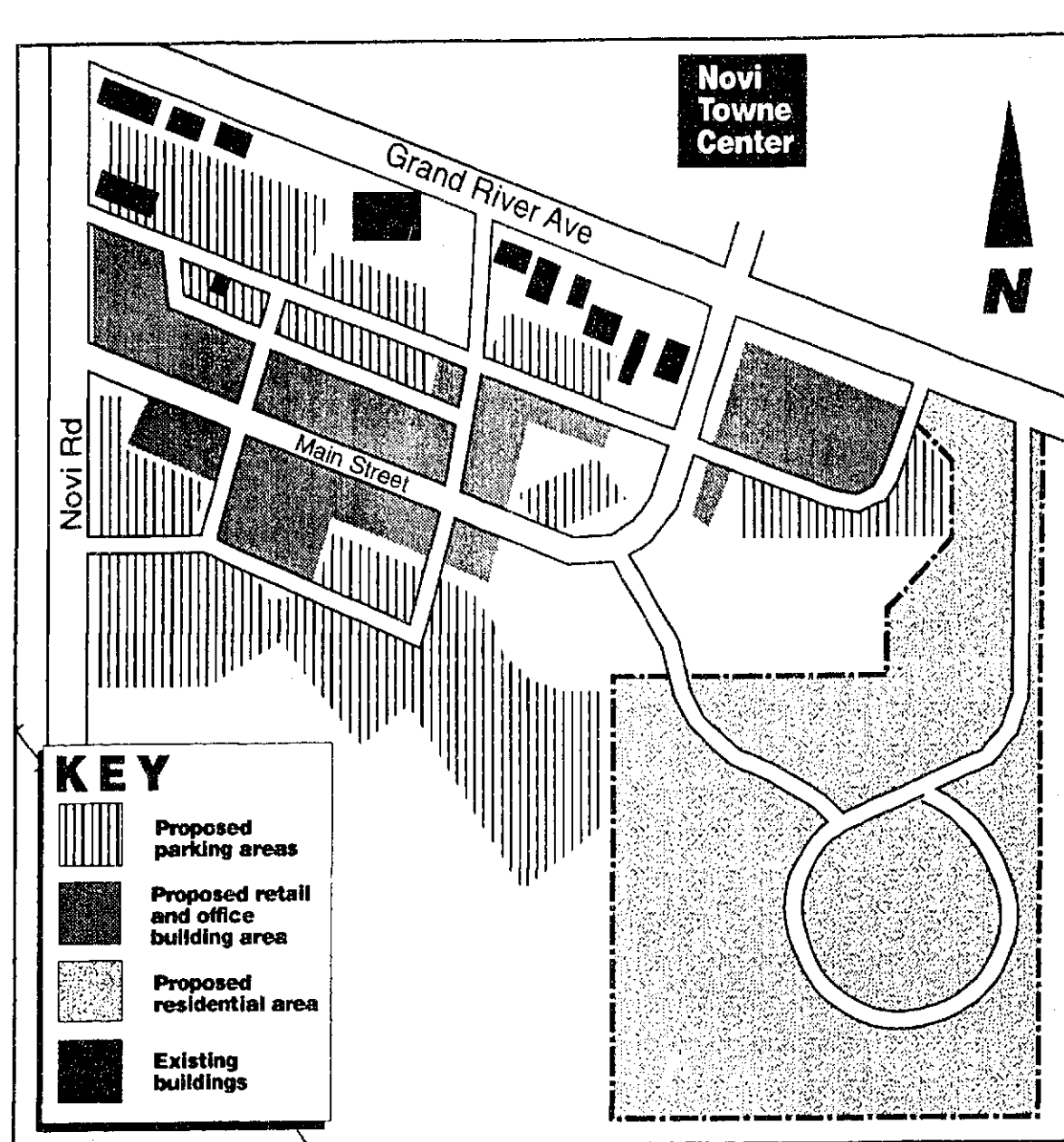
"I want to get the business people going on it," Erwin, an owner of Erwin Farms on Novi Road, said Monday.

"We're still working on it." This is the second time a grassroots group has sprouted to oppose the city's designs to redo the face of Novi. In 1990, after it was announced that the city aimed to relocate Industrial and other businesses from the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road area to an industrial park in Section 18, Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP) popped up and managed to get the project killed.

The plan at that time would have lured these businesses with tax abatements to developer Neil Sosin's proposed industrial park between Wixom and Napier roads with tax abatements, thereby making way for the building of a downtown Novi. Main Street and all. Much of the opposition four years ago focused on a materials recovery facility which might have been placed in the industrial park.

This time around, Erwin and his supporters say they don't want taxpayers dollars to help fund Main Street. The city is considering swapping land it owns on Novi Road if the developer builds the ring road bypass of the Grand River intersection. A ring road around all four quadrants of Novi Road/Grand River has long been eyed by city officials.

# City of Novi Concept for Main Street Project



# Planners okay Main Street

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Brick, stone and metal roofing will be used to create a European Town Square Market atmosphere at Vic's Fruit Market. Project architect Jon Sarkesian said the goal is to use materials that will use-friendly architecture that resembles the open atmosphere of the ever-popular Trappier's Alley in Detroit.

"It will prove to be a very humane place that will be a fun place to shop," he said.

Vic's Fruit Market will offer up a host of specialty and gourmet products including the freshest produce. Specialty foods and products will encircle the store's collection of staple produce.

The ten buildings will be linked by closed pedestrian walkways. Atrium atriums will be aligned with sidewalks and populated by cafe's and vendors.

There was no opposition voiced during the public hearing at Wednesday's meeting. But the commission did receive two letters from Novi residents about the proposed Main Street project.

The first was from Jack Kazanjian at A & G Development who welcomed the new development in the Grand River Avenue corridor.

"This project has been a breath of fresh air for Novi," he wrote. "The most exciting event and project planned for Novi in a long time."

"I'm for it 100 percent," he said.

A second letter written by Wyatt and Leola Gee, 42548 Cherry Hill, opposed the new construction.

"We have no objection to the fruit or sports . . . it's the tavern portion of the package we find disturbing."

The Gees argue that when they bought their home the adjacent property was zoned for a multiple-family residential district. When the zoning was changed to office space, the Gees had no objection.

But "a tavern is totally unacceptable," they wrote. "Grand River is a hazardous place to drive, particularly late at night and on weekends. When customers are patronizing a number of establishments that serve alcohol, is it really necessary to add to the problem?"

Commissioners accepted the letters and approved the phase one request 7-0.

# Snowbirds get free affidavits

How are those who winter in Florida supposed to know about the affidavit that must be completed in order to enjoy the full extent of Michigan's property tax cut?

If they subscribe to the Novi News, they will receive a special mailing that explains the affidavit, stresses the March 1 deadline and includes a sample copy of the affidavit.

"We worried that our subscribers who winter out of state might not be aware of the tax changes until it's too late," said Rich Perberg, general manager of HomeTown Newspapers, which publishes the News and five other community newspapers.

"The governor and lawmakers say they will extend the March 1 deadline, but as of Friday, when we made the mailing, they hadn't done anything."

Noting that the owner of a \$120,000 home would miss out on \$1,000 worth of tax cuts by not filing the affidavit, Perberg said the newspaper company decided to help inform those subscribers who have been out of state while the issue has developed.

"We called some township treasurers and assessors to see if this would cause any problems and they supported our plan," said Perberg.

The affidavit mailed to homeowners by state, county or local government is preferable since it already includes the homeowner's property tax code. The affidavit mailed by the News does not include the tax code and must be filled in by the recipient. There was no guarantee that the

government-mailed affidavits would reach homeowners wintering in Florida prior to the March 1 deadline.

The affidavits declare that the home is the primary residence for the property taxpayer, thereby setting the new school property tax rate at six mills if Proposal A passes March 15, and at 12 mills if Proposal A fails.

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## As We See It

### Let patients decide where to get treatment

Let's say you have a serious, but not critical medical condition. You've seen a doctor about it and received treatment in the past. You've gotten to know the workers at your health care facility, they know you, they call you by name, and you feel comfortable with them.

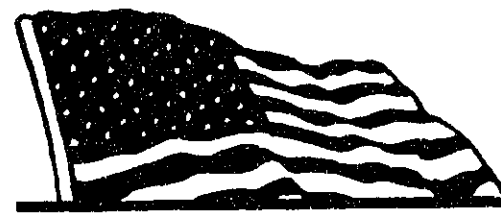
So when the medical emergency arises and the ambulance comes to cart you off to the hospital, you're going to want to go to the facility you've come to know and like.

But the ambulance driver informs you that you'll be going to another hospital. It's where "the control unit" says you must go.

Oh, it's a full-service hospital with a full emergency room and there is no doubt you'll be cared for competently. Still, it isn't your hospital. Your doctor doesn't practice there. They don't have your medical records there. The personnel don't know your preferences. You're sick and you'd just rather not have to deal with strangers or unfamiliar surroundings.

The issue was raised last Monday night before the Novi City Council by member Tim Pope, who committed the city to set up a special committee to review that control unit. Oakland County Emergency Medical Services has assigned Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills as the control unit. Botsford owns Community EMS, the ambulance service which by contract handles medical emergency transport in the City of Novi.

Pope said he has heard complaints from some Novi residents that they have not been able to go to the facility they have asked for. Rather, they've been told by the control unit to go to Botsford. Most of those who have been diverted have instead asked to go to the Providence Medical Park at Grand River and Beck Road. Although Providence is not a



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bedded hospital, it does have an emergency room and extensive medical services.

Council, as we said, did agree to review the control unit, a move with which we agree. As member Robert Schmid said, Novi residents should be able to name their destination. Schmid pointed out that it would be natural for CEMS personnel to encourage people to go to Botsford. In the end, however, it should be the patient's choice, not the control unit's, Schmid said.

There probably are two exceptions to that rule. For one, we can accept the idea that in a critical medical emergency, paramedics might decide the patient has to go to a particular facility because it is better equipped to handle that condition.

We can also accept the idea that if the chosen facility is already full up, the patient would have to be diverted.

Nonetheless, unless a compelling reason exists why the patient's wishes should not be honored, then the ambulance should take them wherever they want to go.

If this needs to be written into the contract documents with CEMS or with the control unit and Oakland County Emergency Medical Services, then Novi should indeed add that provision.

## It's getting confusing

It is time for Harry Avagian to step away from one of his two roles involving emergency medical services. It's getting too confusing.

Avagian of course got involved in Novi politics through his work as a watchdog of emergency services, including ambulance service, for the Lakes Area Residents Association. Now he's president of LARA but has kept the job of oversight of emergency services as his own.

Later he was hired as a consultant by Community EMS, the medical transport company that services Novi. Avagian was sensitive to the conflict at the time and raised it with the membership of LARA, which did not take the job of oversight away at the time.

Now, as one Novi official put it last week, "it is getting hard to tell which role he's acting in when he speaks."

When the Novi City Council took up the question last week of formulating a committee to study the control unit for the city's emergency medical services, because some residents have complained they have not been allowed to choose their destination when going for medical treatment in an ambulance, Avagian objected.

His main objection was that he did not want the council to play politics with a system he says is working well. But the council's objectives seem to make sense; their concerns seem quite legitimate.

There is much Avagian can do and accomplish in his role as president of LARA without running into a conflict with his position of consultant for CEMS. So we'd suggest that he turn over the watchdog role to another in that organization.

## Happy birthday City of Novi



Michael Malott

Who can say what factor, or factors have made Novi the premiere community that it is today?

Some argue that it is merely a matter of location. But that is only a starting point. And many other communities have started out with equally good placement and managed to foul things up pretty well along the way.

Others will point to the extension of I-96 expressway through town as a turning point for Novi.

Again, many communities have expressways and have not done as well.

It was the expressway that brought Twelve Oaks Mall to town some 16 years ago. . . what some say was the critical ingredient. Granted, Twelve Oaks has had a major impact here. And unlike many other regional malls which seem to lose their luster after only a few years, Twelve Oaks' reputation has grown over time. Still, upper-market malls are not all that uncommon.

Some say it is the school district. Novi schools have a well-deserved reputation for offering an excellent education, and there can be little doubt that the district has attracted many residents who moved here specifically because of it. Still, that doesn't sufficiently explain it all.

Still others point to progressive city government and solid municipal planning. Hey, city government and planning may be an item that produces a lot of complaining and controversy, but you have to admit that Novi's planning is head and shoulders above what most surrounding communities have managed.

Ever hear of the term "synergy." That's when two or more forces combine to create another force with an even

great effect than the original forces are capable of individually. I'd like to suggest that what Novi has is synergy.

Probably the primary ingredient in that synergy are the citizens themselves. Put them together with all those other factors and what you've got is Novi.

Novi, from my experience, is blessed with a population of educated, aware and active residents. They don't want to get elected to pitch in and do what they can for the community.

This Sunday, Novi will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its formation as a city. The city is planning a party noon to 5 p.m. There will be entertainment from a number of local groups. Display booths are being planned and local restaurants will supply the food.

City Manager Ed Krieswell will give an introduction and Oakland County executive L. Brooks Patterson will be on hand to help him out with the welcoming remarks. Former Mayor Matt Quinn is scheduled to unveil a gift to the city from its former mayors and council members.

But all this aside, I think the primary attraction of the day will be simply the gathering of those people who have worked so hard over the past quarter century to make this city great. According to Director of Public Information Cindy Stewart, all of the former mayors, council members and appointees have been contacted and many are planning on being there.

It is a time not just to remember the city's past 25 years, but to recall all those contributions some many people have made which, when combined with all the other little contributions everybody else made, have managed to create one great little town.

Happy birthday, Novi. And congratulations on 25 years of success.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Warm temperatures caused the snow to melt, leaving rivers and streams.

### Spring thaw

## Some studies go on forever



Lee Snider

The quote of the week has to go to Northville Mayor Chris Johnson who said: "You can study something forever."

Johnson made the remark while explaining why he favors putting the question of merging Northville City and Northville Township to a vote this fall.

The possibility of asking voters how they feel about unification is still being kicked around by Johnson and others who tend to favor the idea of a single

city study on consolidating the city and township was completed. Not "forever" exactly but it ain't first edition news either.

According to the report, published by *The Northville Record*, city police "patrolmen" were hired in at \$6,500 a year in 1968 and the fire chief doubled as the DPW superintendent. Volunteer firefighters under a cooperative service agreement were paid \$4 an hour (for the first hour, \$3 for additional ones) and Maybury Sanatorium was still a budget item.

In spite of all the changes that have occurred between then and now, the essential issue remains the same: Would erasing the boundaries that separate the city and township make sense?

Johnson says the first election in which he was old enough to vote included a question on unification. He thinks the year was 1973. City voters approved the proposal, township residents rejected it.

According to the mayor, it was a heated battle that touched off Civil War-like divisions.

"Neighbors were not talking to each other," he claims. I think the idea of pursuing unification of the city and township is a sound one. As Johnson told me, there is a sense of community here that makes a merger seem natural. Unlike Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, which have only a first name in common, I detect a genuine feeling that the city and the township are really just extensions of one another.

In any case, a yes outcome on an advisory vote would only authorize officials to look into the idea further. Which would confirm the reliability of the quote. You can study something forever.

Lee Snider is editor of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

## Michigan casinos would go broke



Tim Richard

Gambling may be going the way of smoking, down.

Both horse racing and the State Lottery are losing customers and yielding shrinking revenue for state and local governments.

Why? You hear lots of reasons: the economy, competition from other states' lotteries, simulcasting of races in Windsor.

I would like to think people are getting smart. Economists say it's healthy when people try to achieve wealth by savings and investment; bad when they try to hit a jackpot with one wager. Lawmakers look folks square in the eye and talk taxes instead of preying on gamblers.

Horse racing is regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. In the old days, horses were considered a farm industry deserving of promotion, the way apples, cherries and beans are promoted today.

Clearly, horse racing's heyday is past. Ladbroke DRC in Livonia set its attendance record Memorial Day 1952; Northville Downs, May 15,

1950; Hazel Park, Memorial Day 1965.

From the tax standpoint, Michigan's record horse racing year was \$28.9 million in 1975. Since then, state taxes have slipped more or less steadily to the \$21 million mark, according to the racing commissioner's annual report.

Michigan has been trying desperately to raise the take by expanding the racing season from 590 days in 1975 to more than 900 days currently — even as wagering and attendance have slipped.

It was silly, in my opinion, to expand racing dates because the horse supply is down — 17,000 in 1991 compared to 19,000 in 1984, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency.

Fewer horses and more races mean poorer quality. A decade ago, I went to Northville Downs on a Wednesday night. The first five or six races were "maidens" — horses who never had won a race. Handicapping (rating) horses of such poor quality is impossible — like predicting the weather without satellite maps or looking out the window at the sky. Any bet is a sucker bet. I haven't been back. Obviously, other ex-fans agree.

The Michigan Lottery is having a similar experience. A decade ago, ticket sales were less than \$600 million a year. They topped in 1988 and have been slipping since then.

Lottery Commissioner Jerry Crundall notes that Michigan pays out only 45 cents of each \$1 bet. State taxes eat the lion's share. The retailer gets a fee.

Clearly, lottery players are making a wager with poor payoff odds.

Crundall thinks taxes should be cut. He thinks legislators blundered when they exempted lottery winners from the Freedom of Information Act. Newspapers used to give the lottery a lot of free publicity when they published feature stories on local winners. No more.

Crundall also thinks lottery fans become distrustful when Lansing doesn't tell them winners' names. Folks suspect bureaucrats are hiding the money.

Some lottery players believe fervently that certain numbers have "luck," as if luck were a measurable quality like radiation or calories. That's raw superstition, unscientific and anti-religious. The chances that any digit will come up are always one in ten. Ask your pastor. Ask you kid's math teacher.

If gambling casinos ever come to Michigan, I bet they go broke.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His touchtone voice mail is (313)953-2047.

## The sales tax is much preferred

To the Editor:

Last July 1, when the State Legislature eliminated the property tax as the source for funding education in Michigan, I, along with most Michiganders, viewed this act as being totally irresponsible. In retrospect, our elected officials were right on track, nothing else would have worked. Michigan voters have repeatedly rejected tax reform in Michigan because they "didn't trust Lansing" to do their part. Trust is no longer the issue. Property taxes to fund education have been eliminated. The status quo may have been preferred, but it is no longer an option.

The issue now before us is

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whether the major source of education funding will be a 6 percent sales tax (ballot plan) or a 6 percent income tax (statutory back-up plan). In my opinion, the ballot proposal gives the State a healthier mix of taxes than under the statutory alternative. Our 4.6 percent income tax places Michigan 17th out of 50 states. The 4.4 percent tax rate under the ballot plan would place us 27th out of 50 states. Our 6 percent sales tax places Michigan 44th lowest out of 50. The 6 percent

sales tax under the ballot plan would raise us to 22nd. This mix of taxes under the ballot plan would place the State in a much more competitive position with its mix of taxes.

The increase in the sales tax under the ballot plan is preferred. The sales tax is a tax on consumption, which can be controlled. The income tax is a tax on investment and resourcefulness and cannot be controlled. The sales tax in Michigan is NOT regressive since food,

drugs, housing, medical care, the basic necessities, are exempted. The sales tax is less of a deterrent to job creation and, to the extent it reduces consumption, would tend to increase savings and investment. The income tax increase would be a deterrent to jobs, savings and investment.

To the extent that this issue is one of a sales tax versus an income tax, the sales tax increase is much preferred. I encourage you to vote FOR the ballot proposal on March 15.

Bob Schram  
Trustee,  
Novi school board

## Cable producers probe the issues



Lark Samouelian

Over the years, the momentum of television coverage in cable and broadcast has increased. At the beginning of our access shows were running about three weeks behind the breaking news.

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The lifting of the economic embargo with Vietnam is no different. Dennis Canfield and Ray Kazoo went to Washington D.C. in October for the Vietnam Commemoration and are editing the footage into TV shows.

Once again Dr. Philip Singer and Todd Whitman make available programming from the

World Health Organization showing the stories from Vietnam, Mozambique, Ghana and Finland.

Dr. Singer wonders how the use of native botanicals as pharmaceuticals will be effected. How will the world health businesses change the use of effective medicine? Not measured, nor tested by such bureaucratic standards, change . . . challenge . . . and yet . . . better more helpful medicine? Much to question in anthropological subject for sure. We compliment and encourage our producers for questioning, creative, fascinating and interesting programming for our community channels!

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## Affidavit still causing confusion

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Most of your dozens of questions on Proposal A continue to be about the homestead exemption affidavit — the simple form you must sign to make your home eligible for the six- or 12-mill property tax instead of 24 mills.

Question: I own and occupy my own home. My daughter and son-in-law are on the deed as co-owners. Whose name and social security number are needed?

On my deed, there are myself and my wife. But my wife's name is on her mother's deed.

Answer: Only co-owners who occupy the home as their principal residence must sign the affidavit, the State Treasury Department says. Family members who are co-owners but don't live there should not sign.

Be careful if you own a house and are listed on a parent's house as co-owner. Sign an affidavit only for the house you occupy. You are entitled only to one homestead tax break.

Q: My children are owners of my home, but I hold a life estate. May I claim the exemption?

A: Yes. Fill out the affidavit using your name, address, social security number and signature. Your child should not sign the affidavit, Treasury says.

Q: We live in a mobile home in a trailer park in South Lyon. Do we get any break?

A: You may claim an exemption on your garage and shed if they're taxable, but mobile homes in a licensed park are taxed under a different law, not the homestead property tax.

Q: I rent a room to a boarder. May I still claim an exemption?

A: Yes, but only the portion of your home you live in, not on the portion you rent out. On the affidavit, find section 3, and enter the percentage of your home that you occupy and explain with a note on the form.

Q: My home and an additional lot are on the same deed and mortgage. But the lot has a separate PIN (property identification number) on the tax bill. Can the vacant lot qualify for an exemption?

A: Yes, you may claim an exemption for the lot if it's adjacent and contiguous to your home, according to Treasury. If it's across the road, the lot is still contiguous.

Q: Is the state really going to change the March 1 deadline for filing the lower homestead tax rate?

A: Senate bill is being prepared to extend the deadline to May 1. A lawmaker tells us: "May 1 is the consensus date." Nothing's certain, but this

Lansing watcher will guess yes.

Q: I am having a new home built in 1994 which I will be moving into later in 1994. May I file an affidavit on my new home?

A: That continues to bother readers. We get two answers: Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, co-chair of the House Taxation Committee, wants to pro-rate the exemption. If you're in the home a half-year, you'd get half the tax break.

Treasury's answer: "No. The property was not being occupied as a principal residence on tax day, Dec. 31, 1993. However, the 1994 assessment will not be based on the value of a completed home since a completed home did not exist on the tax day. You may claim an exemption for the home for 1995 taxes after you occupy the home as your principal residence."

Q: My paper is offering a fax-mail service to homeowners who don't have a homestead affidavit from their local assessor. People should know they can get these free from the assessor's office.

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emption form, call toll-free 1(800)967-5904 from anywhere in the U.S. Have your Visa or MasterCard charge card ready. Ask for item 0301. Specify whether you want delivery by fax (complete phone number, please), mail (complete address with area code) or Federal Express (for an additional \$20).

Q: I'm in the process of buying a house from a relocation firm. Who files for the exemption?

A: Only the owner-occupant may file for the exemption.

Q: My home in Bloomfield Township has been for sale for a year. I live in my second home. My CPA tells me not to change my voting address in order to qualify for a federal capital gains tax break.

A: This reporter is neither a CPA nor an attorney and isn't likely to give such detailed advice. Treasury's answer is short and sweet: "You must claim the exemption for the home you occupy as your principal residence." Treasury does not check your affidavit against your voter registration. It checks only to make sure you're claiming only a single homestead.

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# Politician answers health care questions

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg, whose district includes Novi, fielded questions from those who attended a town hall meeting on health care reform Feb. 12 in the Novi Expo Center.

Also taking part was state House member John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Hills.

Many of the questions concerned President Bill Clinton's newly-submitted plan for American health care. Among the questions asked were:

**What about health benefits for Congress in the Clinton plan?**

Knollenberg — with a slight smile on his face — noted that legislators, along with federal employees, would be the last groups phased into the plan. One administration official had said, Knollenberg added, that they wanted to see how the plan worked in the rest of the country before putting into place in the government.

**Would Michigan have a single-payer, Canadian-style, health care system if the Clinton plan passes?**

That won't happen, Jamian said, whatever is passed in Washington. "Canada has a great system when you're healthy," he said, to laughter and applause from the audience. "When you're sick, you see them coming here for treatment."

Both he and Knollenberg said they are optimistic the President's plan as it stands now won't become law, however.

**Would the Clinton plan penalize people seeking special care for a sick child?**

Yes, Knollenberg said. The plan would make it make it illegal for doctors to offer services beyond those allowed in the plan, even if you pay for it.

**What about The Big Three's and**



JOE KNOLLENBERG

major labor union's support of the Clinton plan?

"They're supporting it because it's a good deal for them," Knollenberg said, because the taxpayer foots the bill. He added, tongue-in-cheek, that "what's good for GM isn't necessarily good for America."

"When you see big business, big labor and big government together," Jamian said, "watch out."

**What about the cost to small businesses of the Clinton plan?**

Many will fail, Knollenberg said, and others will have to scale back because of tens of thousands of dollars a year in extra expenses.

**What about the plan's effect on efforts to balance the federal budget?**

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated the Clinton plan will drive the deficit up by \$74 billion over the next few years, Knollenberg said.

The plan if passed intact would make it impossible to balance the state's budget as well, Jamian said.

**One woman described her family's suffering in dealing with her daughter's serious mental illness.**

"It's a physical problem, like heart disease," she said. "It can happen to you or any of your children."

Insurance plans do not cover such problems, she said. Will any reform plan include mental illness coverage?

Jamian said that health care reform often looks only at sick bodies instead of including sick minds as well. He said legislators would look closely at mental illness coverage to ensure it is provided.

# Health care reform tops meeting

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Bill Clinton's plan for health care reform will take more money from you and give you fewer choices, Joe Knollenberg says.

In fact, the President's newly-proposed plan will devastate the best health care system in the world, the Republican freshman U.S. Congressman said at a town hall meeting he held at the Novi Expo Center recently.

Knollenberg, along with state House member John Jamian (R-Bloomfield Hills), discussed Clinton's plan, Republican alternatives and fielded questions from the 150 or so people who attended the Feb. 12 event.

Knollenberg represents Michigan's 15th District in Congress, which includes Novi.

The Clintons — Knollenberg emphasized the plural — talk about security for all Americans, the legislators said, but deliver the opposite in the details of their plan, presented to Congress last month.

The plan will raise taxes and the cost of care generally, Knollenberg said, while increasing government bureaucracy and regulation by leaps and bounds. In return, he continued, Americans will find themselves more limited in their health care choices.

If the reaction of those attending the meeting is any indication, the legislators have a lot of kindred spirits among their constituency. Many of the questions they received had a distinctly anti-Clinton-plan flavor, which Knollenberg labeled "a grand government experiment which threatens health care for everyone."

Americans want three things from health care reform, Knollenberg said. First, they want portability — taking insurance coverage with them from one job to another, and not being denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

Second, he continued, people want to see rising health care costs controlled.

Third, Americans want expanded access to health insurance for those who don't get it from their jobs, don't make enough to buy it on their own and yet make too much to go on Medicaid.

The Clinton plan, he said, is throwing the proverbial baby out with the bathwater. It seeks to radically reform a system that basically works well.

"This plan represents the welfare-ization of American health care," he said. "It will make the middle class dependent on the government."

That's exactly the point of the plan, Knollenberg said, to increase the power of government in people's lives. Under the Clinton plan, he said, bureaucrats decide who you can go for health care services, which ones would be covered and which would not, and how much you can pay.

The plan would restrict people from free choice in their health care, the Congressman said, and make it difficult or even illegal to obtain services not allowed by the plan, even if you would pay for it.

Knollenberg and Jamian discussed a Republican alternative plan which House minority leader Bob Michel presented a month before the Clinton plan. In essence, they said that the system isn't as broke as the Clintons make it out to be.

What it needs, Jamian said, is "fine-tuning," and the Republican plan offers a "common-sense" way to do that, Knollenberg said.

The Clinton plan would make you pay more to receive less care, he said, as well as reduce your choice of doctors. It could prevent you from choosing health care services not approved by government officials, even if you pay for them, he said. The plan would reduce the number of medical specialists and your access to them.

The Congressman said that the Clinton plan overstates the problem. The administration often says that 37 million Americans don't have health insurance and that medical costs are spiraling out of control.

Knollenberg said that statistics show those facts to be misleading. For example, only three percent of the population remains continuously and involuntarily uninsured, he said. Most of the 37 million don't have insurance for a few months while changing jobs, he said. Others have income and education levels high enough to afford health care in-

surance but choose not to get it.

While it's undeniable that health care costs are rising faster than inflation, Knollenberg said, and impede people's ability to get affordable care, the problem is a manageable one. It can be solved without scrapping the entire care system as it exists now, he said.

That is what Clinton's proposal will do, he warned. Bureaucracies and regulations at the federal and state levels will spring up like weeds. They will cut down choices and create waiting lists for major health care services like heart surgery. There will be outright rationing of care as well, he added, pointing to Canada's single-payer government-run system as an example.

Some say the Clinton plan will cost up to one million jobs as it forces small businesses to scale down to close up shop because they can't afford to pay for the required coverage, he said.

The President's team is underestimating the price tag for their plan as well, Knollenberg said, a habit of those in government. In 1935, he cited as an example, Congress said Social Security in 1980 would cost about \$3.5 billion after adjusting for inflation. Actual cost that year: \$105 billion.

In 1965, Congress projected Medicare to run about \$8.8 billion in 1990, adjusted for inflation. The actual price tag topped \$66 billion.

The Congressional Budget Office has concluded that the Clinton plan would drive the deficit up by \$74 billion over the next few years.

The Michel plan, Knollenberg said, keeps in mind that 85 percent of Americans have continuous health insurance and are satisfied with their quality of care. Solutions to the problems in the system come from simpler measures than the Clinton plan, he said.

Michel's plan includes universal access, requiring employers to offer a basic health plan to their employees, while not making them pay for it. It also guarantees coverage portability and provides tax credits to the working poor who don't qualify for Medicaid.

Medisave accounts are another

feature of the Michel plan. It allows families to earmark money for medical care and buy less insurance at a savings.

The plan also seeks to trim health care costs by limiting frivolous medical malpractice suits and damage awards from them, which will cause insurance costs to fall. Malpractice insurance runs \$6 billion a year nationally, Knollenberg said, with Michigan paying 10 percent of that total.

Jamian discussed health care from the state perspective.

"In Michigan, there is no health care crisis," he said, saying that the system needs "fine-tuning."

Of 9.5 million citizens, he said, less than 800,000 don't have insurance. Like the national figures, only about four percent remain continuously uninsured for 28 months or more, he said.

He discussed several possible reform measures to reduce costs and expand coverage, many mirroring the Michel plan. Jamian said that state legislators were waiting as well to see what Washington passed into law so they will be ready to integrate their moves into it.

Knollenberg said that it was unlikely that Clinton's plan would make it through Congress intact.

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DON'T  
GIVE UP ON  
LENTBy MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

Cathy Lincoln said she will try to pray more daily during the 40-day Lenten season.

A Catholic, Lincoln will join others in her religion as well as Christians of other faiths in sticking to their Lenten pledges.

The Rev. James Cronk said although some members of his congregation at St. James Catholic Church in Novi have made vows such as not eating between meals, avoiding certain meats or saying no to sweets or cigarettes, the idea of Lent has changed.

Other area pastors agree that the latest concept of Lent does not necessarily emphasize giving something up.

"We're not urging people so much to give up than to take up," said J. Cyrus Smith, associate pastor of Novi's Faith Community United Presbyterian Church.

Taking up new responsibilities could include increased devotions or church attendance, Smith explained. Or, it could mean volunteer work.

"We also encourage enhanced prayer life by reading scriptures or

in person by stopping by the church," Cronk said. "And there's the charity kind by visiting someone you haven't seen in a long time or shut-ins."

"We try to foster this as a time for devotions," agreed the Rev. Jim Russell, associate pastor of evangelism and outreach at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. "We do not foster the idea of giving up something."

Russell explained that God wants the person, not what the person gives up.

"This is a personal time for renewal," he said. "We try to set some time aside if you can in the hustle and bustle of life to study what our relationship is with Jesus Christ."

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which was celebrated Feb. 16.

"We apply ashes to foreheads as a sign of human sinfulness," Smith explained. "Later in the service the pastors wash the ashes off as a sign of cleanliness. . . It takes a little more to make people feel cleansed."

Russell said about 100 people attended Ash Wednesday services at his church. A White Breakfast



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Bonnie Haun, left, and Marvel Eberly pray during the Lenten season at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

served with Communion featured special music and a sermon. Hot crossed buns were also served, he said, with the crosses on the bun serving as a symbol.

The ashes on the forehead comes from a Biblical concept, Cronk explained.

"It signifies humility and a willingness to turn from sin," he said.

Cronk was pleased with the turnout for Ash Wednesday services, especially since it's the first year services were held in the congregation's new church on Ten Mile Road.

Attendance usually climbs during the Lenten season, according to area pastors.

"In some churches, Good Friday is a bigger day than Easter" attendance-wise, said Russell.

Services for Palm Sunday and Easter also find churches filled to

capacity.

"Our climax is Palm Sunday," Smith said. "We have a lot of young families and that's when they go back home for Easter."

"This is just a time that is important for church," Russell said.

## Lenten season calls for special services

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

Area churches are celebrating Lent with a host of programs and special services. Below is a list of area Lenten activities.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
46235 W. Ten Mile, Novi

A parish mission retreat for people who lead busy lives will be held the first week of Lent at 7:30 nightly.

At 7:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent there will be a devotion of stations of the cross.

Although Lent ends for St. James parishioners on Holy Thursday, March 31, special programs have been planned to celebrate the Lord's Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
200 E. Main St., Northville

Several seminars have been planned to celebrate the five weeks of Lent. All series begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Boli Hall. For those opting to skip dinner, the seminars begin at 7:30 p.m. and will last for approximately one hour.

Dinner will be catered by Crawford's Restaurant of Northville. The cost for adults is \$6.75 per person with children's tickets at \$3.75. Reservations must be phoned into the church office, 349-0911, by 5 p.m. the day preceding the seminar.

Three seminars will be offered each Thursday evening for the adults. The children will either be in supervised nursery (infants through kindergarten) or Christian education (first through fifth grades).

The seminars will begin Feb. 24 and run through March 24.

The seminars are as follows:  
1. Marilyn and Bill Mitchell will present a Lenten study group for couples. The seminar will seek ways in which couples can help each other grow spiritually.

Marlynn is president of Power Associates and is involved in training for

the automotive industries while Bill is CEO for M.B. Associates.

2. "In Search of Excellence in Ethics" will be presented by Dr. James Conley, a professor of business at Eastern Michigan University and an ordained Presbyterian minister. Conley will discuss whether faith has any bearing on the marketplace.

3. The Rev. Martin R. Ankrum will talk on "Basic Christianity: What We Believe." Just what are the basic tenets of faith for the Christian religion? Where do Presbyterian beliefs intersect with others of the Christian faith? Ankrum, associate pastor for education at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will attempt to answer those questions.

On Thursday, March 24, Al Warren will address "Corporate Ethics." Retired from General Motors as a vice-president in charge of labor negotiations, Warren will conclude the ethics seminar. Presently consulting with firms in the field of conflict management, Warren is an elder at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Holy Week services include Maundy Thursday, March 31. Dinner will precede the 7:30 p.m. worship service at 6:30 p.m. in Boli Hall. Tickets are \$6.75 a person. Reserve them in the office.

Services for Good Friday will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 1 at Northville Methodist Church.

A sunrise service has been scheduled for 8 a.m. Easter Sunday in the forum room. Services will also be conducted at 9:30 and 11 a.m. that morning.

FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
4440 W. Ten Mile, Novi

An adult education Lenten series has been planned for the five Thursday evenings of the season. A snack time will begin at 6:45 while classes last from 7 to 8:15.

Classes to be offered include:

1. A comparison of major religions around the world with Lee Davis, an elder of the church.

2. Smith will offer "Bible 101," an introductory course to Bible study. The class will start at "ground zero" for those who feel "consciously ignorant" about the Bible, said Smith.

3. Pastor Richard Henderson will present a class about the Book of Acts. During Holy Week, a Tenebrae service will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31.

Smith said the lights will be dimmed throughout the service and finally turned off at the end to signify the waning life of Christ on the cross. Special services will include music on Palm Sunday March 27, which represents the day Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with his followers throwing palms in front of him, to face the cross, Smith explained.

An Easter sunrise service has been tentatively set for 7 a.m. "If at all possible it will be held outdoors," Smith said.

The church has a memorial garden where the services will be conducted.

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Each Tuesday, prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. during Lent. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7 p.m. each Lenten Friday while communal penance and individual confession will take place at 1 and 4 p.m., respectively, every Saturday.

A communal penance has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, and Sunday, March 27.

A soup supper will be held at 6 p.m. each Friday.

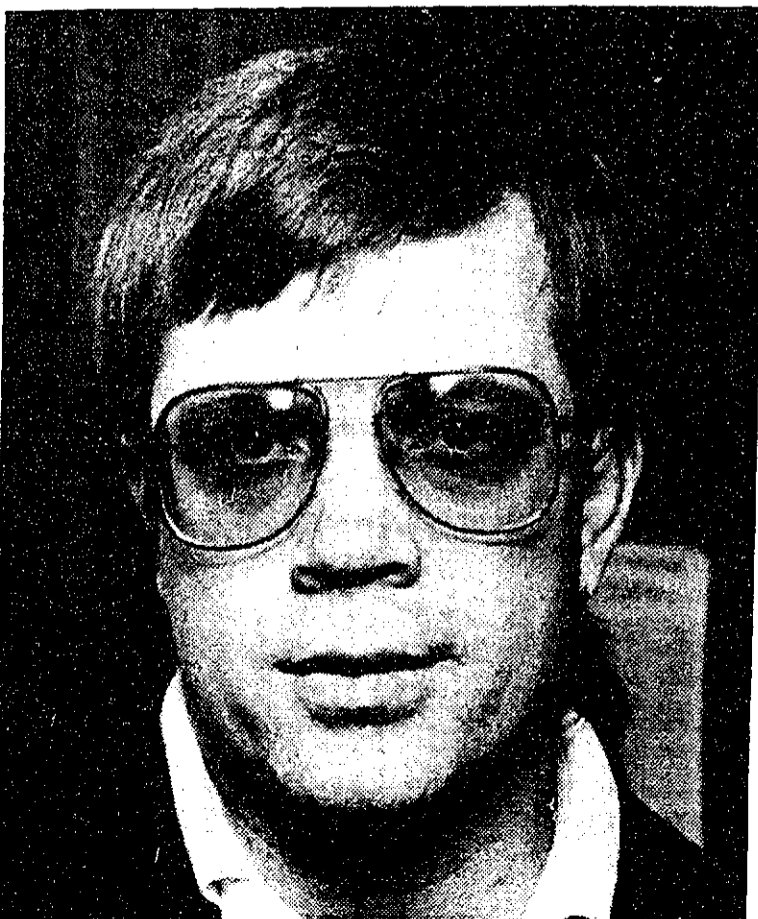
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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During Lent, a new parish plan to increase communication among the members of the church will be implemented. The congregation has been divided into 18 neighborhood groups to foster spiritual growth.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. A catered dinner will be held before the service at 6 p.m. Confirmation will take place and new adult members will be received.

At 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, services will be held in conjunction with special musical services. A pancake breakfast will follow at 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be held at 10 a.m.

## Volunteer



MICHAEL GABRIEL

Grand River activist  
cleaning up corridorBy DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

If you live in Novi, you know there's no other place like it.

It has everything you ever wanted in a hometown, and Michael T. Gabriel, owner of State Farm Insurance on Ten Mile Road thinks so, too. But he can't believe that strangers driving through on Grand River are much impressed with what they see.

That's why he and other business and property owners — 25 of them — formed the Grand River Corridor Committee two years ago to suggest to the City Council how to improve Novi's basic thoroughfare.

They're not empowered to spend money, just give ideas. So, Gabriel said, they work on a "wish list" when they get together at their meetings, which are held not on a regular schedule but when it is thought they are needed.

First on their "wish list," he said, is the widening of Grand River, but

"that will take a long time." Then there should be lighting and sidewalks.

"We need sidewalks," he said. "As it is now, you can't walk along Grand River."

But one thing the Grand River Corridor Committee can see in place soon is a "Welcome to Novi" sign.

"We have a beautiful wooden sign," he said. "It's been designed and approved, but we need money to build it."

The plan is to have one with appropriate landscaping on Grand River as the thoroughfare enters Novi — northwest and southeast.

If you are interested in being a member of the Grand River Corridor Committee, you are welcome to come to a meeting. Yearly dues are \$15. Meetings are held as needed, and to announce time and place, flyers are sent out and also a notice is put in *The Novi News*.

The next meeting will be in March, Gabriel said.

## It's A Fact

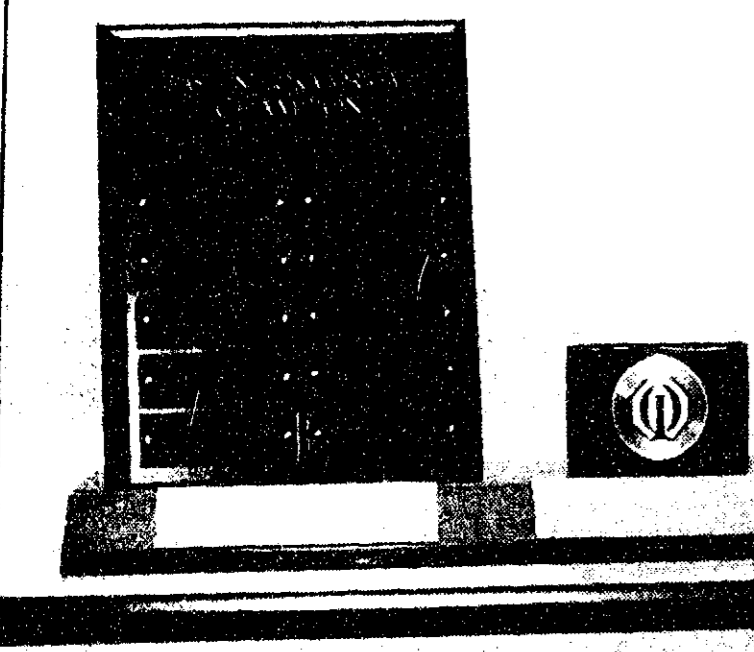
## City of Novi Tax Rates

tax rates for the last three years are as follows:

	1991-92	92-93	93-94
General Fund	4.37	4.37	3.94
Street Fund	0.76	0.76	0.71
Police & Fire	1.48	1.48	1.51
Library	0.84	0.84	0.79
Drain	0.76	0.76	0.71
Parks & Rec	0.40	0.40	0.37
Total Operating	8.61	8.61	8.03
Total with Debt	10.69	10.69	10.40

SOURCE: City of Novi 1994 Calendar





The top speakers from Novi and Northville High Schools in the Novi Optimist Club oratorical contest will have their names inscribed on the Baseline Champion trophy.

## Novi Optimist Club readies for contest

Novi Optimist Club members Kathy Crawford and Karen MacKenzie are finalizing plans for the annual oratorical contest sponsored by Optimists International.

High school students from both sides of the baseline are invited to compete for cash prizes in the competition. The top local prizes for both males and females is a \$200 savings bond and an opportunity to compete in a national competition for a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Locally, there are second and third place prizes.

This year, the Novi Optimists have created "Baseline Oratorical Champion" trophies which will be displayed at the high schools with an inscription of the winning students' names.

Featured on the trophy is a marble bust representing the famous Greek orator Demosthenes, who lived in Athens from 385 to 322 B.C. He was chosen by the Novi Optimists as a symbol of one who overcame great odds to excel in the public forum.

According to the Greek historian Plutarch, when Demosthenes "first addressed himself to the people, he met with great discouragements, and was derided for his strange and un-

outhstyle. He had a weakness in his voice, a perplexed and indistinct utterance and a shortness of breath, which, by breaking and disjointing his sentences, much obscured the sense and meaning of what he spoke."

To correct these flaws, Plutarch said of Demosthenes, "his inarticulate and stammering pronunciation he overcame and rendered more distinct by speaking with pebbles in his mouth; his voice he disciplined by declaiming and reciting speeches or verses when he was out of breath, while running or going up steep places; and that in his house he had a large looking glass, before which he would stand and go through his exercises."

This year's theme is "Optimism! The Right Stuff." The rules are simple.

Students at Northville High School should contact Cheryl Gaslay for more information. Novi High School students need to reach Kathy Faszantoni for details and assistance.

The contest will be held at 7 p.m. March 9 in the Novi Council chambers.

## Engagements



Lisa Van Der Hoeven/Tim Campbell



Matthew Kamish/Colleen Chicovsky

Thomas and Susan Campbell of Novi and Ronald and Janet Kirsch of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Timothy Campbell, to Lisa Van Der Hoeven, daughter of Paul and Judith Van Der Hoeven of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The groom-elect is a 1984 graduate of Northville High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 1988. He received an M.B.A. in finance from Wayne State University in 1992 and is employed

by First of America Bank as a commercial credit analyst.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Regina High School and is attending Wayne State University where she plans to graduate in December 1995 with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She is employed by The Allied Companies of Warren as a commercial claims administrator.

A May 1995 wedding is planned at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chicovsky of Southgate announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Marie, to Matthew Hartmann Kamish of Chicago, Ill. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kamish of Novi.

The bride-elect graduated from Lapeer-East High School 1987 and from Central Michigan University in 1991. She is employed by Parke

Davis/Warner Lambert in Chicago, Ill.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1987 and from Central Michigan University in 1991. He is employed by Automatic Data Processing in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

An Aug. 6 wedding is planned in Novi.

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## Birth

Ed and Arny Kociszewski of Novi announce the birth of their first child, Halley Katherine on Jan. 24 at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Halley weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

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## Quartet singers in town



The Cascade Connection and Patch Chords will be two featured quartets brought to the Detroit area to provide both close harmony and mirthful comedy at the annual Wayne chapter show of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

The show is entitled "The Pirates of the Barbershop Coast" and will be presented March 4 and 5 at Mercy High School located at Middlebelt and Eleven Mile roads in Farmington Hills. Showtime is 8 p.m. both evenings. Tickets can be ordered by calling John Lynn at 937-1322.

Evergreen District Barbershop Quartet champions in 1982, the Cascade Connection got together in February 1982. After two appearances in the International competition, two of the members left to work for the International Barbershop Society at its headquarters in Kenosha, Wis.

While two members continue to reside in Oregon and two reside in Wisconsin, they continue to appear on shows around the country. They also coach other quartets and choruses.

How do they stay together as a quartet when they live 2,000 miles apart? You'll have to come to the show and ask them.

Recent appearances have taken them to Wisconsin, Missouri, Colorado, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Michigan, California and New York. A few weeks after this show, the quartet will travel to New Zealand and Australia to perform and coach.

Lead Jerry Harrison is a long time barbershopper and was a member of a District Champion quartet in 1962. He is a chorus and quartet coach, as well as a prolific songwriter. He lives in Oregon.

Red Stewart, bass, has a varied background, including stints with the Young Americans and singing and playing keyboard with a U.S.O. troupe touring southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. He is a Certified Presentation Judge for the society and a popular quartet and chorus coach. He also resides in Oregon.

Tenor Jim DeBusman has many years of experience as a director of

The Cascade Connection Barbershop Quartet will perform at the annual Wayne chapter show of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. March 4 and 5 in Farmington Hills.



Mid-Michigan Barbershop Quartet singers The Patch Chords are scheduled to perform a combination of melodic harmony and mirthful comedy.

## Intown

Submit items for the entertainment listings in The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

### Special events

**AUDITIONS:** Pontiac Theatre IV will hold open auditions for the Broadway favorite, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Auditions will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 27 and 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Pontiac Public Library, 58 Pike Street, Pontiac. Call-backs will be scheduled as needed.

Actors should come a prepared song and a non-returnable picture. All auditioners will be asked to read from a script. A musical accompanist will be provided.

For more information, call John Toner at 824-3187 or the Pontiac Theatre IV office, 335-4277.

**ART LECTURE SERIES:** The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring Michael Farrell in an art lecture series focusing on 17th century Flanders and Holland.

The works of Vermeer will be presented March 17. A lecture on Rembrandt, originally set for January, has been rescheduled for April 14.

Each lecture will include a slide presentation accompanied by the wit and style of a knowledgeable art historian. Farrell is an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts and an instructor at the Art House of Detroit.

Lectures will be held in the Northville High School Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$6 per lecture. For more information, call 347-9664.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Melrovin and cabaret to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers,

etc. are invited to submit an application form and audition tape, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

### Theater

**CHARLOTTE'S WEB:** A musical adaptation of Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White, will be the spring production at Northville's historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., March 5 through April 10.

Directed by George Valencia, Charlotte's Web is an endearing story about a little girl named Fern, who saves the life of Wilbur, a young pig, and Charlotte the spider, who enriches Wilbur's life with friendship and love.

The role of Fern will be shared by two young actresses: Carla Freshwater of Canton and Laurie Boloven of Northville. The role of Wilbur will be shared by Jeffrey Weimer of Farmington Hills and Alison Reiter of Dearborn. Tracey McCoy, an actress from Chicago, will perform the role of Charlotte.

Appearing in the children's chorus are: Katherine Superfishy, Mike Superfishy, Rachel Conant, Andrew Martin, Lars Kozlowski and John Kohl, all of Northville and Aimee Garrison, Danielle Franz and Tim Kava, all of Novi.

Performance dates and times are: 2:30 p.m. weekends March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and April 9-10. Spring break performances will also be held at 2:30 p.m. April 4-8.

Tickets for all public performances are \$6.50. For ticket information, group rates and for teachers to arrange special performance times and rates, call 349-8110.

**HOME SWEET HOME:** A dinner theater program will continue with a performance Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.

Diners are given clues — and sometimes speaking roles in the action — to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43189 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with a show at 8 p.m. Feb. 24.

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

**GENITTI'S:** Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall Restaurant brings "The Genitti's Radio Hour Dinner Theatre" to you every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening.

Featured is Genitti's famous seven course family-style Italian dinner which includes homemade soup, garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage and steak and dessert.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St. just east of Center Street.

**DINNER THEATER:** The Plymouth Community Arts Council will continue its tradition of dinner theater presentations with March Murder Madness on March 5. The performance marks the third year of the program.

The mystery will be presented by Theatre Arts Production Ltd. Cocktails begin at 7:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. with the cast mingling with the audience throughout the evening. The scene of the "whodunit" mystery is Laurel

Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The cost is \$40 per person.

For tickets, call the council office at 455-5260.

### Music

**SUNSET GRILL:** Live entertainment featuring Texas rock and blues band Wild Orchid happens at 8 p.m. every Friday and 9 p.m. every Saturday at Sunset Grill, 43393 W. Thirteen Mile at Novi Road in Novi.

**CAFFE BRAVO:** On Fridays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m. classical guitarist Carol Smallwood is continuing her engagement at Caffe Bravo. Smallwood also appears on Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Also each Saturday, from 9 to 11 p.m., a local contemporary folk trio, The Color Wheel, performs. The group features Northville High School graduates Tony Severt, Dave Murray and Chris Dattilo.

On Sundays, from 3 to 6 p.m., Michael Fracassi appears with his guitar, strumming a variety of blues and jazz numbers. He also performs on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

The coffee house is in the Main Centre in downtown Northville. For information, call 344-0220.

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

**NOVI HILTON:** Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilton, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Live entertainment is from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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# Four Wildcat wrestlers advance to regionals Saturday

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Lake Western's Andy Anderson, Christoff was seeded eighth, Anderson fifth.

J.J. Balanga met a similar fate at 112 pounds. He was pinned by Livonia Franklin's Troy Brarey.

At 125 pounds, Garrett Barrons was seeded seventh. He defeated Derek Davis of Garden City in the first round 4-2. He then was knocked from the tournament by Brighton's Mike Griffin, 9-5.

Huss said he's proud of Barrons effort all season.

"He doesn't quit," he said. "If you aren't in good shape he'll beat you." Watanabe had the most difficult route to the regionals by being seeded eighth. He faced the No. 5 seed, Phil Mitchell of Plymouth Salem, and won going away 17-2.

Watanabe then beat Adam Hill of Livonia Franklin round two by a 10-9 count. The freshman then advanced to finals by beating top seed Matt Schroeder of Howell (a KVC champ) 9-8.

"It was a big upset," said Huss. "Nobody expected him to beat (Schroeder)."

Watanabe scored a take down as the buzzer went off to garner the victory. He lost in the final to Garden City's Steve Horvath 8-6.

Unseeded Nick Biagini won his first 140-pound match by a pin over Aaron Brennan of Walled Lake Central. He then lost 14-5 to Mike Prough, the No. 1 seed, 14-5.

"He's getting us really excited about next year," said Huss. "He did a nice job."

Cini put it all together Saturday. The 145-pounder finished third overall after drawing the fifth seed.

The junior whipped Adam Arnold of Howell 18-3 then nipped Danny Breighaupt of Salem 4-1. Cini dropped his final two matches.

Huss said he could do some damage at regionals.

"If he's in the right frame of mind," he said, "look out."

Tony Place, 152 pounds, lost to Nick Petryk of Livonia Stevenson 7-3

in round one.

No. 3 seed McBride drew a bye in his first 160-pound match. He then defeated Derek Voss of Walled Lake Central 5-0 and Adam Lynch of Northville by a pin. McBride's only loss came to top seed Bob McKinney of Howell, 15-5.

Wendt, at 189, was seeded second and finished second.

The senior drew a bye in round one then beat Northville's John Matthews 8-3. Wendt lost by a fall to the state's top ranked 189-pounder, Craig Martin of Livonia Stevenson, in the finals.

TEAM DISTRICTS

The Wildcats almost walked away district champs Thursday at home.

Novelty horns with Baseline rival Northville and gave the experienced Mustangs a big run for their money, 35-27. The district final went down to the last match.

"I think we gave them a scare," said Huss. "We did a nice job against them."

The Wildcats fought from behind to make it close.

Northville's James Kyle and Jason Tarrow took pins in the 112 and 119 pound matches to give the Mustangs

a 12-6 advantage. Barrons cut the lead to three by decisioning Don Battle 8-4.

Watanabe then moved Novi ahead 15-12. The 130-pounder led 9-2 when he took Chris Harrison down and pinned at 1:19 in third period.

Corey Keranen got three points for Northville with an 11-3 win over Chris Young at 135 pounds. It was a gutsy performance nonetheless for the Novi wrestlers. Young was clearly ill and struggled to stand at times. But he fought on and avoided being pinned.

Carl Tune grabbed a 14-3 win over Biagini at 140 pounds. Cini then decisioned Ryan Baber 5-2 to make the score 20-18 in Northville's favor.

The match's biggest upset was at 160 pounds. Lynch led McBride by two points after two periods and ended up winning 8-3.

Matt Buck got Novi back into it with a pin of Eric Hibbler in 2:12 of the first period at 171 pounds. Wendt then cut the lead to 29-27 by stopping Matthews 5-1. Northville held on to victory as heavyweight Nick Bowersox pinned James Probyn at 1:17.

## MHSAA advises on health matters

The following article on injury prevention is reprinted from the Michigan High School Athletic Association's February Bulletin report:

"Shin splints" is a general term that applies to a variety of lower leg conditions. In the mildest form, shin splints refer to inflammation in the calf of the leg, either in muscle, tendon (which connects muscle to bone), the outer portion of bone or the membrane that runs between the calf bones.

It's important to pay attention to leg pain. If not cared for properly, shin splints can lead to more significant problems such as stress fractures or damage to muscles and/or nerves. In severe cases, the entire front of the leg from knee to ankle will seem to be on fire and, because of very poor blood supply in the area, repair will take more time.

Causes of shin splints:

1. Poor training techniques or environment (e.g. running on a hard surface or increasing mileage too rapidly)
2. Inadequate stretching
3. Worn out or broken-down footwear
4. Postural abnormalities (e.g. bow legs, low arch, knock-knees)
5. Overweight problems
6. Previous injuries not properly cared for

Do shin splints require a doctor's attention?

Not in milder cases, but if you're experiencing severe or continuing pain, check with your doctor.

Initial treatment:

1. Rest from all running and weight-bearing activities for 24 to 48 hours.
2. Immerse the affected area in ice for 10 to 20 minutes, or massage the area with ice for 15 to 20 minutes, at least three times daily to affected area.
3. Take anti-inflammatory medications, if necessary, as directed by a physician.

After 48 hours:

1. Use an incline board to stretch the calf muscles and Achilles tendon for 5 to 10 minutes. This should be done daily before exercise. Start at 30 degrees and increase to 45 degrees as flexibility increases.
2. Exercise the front muscle group of lower legs daily after the initial 24 to 48 hours. Using a 1/4 inch or 2 inch wide rubber band or surgical tubing attached to a 24 inch piece of rope, attach the rope to a table or chair leg 3 inches above the floor. Sit on the floor with the foot pointed away from your head and the band looped over the toe of the shoe. Bring your foot towards your head, pulling against constant pressure. Do three sets of 25 to 30 repetitions. If soreness develops, decrease the number of repetitions.
3. Stretch the calf muscles after exercise on the incline board 5 to 10 minutes.
4. Then ice the lower leg 10 to 20 minutes as before.

Can shin splints be prevented?

There are some things you can do to make sure you're not out of the race!

1. Use the incline board before and after exercise.
2. At the conclusion of activity, use the exercise band as above.
3. Ice the lower legs.
4. Use proper running shoes, surface and form.
5. Correct any postural abnormalities. This should be addressed by the physician at the time of your initial exam.

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Kathleen McLallen celebrates becoming Novi's eighth mayor in November of 1993.

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1975-77.....Gilbert Henderson  
1977-1981.....Romaine Roethel  
1981-1985.....Robert Schmid  
1985-87.....Patricia Karevich  
1987-93.....Matthew Quinn  
1993-present.....Kathleen McLallen

NOVI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# 8,766 DAYS AND COUNTING

## DISPLAY BOOTHS

The following organizations will offer displays at the City of Novi's 25th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, Feb. 27, from noon to 5 p.m.

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**NOVI VILLAGE** — Collage of old pictures from residents.

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**NOVI NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS**  
**WALSH COLLEGE**

**NOVI HILTON** — Will display booth with photos, newspaper clippings and food from the hotel.

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**KIWANIS** — Display.

**VETERAN'S ALLIANCE OF NOVI** — Display by AMVETs and the Marine Corp League.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** — Display.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Display of REO Speedwagon restoration.

**MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM** — Video of the history of museum.

**NOVI LIONS CLUB** — Display.

**WILLOWBROOK SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION** — Early years.

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE** — Booth of new optech voting system.

**COMMUNITY EMS** — Display of EMS past and present.

**NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT** — Photos and DARE display.

**NOVI BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS** — Scouting past to present.

**THE CITY OF NOVI** — History of Novi.

**4-H CLOWN GROUP** — Face Painting and giving away balloons.

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## FOOD BOOTHS

The following restaurants will have booths at the City of Novi's 25th Anniversary Celebration and will be providing samples of their cuisine.

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**SALSA'S GOURMET MEXICAN** — Dan Ranks

**NOVI HILTON** — Alan Christantiello

**MAISANO'S** — Jackie Maisano

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**BORDER CANTINA** — Melissa Stevanovich

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**CITY OF NOVI**  
**25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1994**  
**NOON—5 P.M.**

**12:15 P.M.**

Flag Ceremony  
— Veterans Alliance of Novi

**12:30 P.M.**

Performance  
— Novi Concert Band

**1 P.M.**

Lip Sync Act  
— Novi Girl Scout Troop 326

**1:10 P.M.**

Brief History of Novi/Introduction of Guests  
— Ed Kriewall, City Manager

**1:40 P.M.**

Unveiling of 25th Anniversary Gift from Past and Present Mayors and Councilmembers  
— Matthew C. Quinn

**1:40 P.M.**

"Happy Birthday" Song  
— Novi Concert Band

**1:50 P.M.**

Welcome Remarks  
— Kathleen S. McLallen, Mayor

**2 P.M.**

Performance  
— Novi Middle School Concert Band

**2:20 P.M.**

Performance  
— Novi Middle School Jazz Ensemble

**2:40 P.M.**

Performance  
— Toll Gate Cloggers

**3:10 P.M.**

"A Dance Review"  
— Sheryl's School of Dance

**3:40 P.M.**

Performance  
— No Man's Band

**4:10 P.M.**

Performance  
— Sixth Gate Cloggers

**4:40 P.M.**

Entertainment  
— Totally Awesome Solo Entertainment

(Door prize winners to be announced throughout the afternoon.)

## Thanks for the donations!

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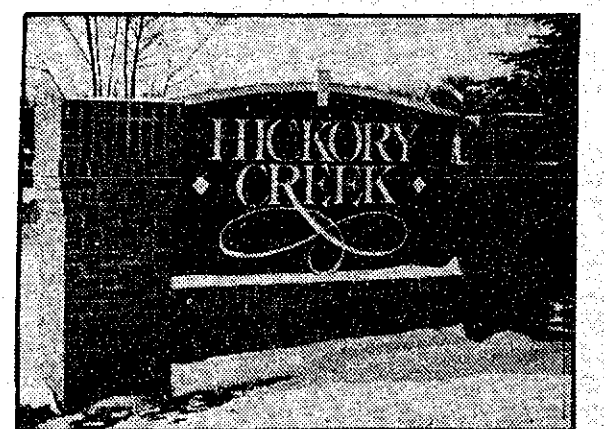
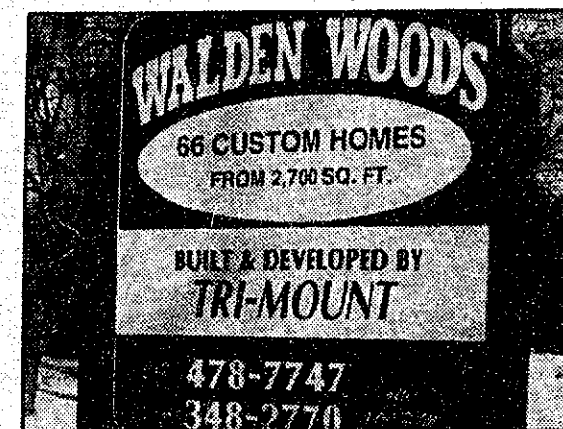
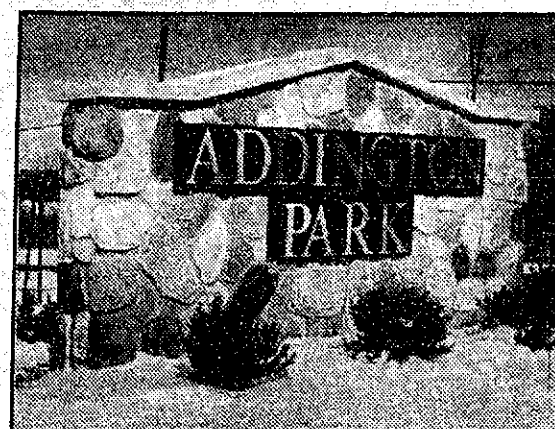
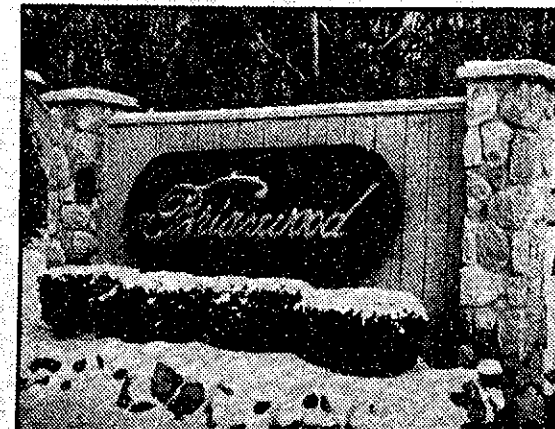
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# City plans birthday bash for Sunday

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

Whether you're hungry for history or food, the Novi Civic Center will be the place to be Sunday.

The City of Novi will celebrate its 25th birthday with a bash featuring its past from noon to 5 p.m.

A highlight of the day will include the unveiling of a gift to the city, purchased by former elected city officials, at 1:40 p.m. "It's wonderful," Cindy Stewart, public information officer, said about the gift. "But, it's a secret."

Festivities will officially get underway at 12:15 p.m. when the Veterans Alliance of Novi conducts a flag ceremony.

A lineup of entertainment begins with a 12:30 p.m. performance by the Novi Concert Band. Novi Girl Scout Troop 326 takes the stage at 1 p.m. Under the direction of scout leader Lori Burkhardt, the Scouts will lip sync to "Yakety Yak" in order to earn their theater badges.

At 1:10 p.m., City Manager Edward Kriewall will give a brief history of the city before introducing guests. Edwin Presnell, a City Council member elected to the first council in April of 1970, is expected to attend as well as former city officials Don Young and Bill O'Brien.

"They've been bringing me old scrapbooks, old pictures and old maps and memorabilia," Stewart said of the former city council members.

After the 1:40 p.m. unveiling of the gift to the city, hosted by former Mayor Matthew C. Quinn, the Novi Concert Band will provide the music for guests to sing "Happy Birthday."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen will officially welcome guests at 1:50 p.m. with remarks before the Novi Middle School Concert Band performs at 2 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m. the Novi Middle School Jazz Ensemble will play and will be followed by the Toll Gate Cloggers at 2:40.

Sheryl's School of Dance will present "A Dance Review" at 3:10 p.m.; No Man's Band, a band comprised of senior citizens, will perform at 3:40 p.m.; more cloggers take the stage at 4:10 p.m. with a performance scheduled by the Sixth Gate Cloggers; and Totally Awesome Solo Entertainment will wrap up the afternoon with a 4:40 p.m. show.

All entertainment will take place in the multi-purpose room while exhibits and food samples will be available in the atrium of the Civic Center.

Some of the displays will include collages of old pictures and historical information about various community groups at booths sponsored by the Novi Fire Department, Novi Newcomers and Neighbors, Walsh College, Novi Hilton, Kiwanis Club, Veteran's Alliance of Novi, Historical Commis-

sion, Historical Society (the exhibit will feature its restoration of the old REO Speedwagon fire truck), Motorsports Museum, Novi Lions Club, Willowbrook Community Association, Community EMS, Novi Police Department, Novi Boy and Cub Scouts, Girl Scout Troop 326, the city of Novi and the Novi Public Library.

The Willowbrook Community Association display, for example, will feature such items as its first mortgage and an advertise-

## THE NOVI NEWS

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### Novi City Charter Goes To Voters on Tuesday

Novi voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday, February 14, to approve or reject the city's new charter. The charter, which was drafted by a committee of citizens and city officials, will be put to a vote at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

### \$500,000 Home For Aged Opens

The Novi Home for the Aged, a \$500,000 facility, opened its doors to residents on Monday, February 13. The home, located at 10000 Novi Blvd., will provide housing and care for 20 elderly residents.

The Novi Home for the Aged is a new addition to the city's social services. It will provide a safe and comfortable environment for its residents, with a focus on quality care and community involvement.

### Wixom Rezoning Tops City Agenda

The Wixom rezoning issue topped the agenda of the Novi City Council meeting on Monday, February 13. The council discussed the proposed rezoning of a portion of Wixom, Michigan, and the impact it would have on the surrounding area.

### Man Dies

A Novi resident died of a heart attack on Monday, February 13. The man, 65 years old, was found in his home and pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of death is still under investigation.

### Forum on Charter Slated Tomorrow

A public forum on the Novi City Charter will be held tomorrow, February 14, at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The forum will provide an opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions on the proposed charter.

### NCC Backs City

The Novi Civic Center (NCC) has expressed its support for the Novi City Charter. The NCC is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to the community, and it believes that the charter will help to improve the city's governance.

### The Novi News Backs Crupi, City Charter

The Novi News is supporting the candidacy of Crupi for the Novi City Council and the adoption of the Novi City Charter. The news outlet believes that Crupi is a qualified candidate and that the charter will benefit the city.

ment listing homes for \$14,000, according to Stewart.

The City Clerk's office will have a display booth to demonstrate its new voting system and a 4-H Clown group will offer face-painting.

For those with food on their minds, the following Novi culinary experts will offer tasty tidbits: Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro; Dan Ranks, Salsa's Gourmet Mexican; Alan Christiantello, Novi

Hilton; Jackie Maisano, Maisano's; Primo's Pizza; Gary Kosch, Kosch's; and Border Cantina.

And what's a birthday party without cake and ice cream? You can count on it, said Stewart.

"The problem is how much do you order?" she asked. "There are 30,000 people in Novi. What if they all show up?"

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NOVI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The opening of Twelve Oaks Mall in 1977 was the first major step in establishing Novi as southeast Michigan's primary retail center

## Modern Novi evolved through vision

By **SHARON CONDRON**  
Staff Writer

Before Twelve Oaks Mall, the City of Novi was a community without a supermarket. There were no roads. No water and sewer services and there were no buildings in town.

Fewer than 10,000 people lived here. Most of them relied on supermarkets in Livonia and Southfield for their staples.

"It was a poor community," remembers now City Manager Edward Kriewall. "It was a city with nothing. We didn't have any streets or anything in terms of infrastructure. There were no buildings."

But for Kriewall in 1969, who was then the city's department of public works superintendent, there was a vision.

A vision of the future that would rely on access to local interstate highways to drive development into Novi.

After leaving a job in Detroit as a senior inspector assigned to the development of the I-96, I-94 interchange, Kriewall realized in his new assignment in Novi that all the expressways met in his locale.

City officials have capitalized on the freeway access by building eight Novi interchanges to provide access to and from the city.

"Access is the key and Novi will have more than anyone else in the area except perhaps Livonia," Kriewall said. "But it is an extremely good thing. It allows development to take place at key intersections and it

provides residents easy access to their homes."

The realization and the steering of development into the I-96 corridor would eventually give birth to the city that has now become the fastest growing one in Southeastern Michigan.

"The juncture of all the expressways was the key to Novi's success," he said. "The anchor to the community has become Twelve Oaks Mall."

Kriewall remembers there was no opposition from the community to the shopping center. But it was quite a feat to convince developers of the mall to bring their project to Novi.

After their plans for the shopping center were rejected by officials in Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, developers fortunately, Kriewall said, realized the merit of building the mall in Novi.

"Novi was the third choice," he said. "We were the back-up."

After plans for the shopping center were finalized, Kriewall began to coordinate the development.

"It was a major job," he recalls when construction started in 1974.

There needed to be utilities brought out from Detroit to service the mall. Novi Road had to be widened to accommodate traffic from the expressway to Twelve Mile Road.

"Construction started and everybody was excited," he said. "It was a real team effort with the private sector and government working together."

Four years later the mall opened in August, 1977.

"It was a gala affair," the manager remembers. "A big party where the Detroit Symphony Orchestra came out to play."

Or was it?

After the grand opening, new development in Novi was stunted. Kriewall believes the growth was stunted because the city was ill-prepared to deal with additional growth.

"We just weren't prepared for it," he said of the early birth years. "We were a city that was only two to three years old. We didn't have the right processes in place and things were rocky."

The late '70s showed a show change from the earlier growing pains. The city's building department matured and began readying itself for the growth that was inevitably coming this way.

"The expressway continued to spawn more commercial growth," he said. "West Oaks I and II followed Twelve Oaks in 1983. The Sheraton Hotel and Towne Center sprouted up in the '80s along with the Wyndham Hotel."

Kriewall also credits the opening of the Novi Expo Center to the continued success of the community.

"Other than Twelve Oaks, the most significant development is the Novi Expo Center. It will probably leave the largest impression on the community."

The Novi Road Expo Center which

opened in 1992 is expected to bail out most of the hotels in the area who have lost money because of a slump in the economy and a saturation of their own markets, Kriewall said.

Business from the Expo Center has already begun to help rejuvenate area hotels that had gone belly up.

It is Kriewall's hope that the Center will one day replenish business for the Hotel Baronette and the Novi Hilton, which were both forced into bankruptcy.

"We are already seeking a ressurance," he said about business in local hotels. "Those hotels have been a drag on our tax rolls because they are going into bankruptcy. The Expo Center will bring in more business to the community."

A slew of new restaurants and the proposed new Main Street project is also expected to boost the city's economy.

Paralleling it after Detroit's Greek Town, the city manager said he hopes Novi will become a "tourist attraction someday."

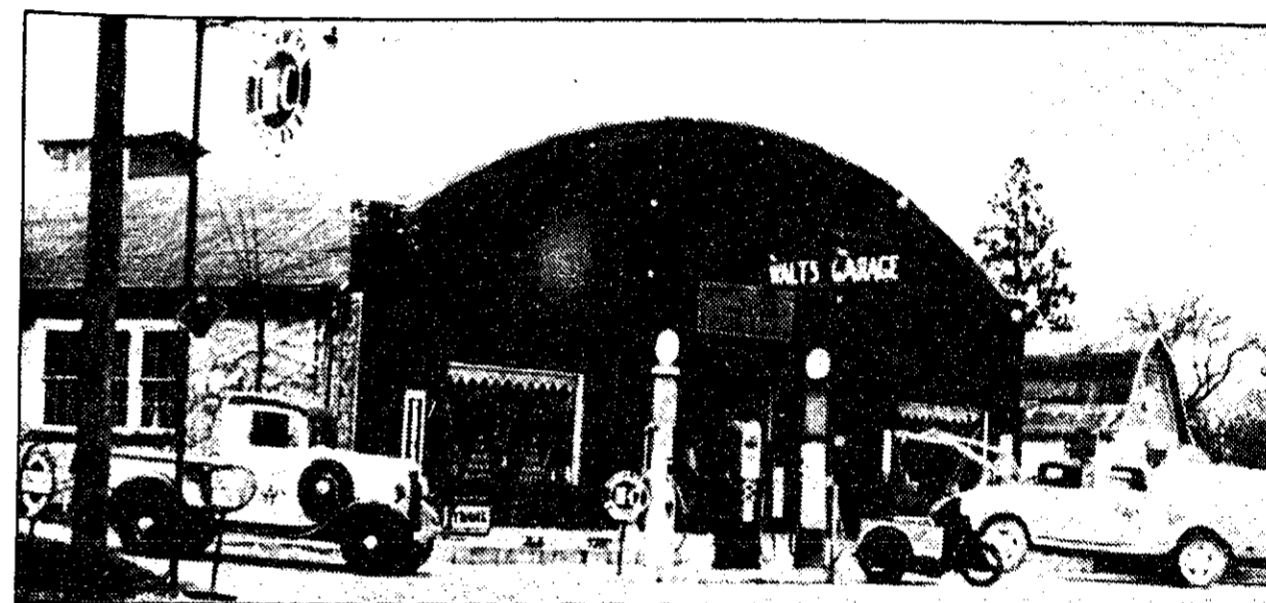
"This will be the place you'll go for dining, shopping and entertainment," Kriewall said about Novi's future. "We could become the entertainment center of Southeastern Michigan. The Expo Center lays the foundation for this concept."

"There will always be something going on there on the weekends," he said. "And soon Novi will be self-contained."

# Happy 25th Birthday, Novi!

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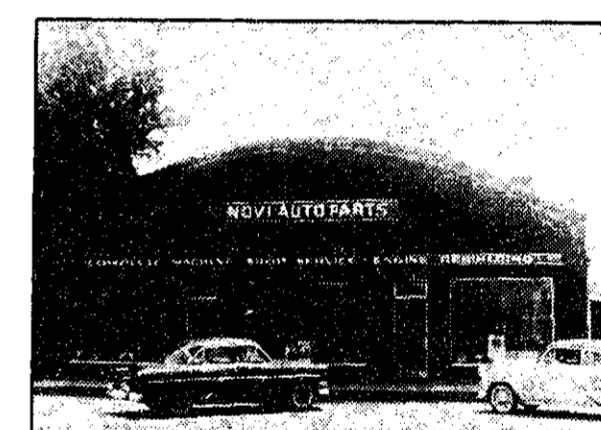
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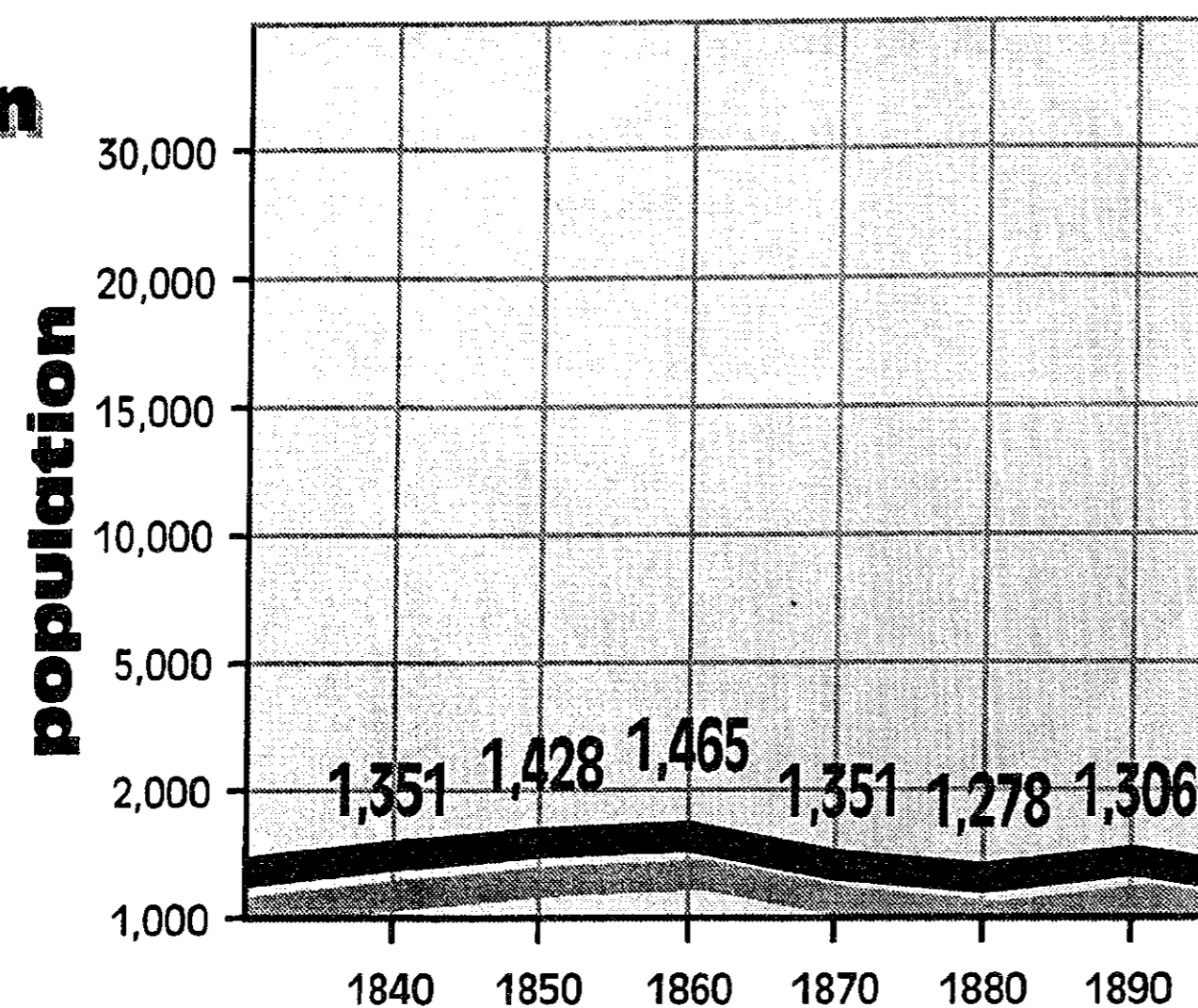
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## A chronology of key dates in Novi history

**1825:** In April of this year Erastus Ingersoll brought his family to what is now Novi, and became the first non-natives to settle here.

**1827:** The first school and post office are established here, in what was then called West Farmington.

**1829:** A blacksmith shop and sawmill are established here, the first industries in the township.

**1830:** Local residents agree on a name for Novi. This is also the year the first general store opened at Novi Corners, and Novi Methodist Church is established.

**1833:** The first frame house in Novi is built by Saveril Aldrich.

**1834:** The 36-square-mile Novi Township is officially separated from adjoining areas.

**1835:** First hotel and tavern are built at Novi Corners. An independent company of rifleman is formed — "The Novi Greens."

**1846:** Novi Baptist Church established.

**1851:** Grand River Road is planked, and a

toll system is established.

**1856:** The first brick house in the township is built just west of Novi Corners.

**1871:** The first railroad reaches Novi.

**1873:** Novi Burial Association is formed, taking over the old Novi Burial Ground and adding 1.5 acres to the site.

**1875:** The Novi Methodist Church building (still extant in 1994) is constructed.

**1876:** The original town hall is built.

**1897:** Telephone service first reaches Novi.

**1899:** Detroit United Railway provides trolley service from Eight Mile and Novi Roads to Detroit.

**1913:** The old Town Hall and a nearby church are destroyed by a fire sparked by lightning.

**1914:** The Town Hall is rebuilt.

**1922:** Walled Lake Casino opens, and within a few years expands to include an Amusement Park.

**1924:** Grand River Road is first paved through Novi, by prison labor.

**1925:** The Grand River viaduct is built to span railroad tracks.

**1929:** Novi's Volunteer Fire Department established, and the first fire truck is purchased.

**1941:** The first "Novi Special" racecar is built.

**1945:** Novi's first Township Zoning Ordinance is adopted.

**1946:** The "Novi Special" runs in the Indy 500 for the first time.

**1953:** Novi Township Community Building is completed.

**1954:** Novi Police Department is established.

**1955:** The Novi News column in The Northville Record Newspaper is expanded into a separate section devoted to local news. Plans to extend Natural Gas service to Novi are announced.

**1956:** Northville annexes approximately one square mile from the southern part of Novi Township. A new Post Office build-

ing is completed.

**1957:** Wixom incorporates as a village, including a little over four square miles from northwestern Novi Township that encompass the site of a proposed Ford-Chrysler automobile plant.

**1958:** Novi Township is incorporated as a village. Interstate 96 from Detroit to Lansing opens through Novi. Wixom incorporates as a city.

**1959:** Orchard Hills Elementary School opens.

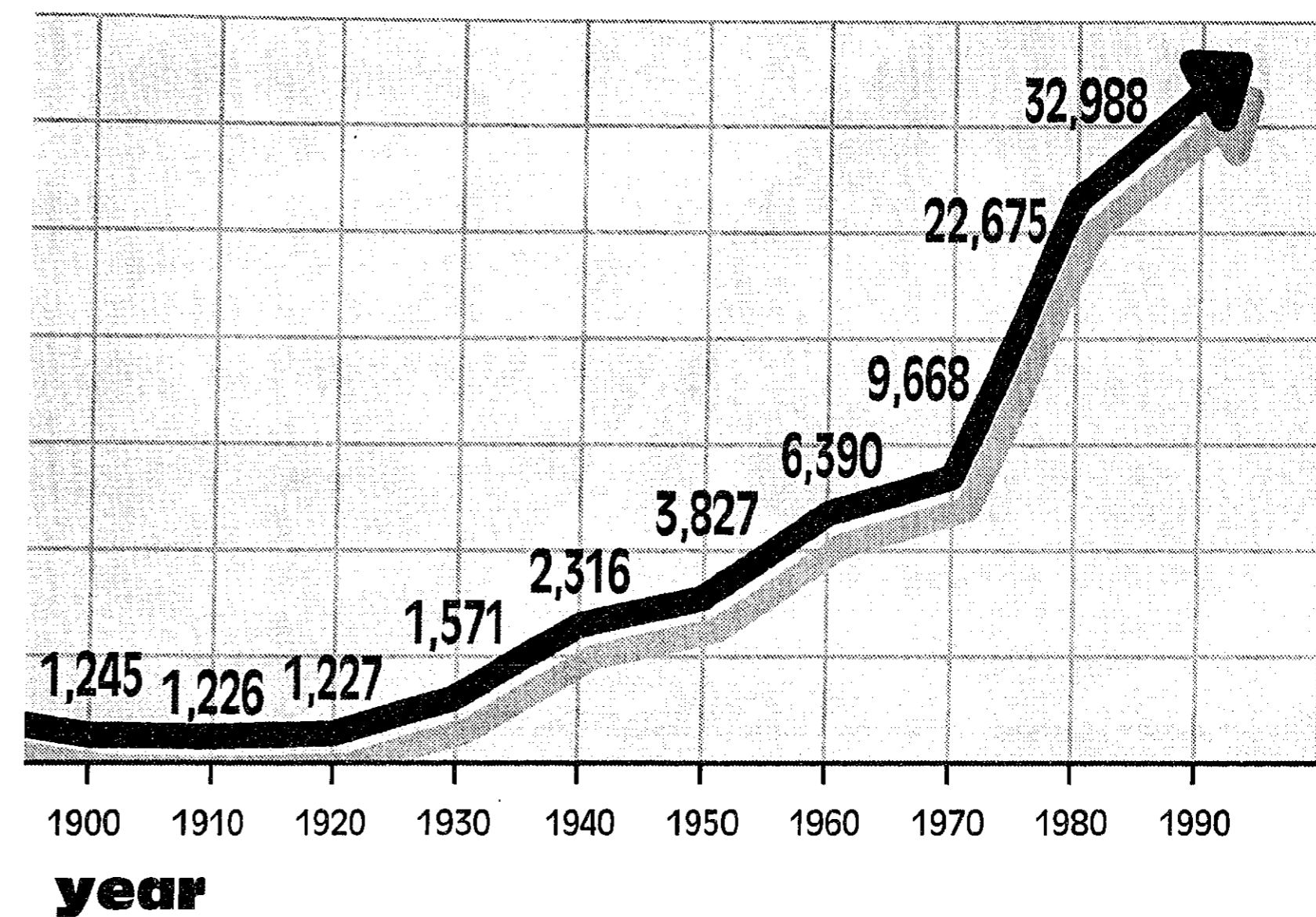
**1960:** Novi Public Library established.

**1965:** Novi's first High School opens, including a Junior High section, now Novi Meadows Middle School. Walled Lake Casino burns to the ground.

**1969:** Novi Village incorporates as a city, and Joseph Crupi is elected the city's first mayor.

**1971:** Village Oaks Elementary School and Novi Middle School open.

**1973:** Robert W. Daley becomes the second



## Novi Village incorporates as city in 1969

mayor of the City of Novi.

**1974:** Edward F. Kriewall becomes Novi City Manager.

**1975:** Gilbert Henderson becomes the third mayor of the City of Novi.

**1976:** Novi Public Library moves to new building on Ten Mile. Novi Woods Elementary School is erected.

**1977:** Twelve Oaks Shopping Mall is opened. Novi High School is opened on Ten Mile Road. Romaine Roethel becomes the fourth mayor of the City of Novi.

**1978:** Fire Station No. 3 on Nine Mile Road is completed. City administration takes up offices in the Library Building.

**1980:** The Economic Development Corporation of Novi is created by the city to attract desirable commercial development. Also in this year the Police Department moves into its new quarters on Ten Mile Road. The city adopts a Master Plan for

Land Use. Providence Medical Center opened at Ten Mile and Haggerty, providing the first emergency services in the city.

**1981:** Two new Fire Stations are completed, No. 1 at Grand River and Novi Road, and No. 2 at Thirteen Mile and Paramount. Robert D. Schmid becomes the fifth mayor of the City of Novi.

**1982:** The city creates a Storm Water Management Plan.

**1983:** The City of Novi acquired the former Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park property. Community Access Cable TV is established in Novi.

**1984:** Fire Station No. 4 opened at Eleven Mile and Beck.

**1985:** The Novi Hilton at Haggerty Road near Eight Mile is completed. The city passes a wetlands ordinance. Patricia A. Karevich becomes the sixth mayor of the City of Novi.

**1986:** The 1914 Town Hall building is relocated to its site near the library, for use

as a museum, and the city establishes the Historical Commission. The city passes a woodlands ordinance.

**1987:** Novi Town Center shopping center is established. The Novi Arts and Culture Committee is formed to promote culture and fine arts in the city. Matthew C. Quinn becomes the seventh mayor of the City of Novi.

**1988:** The new Novi Civic Center is dedicated. The city passes a Hazardous Chemicals Ordinance. Novi holds its first Michigan '50s Festival.

**1989:** The Motorsports Hall of Fame is established. The Novi Recycling Center is opened. Novi Public Library expands into the area formerly occupied by city administration offices, effectively doubling the space available. Parkview Elementary School is opened.

**1991:** A computer catalog system replaces the old card catalog at the Novi Public Library. Lee C. Begole, Novi's only Chief

of Police since the Department was established, retires after 37 years of service. The city Forestry Department is established.

**1992:** The Novi Expo Center is opened. Construction began on the M-5 "Haggerty Road Connector."

**1993:** Kathleen McLallen becomes the eighth mayor of the City of Novi. The Novi Police Department opens a "mini" police station at Lakeshore Park to better serve the north side of the city.

*This timeline was produced by researchers at the Novi Historical Museum, under direction of the Novi Historical Commission. For more information about the Museum or the Commission, or to make a contribution, contact Craig M. Klaver, 347-0448. Written comments, corrections or additions to this timeline may be sent to The Novi Historical Commission, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375*

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## Greedy neighbors led Novi to file for cityhood

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi became a city for one reason. To protect itself from land-grabbing neighbors.

When your neighbor contemplates what you've got with a covetous eye, and the laws exist to help your neighbor snap up your possessions, that can get expensive.

It was for Novi Township.

The township's prize was the Ford Motor Company's Wixom Assembly Plant. The Big Three automaker announced its plans for the Novi facility in the mid-1950s. Wixom, then a township, wanted it. And state law did not provide a way for a township to protect itself against annexation by a chartered municipality such as a city or village.

Once Ford was a done deal, Wixom citizens began organizing, gathering signatures of those who wanted to live in a village. After the residents voted themselves into village status in 1957, Wixom annexed the plant. Novi Township unsuccessfully attempted to block the maneuver through the courts.

Northville, meanwhile, was also biting off part of Novi, near Eight Mile Road, including the site of Northville High School.

By taking the plant in, Wixom won and Novi lost an important industrial tax base well before Twelve Oaks Mall was anything but a glimmer in developers' eyes. Ford was the kind of business which pays high taxes, helping homeowners get the municipal services they want while keeping the taxes on their own homes relatively low.

In self defense, a group of Novi Township residents then pushed for and won at the polls the township's incorporation as Michigan's largest village in March 1958. This left most of Novi's residents and remaining land under the jurisdiction of two governments; the township which levied a one-mill tax and the village which imposed a five-mill tax.

As a village, Novi had a charter and some form of protection against boundary "theft." It was also following a trend set throughout metropolitan Detroit in the years following World War II, when rural townships sprouted subdivisions with more sophisticated residents who wanted a form of government to match.

To avoid higher taxes, the owners of several parcels of agricultural land had their property pulled out of the village incorporation in the 1950s, as is allowed by state law. This included the site of Brookland Farms subdivision, now tiny Novi Township.

The next step for Novi was becoming a

city. The earliest attempt to create the City of Novi flopped in 1959. Township officials fought through the courts the attempt to incorporate, arguing that the state required a village to have 500 residents per square mile before it could become a city. Novi had no where near that many citizens.

But the Michigan Court of Appeals finally upheld the right of Novi residents to vote on what form of government they wanted.

On May 20, 1968, city life reigned by a vote of 694 to 498.

It was a move which had won the support of local groups such as the Novi Chamber of Commerce. The Novi Jaycees took a leadership role in the drive to create the City of Novi. Cityhood described by its promoters as a more efficient form of government, without the duplicate services of township and village. It was also seen as a better way to preserve the sanctity of Novi's bound-

aries.

But the 1968 vote was only a first step. A city charter commission was then set up to draft the rules by which the new city would be run. Commissioners opted for a weak mayor form of government, with a city manager on staff. They set the charter limit on operating millage at 6.5 mills, plus one mill for a library.

In 1969, when Novi became a city, you could purchase a three bedroom ranch house here for \$21,000. For that home, if the full charter millage was assessed, property taxes were \$78.50 annually — unless voters approved additional millage for services such as road improvements.

Township elected officials — whose jobs were at stake — continued to dig in their heels and fight.

Thirty-five percent of the voters turned out on Feb. 20, 1969 to determine whether

or not the village and township of Novi would become a city. The margin was two-to-one in favor of the move. The vote was 629 to 283. Novi's first city council was elected that day; so was the first mayor, Joseph Crupi. Crupi had been a member of the charter commission.

Ironically, once Novi was a city, it moved to swallow the seven remaining parcels of Novi Township. After a legal fight waged by the township which went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1979 the city triumphed and took Chase Farms on Eight Mile Road and some vacant land to the north and east of the city.

No one lived on these tracts so there was no one to vote on the issue. However, 75-acre Brookland Farms, on the other hand, had 100 voters who opted to remain citizens of one of Michigan's tiniest townships.

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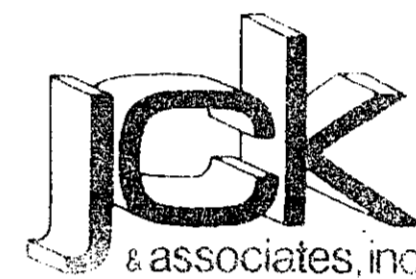
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## Ed Kriewall heads city since 1974

BY SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Back in the late 1960s when the City of Novi had little to boast about, Edward Kriewall wanted little to do with managing the city.

The city manager said recently he never set his sights on the manager's position even though he was the acting manager three times during his early tenure as Novi's Department of Public Works Superintendent.

In 1969 he accepted the DPW post after leaving a similar job in Detroit when the riots broke out.

Soon afterwards he became Novi's first director of public works. Repeated stints as acting city manager groomed him for the post which he eventually conceded to apply for in 1974.

He's been the manager ever since and has few regrets about it.

"It was a great move for me. It's been a hard job working 60-70 hours a week," he said. "But it's been exciting and a real challenge."

"Novi has become my home because I am really a part of everything here from Twelve Oaks right on down to the Novi Expo Center."

The early years at the helm of the city were "rocky" Kriewall recalls.

A barren city, Novi had little to offer when he arrived, but was chock full of potential, he remembers.

"In 1969, it was a community with nothing more than a great location on the interstate," he recalled. "The city had nothing. There were no roads or anything in terms of infrastructure. There wasn't even a building. It was a poor community."

But there was always hope because of Novi's proximity to the local interstates that border and bisect it.

"I knew the potential was here but it was hard to see what would evolve," he said. "In 1971-72, I pretty much knew Novi was going to be something special. Behind the scenes we knew there was major potential here."

That's when Kriewall said city fathers began to market the city's largest resource — access to the I-96 interstate. After attempts to build Twelve Oaks Mall failed in two neighboring communities, developers finally looked Novi's way.

The mall may have been the project that launched Novi's future. Kriewall said the shopping center spawned most of the major commercial development on Novi Road including West Oaks I and II, the Towne Center and the Novi Expo Center.

Access to the highways provided the rest and invited the residential boom that's moved Novi in the top slot for overall residential growth in Southeastern Michigan.

In 1992, the city led the state in the number of single family developments. The 1993 figures are yet to be compiled, the manager said, but there are indications Novi will rank in the second or third slot again. And the

### NOVI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



City Manager Edward Kriewall and Councilmember Hugh Crawford at Novi's 20th anniversary party

outlook for 1994?

"It appears to be a banner year," he said. "Novi has become the place to live because it offers so much."

The mall triggered the growth that gave birth to the city 25 years ago. The first 25 years were the trying ones, Kriewall said.

"We've gone through the toughest part of our growth," he said about the city's first 25 years. "We went from birth to our troubled teens and into our young adult hood."

"It's been a tough 25 years but we've met with some successes."

Topping off the list of successes are the two major road improvement projects and a slew of new buildings that replaced the barren grounds Kriewall once walked on during his early tenure.

"We've put a lot of water and sewer into the ground and we've built four fire stations, a DPW facility, a library, a police station and a city hall and community center."

But while city officials were responding to the market's demand for growth. He said they haven't forgotten about their past.

"We've paid some attention to our history," he said. "The purchase and restoration of the Novi Indy Car has helped spawn the development of the MotorSports Hall of Fame."

Kriewall says the historic race car is used these days to promote Novi's Team Novi Concept.

"Team Novi" expanded the use of volunteerism in our community," he said. "It does more to get citizens involved."

"We've taken government to the streets in Novi," he said.

The manager said the city has been criticized in the past for the degree of citizen input. Critics argue that citizen input results in cumbersome processes that can stall

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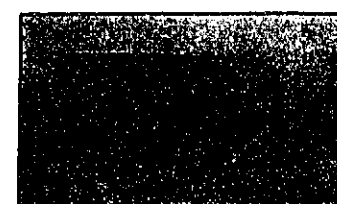
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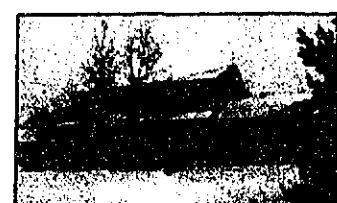
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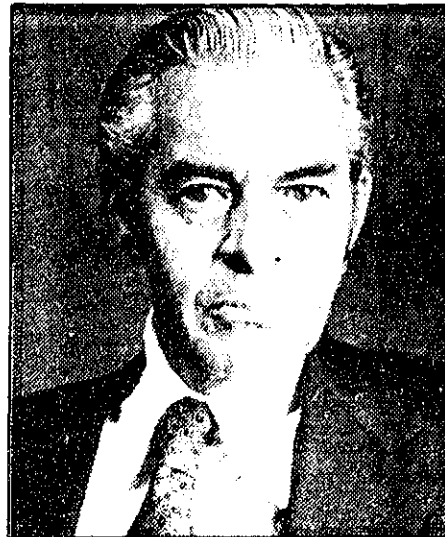
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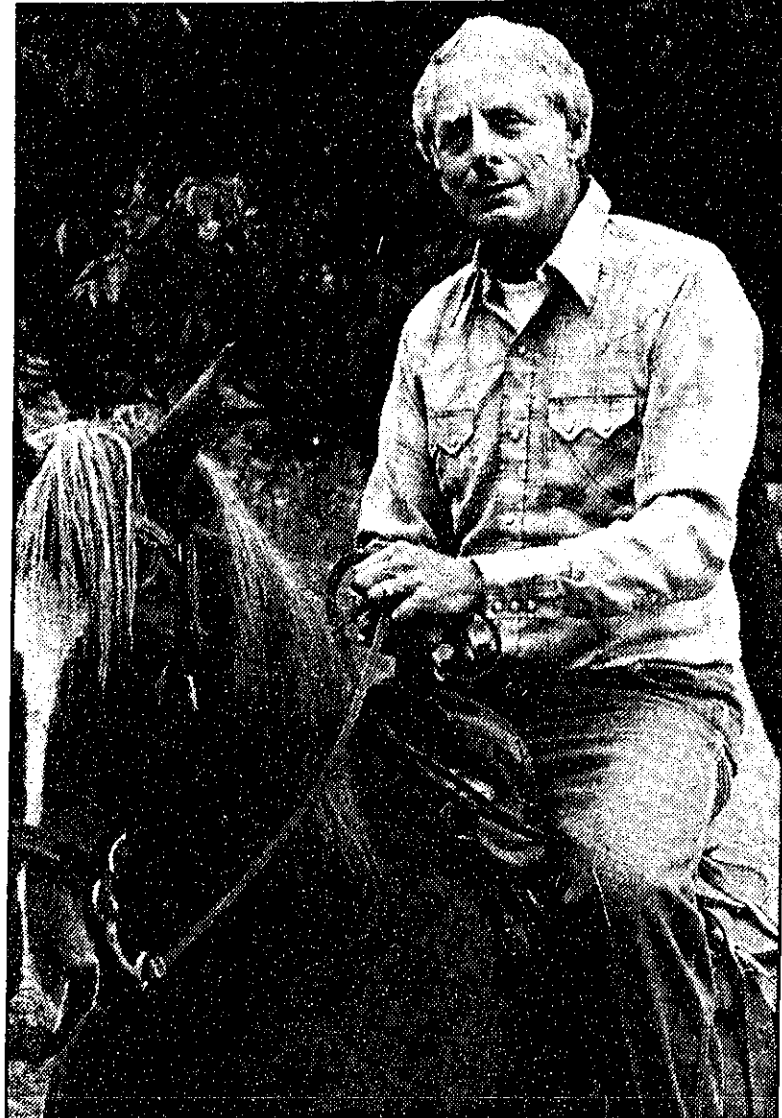
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Council members — Denis M. Berry, Raymond H. Evans, Edwin Presnell



JOSEPH CRUPI (1971-73)

**ELECTED NOV. 6, 1973**

Mayor — Robert W. Daley  
Council members — George J. Athas, Louis C. Campbell, Philip J. Goodman, Romaine Roethel



ROBERT SCHMID (1981-85)

**ELECTED JULY 22, 1975**

(Special election to fill vacancy)  
Council members — Martha L. Hoyer



GILBERT HENDERSON (1975-77)

**ELECTED NOV. 4, 1975**

Mayor — Gilbert Henderson  
Council members — Martha L. Hoyer, Pat Karevich (two-year term), Robert D. Schmid, James A. Shaw

**ELECTED NOV. 8, 1977**

Mayor — Romaine Roethel  
Council members — Patricia A. Karevich, Guy R. Smith Jr., Ronald A. Watson

**ELECTED NOV. 6, 1979**

Mayor — Romaine Roethel  
Council members — John Chambers, Martha L. Hoyer, Robert D. Schmid

**ELECTED NOV. 3, 1981**

Mayor — Robert D. Schmid  
Council members — Patricia A. Karevich, Guy R. Smith Jr., Ronald A. Watson



PATRICIA KAREVICH (1985-87)

**ELECTED NOV. 8, 1983**

Mayor — Robert D. Schmid  
Council members — Martha L. Hoyer, Edward R. Leininger, Arlen V. Schroeder



ROMAINE ROETHEL (1977-81)

**ELECTED NOV. 5, 1985**

Mayor — Patricia A. Karevich  
Council members — Nancy C. Covert, Hugh D. Crawford, Ronald A. Watson (note: Arlen Schroeder resigned in January 1987 and was replaced by Joseph G. Toth by the council in February 1987)

**ELECTED NOV. 3, 1987**

Mayor — Matthew C. Quinn  
Council members — Martha L. Hoyer, Edward R. Leininger, Joseph G. Toth



MATTHEW QUINN (1987-93)

**ELECTED NOV. 7, 1989**

Mayor — Matthew C. Quinn  
Council members — Nancy C. Covert, Hugh D. Crawford, Tim Pope



KATHLEEN McLALLEN (1993-)

**ELECTED NOV. 5, 1991**

Mayor — Matthew C. Quinn  
Council members — Carol A. Mason, Robert D. Schmid, Joseph G. Toth

**ELECTED NOV. 2, 1993**

Mayor — Kathleen S. McLallen  
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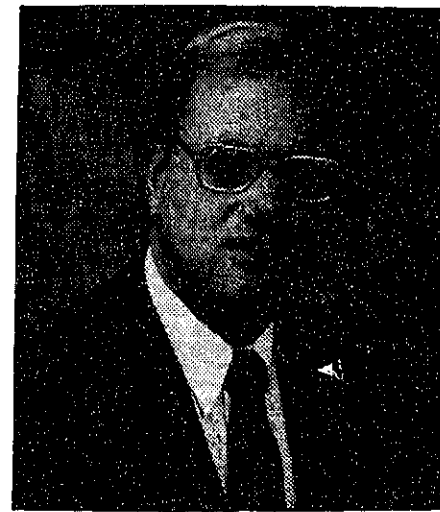
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# 1969:

It was a year of momentous achievements

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The Sixties went out with a bang, winding up with a year which will be underlined twice in every history book.

Not only did 1969 bring forth the official City of Novi, but the last 12 months of one of the century's most spectacular decades witnessed:

- The first man to walk on the moon.
- The swearing-in of President Richard Milhous Nixon.
- The outlawing of segregated schools by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- The dawning of the Age of Aquarius.
- Massive withdrawals of U.S. troops from Vietnam.
- Lt. William Calley charged with the My Lai Massacre.
- The Woodstock Music and Art Festival in Bethel, New Jersey.
- Charles Manson and "family" arrested for the murder of seven people in Hollywood.
- Sen. Edward Kennedy's Waterloo at Chappaquiddick Bridge.
- Tiny Tim's marriage to Miss Vicki on The Tonight Show.
- Do the names Charles Conrad, Jr. and Alan Bean ring a bell? Few remember those who came in second. The two astronauts were on the Apollo 12 mission on Nov. 19, 1969 and their moonwalk followed in the footprints Neil Armstrong planted on the lunar surface.

It's estimated that 600,000,000 people around the world tuned in on July 20 to see Armstrong take that "one small step." Photos of the earth as seen from the moon became a pop culture icon.

Banner headlines ran rampant in 1969. On the turbulent world scene, a 74-year-old former schoolteacher from Milwaukee, Golda Meier, became the fourth premier of Israel. A few months later, Israel invaded Egypt, crossing the Suez Canal.

For a time, it seemed as if war on the Manchurian border might break out between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, then in the throes of its bloody Cultural Revolution. Later referred to as "The Troubles," the worst religious rioting in 30 years broke out in Northern Ireland and Great Britain sent troops.

Care for a little SALT on your foreign affairs? The U.S. and the Soviet Union met in Helsinki for the first Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT).

On the homefront, Nixon renounced the use of germ warfare and announced the U.S. stockpile had been destroyed. "Vietnamization" of the war was where it was at — except for those with a low number in the new draft lottery.

Half of all Americans were under age 27 and advertisers were hip. Youth culture was



on a roll. LSD was in and LBJ was out. Demonstrations on college campuses inspired similar revolts at the high school level. Parents were becoming riled by sex and violence in movies and television, but shrinks pooch-pooched their concern.

It was a time, if you were an 18-year-old male, to grow your hair to your shoulders and think up creative ways to beat the draft board. Or, to do your patriotic chore and possibly be spit on or cursed by some members of your peer group when you got home.

If you were a young female, you were absolutely guaranteed to earn less than the

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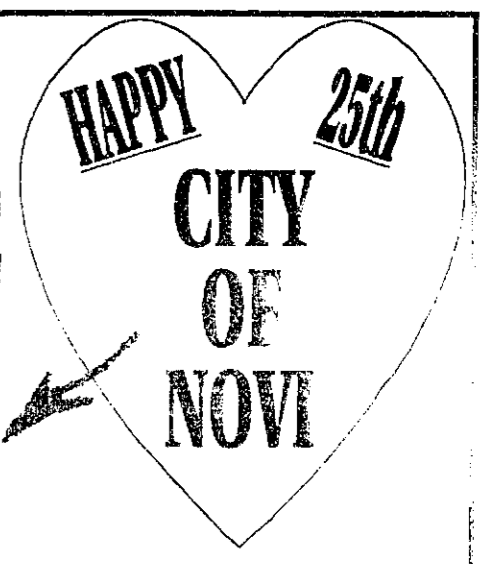
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## Astronauts, Woodstock and Novi

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guy sitting next to you at your college graduation ceremony. Although your employability was boosted if you looked good in a mini skirt.

The news media was obsessed with men's hair-dos and women's hemlines. The unisex look was supposedly the rage or outrage of the day, depending on your perspective, but the hippie-type males sported sideburns, beards and mustaches along with their bell bottoms and love beads. Women had a choice of mini skirts or the newest vogue, maxi skirts, or could just opt out of it all and put on a pant suit.

Music and youth culture went hand in hand. New rock groups launched that year included Blood, Sweat and Tears and Creedence Clearwater Revival. The Beatles "came in through the bathroom window" with their hit album *Abbey Road*; and *Yellow Submarine* was also a winner on the charts — but John Lennon's marriage in 1969 to Yoko Ono was a hint of things to come.

Top albums included The Who's *Tommy* and Bob Dylan's *Nashville Skyline*. The kids were rocking with Donovan, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, while their moms flipped over Tom Jones and his glued-on clothes.

On Broadway, Hair was still a staggering hit, complete with cast album. More straight-faced performers also did covers of Hair songs — The Cowells with the title song and The Fifth Dimension with *The Age of Aquarius*.

If rock and roll wasn't your bag, you could try a new twist on the classics, *Switched-on Bach*, which was performed on the Moog Synthesizer by Walter Carlos.

At the movies, the youth craze also ruled the box office. Many of the top movies launched hit songs, although they didn't necessarily bear the same title: *The Graduate*, *Easy Rider*, *Alice's Restaurant*, *Midnight Cowboy*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid*. *Rosemary's Baby* was the most diabolically popular thriller of the year.

The same teens who rebelled against the Establishment were hooked on the biggest marketing tool of all time, television. Over 50 percent of these TVs — 5,700,000 — were in color. New shows for 1969 included *Room 222*, *Love American Style* and *Marcus Welby, MD*, competing for viewers with older programs like *Bonanza*, *Hee Haw* and *The Smothers Brothers Show*, until it was ditched by CBS.

Readers were snapping up bestselling fiction like *Portnoy's Complaint* by Philip Roth; *The Godfather*, by Mario Puzo; *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut; *The*



French Lieutenant's *Woman* by John Fowles; and Jacqueline Susann's literary gem, *The Love Machine*. Everyone was talking about why it isn't always the cream which rises to the top, after they read the

ories of authors Laurence Peter and Raymond Hull in *The Peter Principle*. The world said a final farewell in 1969 to Dwight Eisenhower, Judy Garland, Ho Chi Minh and Jack Kerouac. Some put Paul

McCartney on the obit list as well, when a bizarre rumor of his death circulated throughout the nation.

But the walrus was John.

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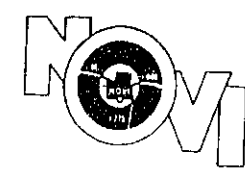
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