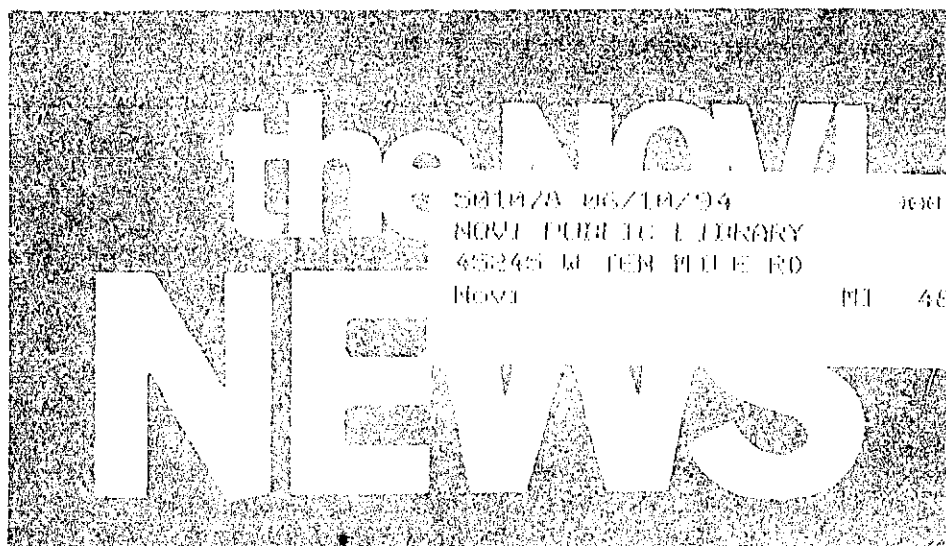


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Susan, Dwayne, Donald, Donald Jr. and Maxine Holland may have to move out when Novi parks moves in.

Park plans send family packing

By STEVE KELLMAN
and JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writers

Good news for the Novi community could be bad news for one Novi family, who may be forced out of their rented home when the city's new sports park is built.

While Novi officials were assembling parcels of land for their new 72-acre sports park at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads, they purchased the 51000 Eight Mile Road property that's been the home of the Holland family for the past two years.

No decision has been made on the property, said Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. The city is still seeking requests for proposals to design the new park.

"Is it in good enough shape that it can be used for park purposes?" he wondered.

In the meantime, the City of Novi is the Hollands' new leaseholder, and the family is paying the city \$200 per month on a month-by-month basis under the same terms they had with previous owner B & R Associates. The understanding with the previous owner appeared to be that they do some work to fix up the place, Davis said.

"At this point we do not have any definite

deadline nor did we give them any notice at this point. . . We'll keep them posted as to what we're doing and we'll give them as much notice as possible," he said.

This will not be the first time the Hollands have been left without a home. A January, 1992, fire in their former Eight Mile rental property destroyed much of the farmhouse and all of the Hollands' possessions. The Northville-based relief organization Civic Concern stepped in at that time to help the Hollands find their new home.

Now the family is wondering where to go again.

"It's me and my wife and three kids and my mother-in-law, and I don't know where I could take six people," said Don Holland. He noted that his salary from construction and landscape work at South Lyon's Tanglewood Golf Course does not leave much room for a higher rent. "I don't think I can afford much over \$500," he said.

Don's wife Maxine noted that the family has forged strong bonds in the Northville area. Aside from past help by Civic Concern, she said, their three children, ages 12, 10 and seven, benefit from local programs like Northville Youth Assistance.

"When I moved up here from Kentucky in 1988, I would have moved back in a second be-

cause I don't know anyone," she said. "Now we have good friends, my kids have friends, we have someone to turn to if we need it. We don't have anyone like that down there."

Maxine also fears that returning to the south could jeopardize her children's education. They currently attend Northville Public Schools.

"The schools are better than when I went, but they're still not as good as up here," she said. "I want my kids to have a better education than I got, and a better life."

The farmhouse is one of many which figures in the first draft of the City of Novi's Historic and Architectural Survey. While the survey included 550 properties put up before 1950, the Hollands' home was one of 230 selected for more intensive research based on their architectural and historic qualities.

Maxine noted that the family has put a lot of sweat equity into the property over the past two years.

Since they've moved in, she said, the family has installed new windows and doors, renovated the interior, replaced a water heater and some water pipes, fixed the front porch and removed piles of garbage from behind a shed.

"It's an older home but we've done a lot of work on it since we've been here," she said. "It's home."

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Council splits on nature trail system in city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's controversial nature trails system could wind through as-yet-unbuilt subdivisions.

Or the walks could be restricted to city parks.

Either way, a possible revival of the program dead ended Monday, as the Novi City Council, minus one member, failed to reach a consensus and finally tabled the issue to March 21 after what Mayor Kathleen McLallen termed a "helpful but frustrating discussion."

As directed by the council, the Natural Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee studied the trails issue and returned with their recommendation that the pathways be salvaged both in city parks and in proposed new subdivisions in Novi. If the walkways are a go, homebuyers in these developments would benefit from the city's recently adopted disclosure policy.

"About half the people I talk to are in favor of the project, about half are against it. I have no idea where this city stands," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

The committee's suggestion was met by a prolonged and circuitous council debate which left some audience members peeved.

"This council has totally appalled me tonight. You give no direction to the volunteers in this city. You don't accept their reports. If I lived in Farmington Hills and tuned in and saw this council, I'd say they can't get along, they can't discuss anything," Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Ruyle said.

"Wake up and smell the coffee and do your job."

From a different perspective, Briarwood resident Robert Stone was at home watching the meeting on TV, but was inspired to rush in and have his say.

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Sales tax plan finds favor with educators

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Community School District officials believe Proposal A offers a healthier blend of taxes than the Legislature's statutory back-up plan.

That's why the district's Board of Education voted last month to take a stance to support Proposal A, the sales tax increase plan.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Jim Koster said Monday the district may have been the only one around to take the definitive stance that it did to back the sales tax increase proposal. He said he has not heard of any neighboring districts who have voted to support either of the tax shift plans to fund

public education in Michigan.

Koster said Proposal A is the safest plan for public schools because it constitutionally earmarks the money generated from two-cent sales increase and other new taxes for public education.

Proposal A also provides a better blend of taxes to help stimulate Michigan's economy, Koster said.

On the downside, Koster said if Proposal A passes on March 15, schools will lose the county allocated mills that have been coming into the district for years. In Novi's case, that's 7.9583 mills.

If the ballot plan passes, Novi will be left with 12.7191 mills to operate

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DNR thaws ice shanty ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's controversial fishing shanty ordinance is dead in the water, according to the State of Michigan.

A new state law which goes into effect April 1 supersedes all local ordinances and bars communities from slapping regulations on placement, use or marking of fishing shanties. It's the first time the state has drafted legislation on the issue since World War II—and especially welcome news for those who like to fish at night.

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall said Monday he hadn't yet heard of the law, but that it seems Novi can no longer require daily removal of fishing shanties from Walled Lake and Shawood

Lake.

"This doesn't surprise me. It's a legal question. I doubt we can do anything if they prohibit us from regulating shanties," Kriewall said.

Choosing not to work within the local ordinance, most ice fishers on Walled Lake just stayed away from Novi and within the boundaries of the City of Walled Lake.

Now, they'll be able to set up housekeeping along Novi's frozen shores until the spring thaw.

Novi opted for the daily removal of shanties because abandoned structures were falling through the ice and posing a safety hazard in the summer for boaters and swimmers.

The 1990 ordinance required shanty owners to register with the city clerk and to mark the

structures. The shacks could be on the ice no earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sundown.

This was promptly challenged by the state Department of Natural Resources, which asked for a ruling from the state attorney general. That ruling has been pending for several years.

"They probably got a lot of complaints from fishermen about people trying to take their rights away," Kriewall said.

The state legislation, which replaces a 1943 law, requires anglers to affix the name and address of the shanty owner in letters two inches high on all sides of the structure.

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Crime rate increases with city's population

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Since 1991 the number of violent crimes and new residents moving into the City of Novi has grown as the number of officers patrolling the streets remains the same.

According to an annual crime report compiled by city police, aggravated assault in 1993 jumped by 40 percent, simple assaults by 24 percent. Burglaries rose 11 percent. And murder increased by 100 percent, or by one incident over last year.

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ANNUAL REPORT Novi Police Department

Description	1993	1992	YTD%	Arrests	Cleared
Murder/Homicide	1	0	NA	1	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct I&II	11	11	0%	5	4
Robbery	8	16	-50%	4	2
Assault (Aggravated)	63	45	40%	23	18
Burglary	194	174	11.49%	26	13
Larceny	1495	1498	-.20%	394	329
Motor Vehicle Theft	129	166	-22.29%	2	2
Arson	4	8	-50%	4	1
Total	1905	1918	-0.68%	459	370

This is just an excerpt from the total annual police incident report. It highlights the violent crime portion of the Chief's annual report.

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.

Today, March 10

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will meet at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Dan Davis, Director of City of Novi Department of Parks and Recreation, will discuss the status of the Novi Rotary Park.

Chamber Mixer: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold an "After Hours" Mixer with the Farmington Hills Chamber from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Mountain Jacks, 24275 Stracola Ct., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$7. For further information call 349-3743.

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, March 14

Library Board: The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Library building.

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, 7 p.m. for dinner and 8 p.m. for a presentation of Citizens Against Crime, "Living Safely in Your World." All working women are invited. For reservations call Marla Rayner at 545-2654. For membership information, call 960-9559.

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.

Orchard Hills PTO: The Orchard Hills PTO general membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Babysitting will be available.

Tuesday, March 15

Chamber Luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting will be held at noon at Home Sweet Home, 43180 Nine Mile Rd. The program will be *Novi Road Improvement Update* with speakers Jim Wahl, Tony Nowicki and Ed Kriewall. Cost is \$14 for members, \$18 for non-members. For further information call 349-3743.

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 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 Sawmiller, 344-9633 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session 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 17

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will meet at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Mike Meyer will speak on the history and music of St. Patrick's Day.

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Saturday, March 19

VFW Dance: V.F.W. Post No. 3952 presents a Country Western Dance with music by the Southern Knights from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd. There will be a cash bar, snacks, door prizes and 50/50 raffles. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Only 200 tickets are available, first come, first served. The public is welcome. For more information call 624-9742.

Mall brings Peter Rabbit to life

Peter Rabbit will hop into McGreggor's garden in the center court of Twelve Oaks Mall Saturday, March 12.

Youngsters who visit him there will step into a world every bit as remarkable as the one Beatrix Potter created nearly a century ago.

They'll find open, larger-than-life Beatrix Potter books, about ten feet wide and eight feet tall, with three-dimensional objects, live five-foot carrot tops and oversized onions, literally spilling from the pages.

Between the books is a stage

where children can enjoy free spring performances by the Children's Theatre of Michigan.

And off to one side is Mr. McGreggor's garden, a colorful recreation of an English garden bursting with hundreds and hundreds of tulips, daffodils, trillies, azaleas, foxgloves and other blooms planted in a rustic wheelbarrow, wicker baskets and grassy field.

Visitors saunter through an eight-foot high rustic stone archway and onto a faux stone path through the garden to visit Peter Rabbit, who per-

ches comfortably in his cushioned garden bench.

"I'm not sure what the weather outside will be," observes Elaine Kah, Twelve Oaks marketing director, "but we'll certainly be in full bloom inside the center. People will truly feel they've stepped into a world where the grass is always green, flowers flourish and Peter Rabbit reigns."

Twelve Oaks Mall, located at Twelve Mile and Novi Road, features 180 shops and services along with Hudson's, Lord & Taylor, JCPenney and Sears.

Author tells of romantic coasts

Larry Massie, prominent Michigan historian and author, will talk about the romance of Michigan's coastal cities in a program at Novi Library on Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The program is sponsored jointly by the Novi Public Library and the Novi His-

torical Commission.

"Sand Dunes, Sawdust and Shipwrecks" will cover the colorful stories that abound in the villages and cities that border four of the Great Lakes. Massie will take the audience on a pilgrimage into Michigan's past as he

makes history come alive through his storytelling.

To register for this free program, call the Novi Library at 349-0720. The library is located at 4245 W. Ten Mile Road.

Bill redefines insanity defense

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Defendants in criminal trials would have a tougher time using the "not guilty by reason of insanity" defense if a bill before the state House of Representatives becomes law.

The House Judiciary Committee Tuesday reported out the bill on a 12-4 vote. Among opponents were Democrats Kirk Proffitt of Ypsilanti and David Cubow of Huntington Woods.

The Senate-passed bill would shift the burden of proving insanity onto the defense attorney, as in half the other states. Currently, Michigan law requires the prosecution to prove the defendant sane when the insanity plea is raised.

"Even as a defense attorney," said Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, "I'll present the case my client is insane, then I should be able to prove it." Nye, co-chair of the Judiciary Committee, supported the measure.

Proffitt disliked the bill because he was unsure of its impact on the mental health system versus the prison system. The Senate Fiscal Agency said the bill would have "no fiscal impact" on state or local government.

Michigan law says a person is responsible for his acts unless he lacks either "cognition" (the ability to know the nature of the act or to know it's wrong) or "volition" (the ability to control conduct).

When the defense attorney raises the insanity defense, the burden of proving sanity shifts to the prosecutor. Legal critics say this puts the prosecutor in the untenable position of (1) having to prove sanity during a criminal trial and (2) having to prove the accused is mentally ill if there's a subsequent commitment proceeding.

The new bill, by Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, would place the burden of proof on the defense attorney.

When writing to your state representative about the insanity defense, refer to Senate Bill 202.

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Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States. Early detection will enable 75 percent of the people diagnosed with colon cancer to be cured.

The University of Michigan Health Center at Northville is presenting a program on colon cancer education.

Thursday, March 17
7-8 p.m.

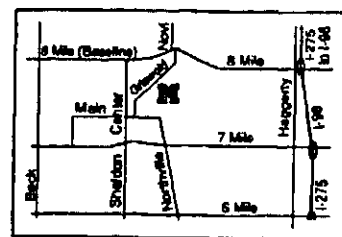
This program will outline who is at risk for colon cancer, its signs and symptoms and suggestions for prevention. Dr. Raymond Hobbs, internal medicine physician and certified gerontologist and Dr. Kim Tungen, gastroenterologist at the health center will present the program. Pre-registration is required by calling 344-1777. A \$5 fee is payable at the door.

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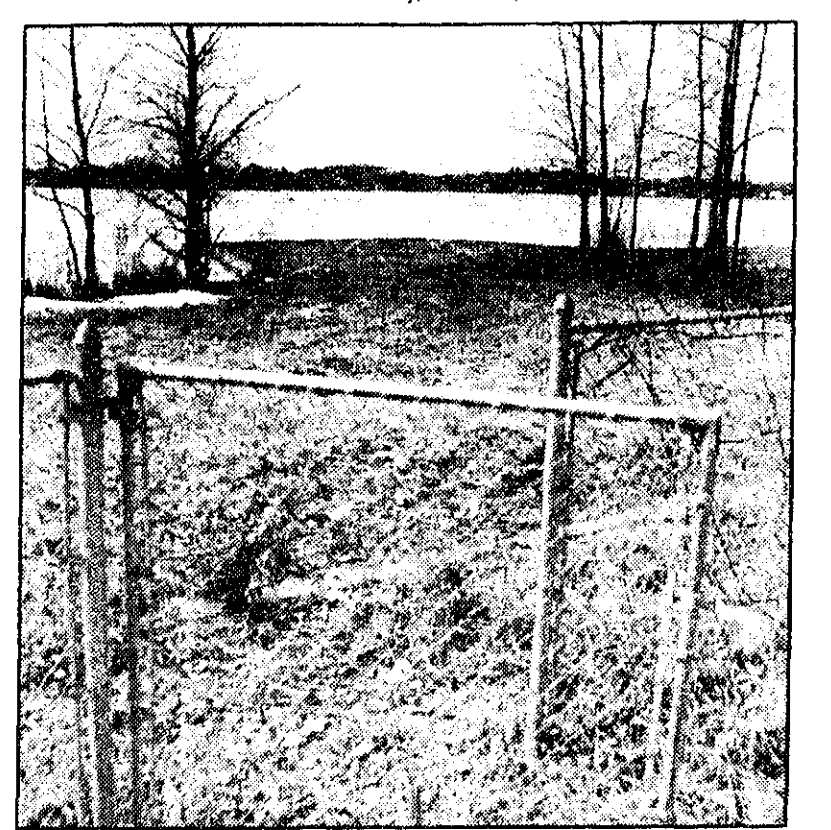
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The Kernal family, owner of Frigate's Inn, do not want to see a restaurant on Walled Lake's shores near their bar and have joined Novi in the Andris lawsuit.



Ted Andris is suing the city for the right to put a restaurant on Walled Lake at this site.

City cancels hearing after Andris retracts offer

By JAN JEFFREY
Staff Writer

About 40 lakes area residents got a big surprise last week, but it wasn't a party—and as far as many were concerned, it wasn't pleasant.

When would-be restaurant owner Ted Andris suddenly withdrew his offer to settle the eight-year-old lawsuit he brought against the city—a March 3 public hearing on the proposed relocation of East Lake Drive was cancelled and residents hoping to participate were sent home.

"Mr. Andris has decided to withdraw. His attorney feels it is necessary . . . Not all the parties are party to this settlement is the real bottom line," Jeanne Dinsmore, speaking for Andris said.

"Now, it appears the case will go to trial on March 28.

"The potential relocation of East Lake Drive is gone as a possibility. That's not in the cards right now," City Manager Edward Kriewall said, adding that if Novi wins or loses the suit, the heavily-traveled road will not be redirected.

The proposed settlement would have led to a redirection of East Lake Drive and allowed Andris to build a restaurant on residentially-zoned lakeshore land he owns. He already has zoning for a restaurant on property across the street from the lake.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen cancelled the hearing, saying "until we know what is going to be put in its place, until we can get discussion that's to the point, there doesn't appear to be a purpose."

This angered some residents, who said they wanted to discuss the possible relocation with or without the

settlement.

"I don't think it's right for you to tell us we're denied our right to express ourselves," lakes area resident Skip Phelps told the council.

Andris said Friday he was not able to discuss the situation because his lawyer was out of town.

But East Lake Drive resident Ruth Hamilton, who attended the hearing, didn't mince words about her impressions.

"I think what was done by his attorney last night was completely underhanded. You can't tell me didn't know three days ago this wasn't going to happen," Hamilton said.

Phelps said Friday he would have liked to see fuller discussion of the East Lake Drive relocation S-curve, settlement package or not.

"I think the public got screwed. I think this has been the greatest abandonment of the American right to free speech. I don't care about the

suit. I was there to discuss the re-building of East Lake Drive," he added.

The cast of characters in the drama are Andris, the City of Novi and James and Carol Kernal, owners of Frigate's Inn. The Kernals intervened in the lawsuit on the side of Novi, because they are opposed to the rezoning. They have also said they will not support a rerouting of East Lake Drive.

Former city council member

Martha Hoyer recalled that the whole issue started in 1986, when Andris was denied the rezoning from residential to commercial "in the best interests of the city. Hoyer protested settling the case and giving Andris the rezoning."

"We have never in this city settled a lawsuit because we're afraid of losing. I'm hearing that more and more today," she said.

"Let's go to trial, let's end this issue."

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How does hit the pocketbook?

Here's a look at some scenarios that may help you decide

By Rick Byrne

Despite the constant inclusion of schools in the discussion on Proposal A, education has very little to do with the ballot question. Conversely, taxes have practically everything to do with it.

Whether you realize it or not, your vote on Tuesday, March 15, will dictate where your taxes come from, and how much it's going to cost you.

Proposal A is a constitutional amendment to direct a 2-cents-on-the-dollar sales tax increase (and several other taxes) for school funding while reducing property taxes.

If the proposal is defeated, the Legislature has "Plan B" at the ready, a statutory change to raise the income tax from the current 4.4 percent to 6 percent. That money, and a single business tax hike would compensate for a somewhat smaller, though significant, drop in property taxes, with the revenue earmarked for schools.

Voters can find many different motivations for casting their ballots one way or the other, but for many it's simply a bottom-line issue. Which plan will give me a lower tax bill? How will the two alternatives hit me in the pocketbook?

Unfortunately, both Proposal A and the backup plan are exceedingly complex. When people sit down to calculate just how much Proposal A will cost them, they're usually left with more questions than answers.

We've made an attempt to put all the figures in order for you. The Lansing firm Public Sector Consultants published a comparison of the statutory proposal versus Proposal A in three sample municipalities. They then provided tax figures for nine different socioeconomic groups.

The millage rates in the study were remarkably similar to our own, so we created five fictitious families so you could see how the plans might hit you in the wallet. Remember, however, that the fictitious families who are profiled here are only samples. We couldn't even begin to show you all the possible breakdowns for deductions, exemptions and individual home assessments. All we've tried to do here is get you in the ballpark.

Read the tales of these sample families, and find the one that's most like yours. Then adjust the numbers up or down to fit your situation. With a little luck it should give you an idea of whether you stand to win or lose under the respective plans.

Some things to remember while reading through these profiles:

- These numbers are presented for comparison. For a completely accurate picture of your own tax situation, contact your personal accountant.
- The percentage of income spent on taxable items comes from the Bureau of Labor Statistics 1991 "Consumer Expenditure Survey" and was provided by Public Sector Consultants. Your actual taxable consumption may vary. If you think you spend more on taxable items (such as eating out a lot, or making some big ticket expenditures like a car, furniture, appliances or home remodeling), your sales tax paid may be higher. If you're more frugal (perform your own household and car repairs, rarely eat out), sales taxes may be lower for you.
- The tax on cigarettes increases 50 cents a pack under Proposal A, and 15 cents a pack under the statutory option.
- We have given the 1993 millage rates for Novi Schools, Northville Schools and Walled Lake Schools within the City of Novi. However, for all intents and purposes, these figures no longer exist. They were established under the former tax and school funding formula which was abolished with the passage of Senate Bill 1 last year. They are used here for comparison and information.
- Bottom line tax expenditures for the five families represent their net tax bills, with the credits included where stated.



RENTERS	
Income level	\$30,000
Home value (annual rent)	\$8,400
Taxable Consumption	\$11,250
Taxable Consumption/Income	37.5%
Family size (exceptions)	4

By Frank J. Eichenlaub

Pete and Paula Peters, with a combined income of \$30,000, rent their home. They're not unlike people in the Novi schools portion of the City of Novi.

But all this talk of property tax cuts, all this posturing for and against Proposal A, has them wondering: As renters, what does it mean to us? Depending on whether the ballot (Proposal A) or the backup (statutory) plan passes, the Peters will pay slightly more in taxes each year or slightly less.

Under Proposal A, the Peters will pay about \$31 more than they did last year in taxes, according to figures provided by Public Sector Consultants. Under the statutory plan, they'll pay \$65 less.

But first, who are the Peters? They are the parents of two youngsters attending the local schools.

They pay \$8,400 a year in rent, or \$700 a month. Their taxable consumption is estimated at \$11,250. As a percentage of their income, their taxable consumption stands at 37.5 percent.

In Novi, about 52,748 mills are levied, which, for renters, only factors into the equation when determining their homestead credit. The Peters' figures were based on 50 mills.

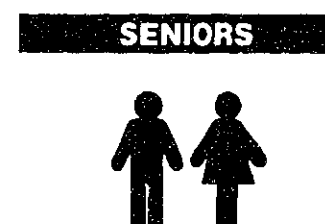
Under the current system, the total taxes amount to about \$1,217 each year. A change in the state sales tax under Proposal A, from 4 percent to 6 percent, will boost their expenditures slightly — from the present \$450 to \$675.

They'll see a small savings in income taxes under Proposal A, paying \$994 currently and \$950 under the new system. But overall, their total taxes rise \$31.

Similarly, the statutory plan holds small increases and decreases in different areas.

Where the Peters previously paid \$994 in income taxes, they'll pay \$1,080 under the backup plan. But the sales taxes they pay remain the same, while their homestead credit would capture \$151 more from them than the current system.

All told, they'll save about \$65 under the backup plan.



SENIORS	
Income level	\$20,000
Home value (annual rent)	\$65,000
Taxable Consumption	\$8,600
Taxable Consumption/Income	43.0%
Family size (exceptions)	2

By Sam Black

The Baxters, James and Reidia, live on a fixed income like many senior citizens residing in Novi.

Their income is about \$20,000 per year, and they live in a home valued at about \$65,000. In a typical year, they spend about \$8,600, or 43 percent of their income, on taxable items — clothing, big-ticket items, entertainment, etc.

They live in an area with a similar millage to that of Novi. They pay 50 mills in property taxes to various sources (Novi residents pay 52.7483). The Baxters do not have children in the local schools.

Under the current tax formula, they pay roughly \$1,625 in property tax a year, but they receive a homestead tax credit of \$925. Tax on their income at the existing 4.4-percent rate totalled \$37. Under Proposal A, their property tax would be cut to \$1,008. Plus, they would receive a homestead credit of \$307. The Baxters income tax would reduce only slightly to \$35.

The Baxters would also be allowed to deduct \$110 from their federal taxes.

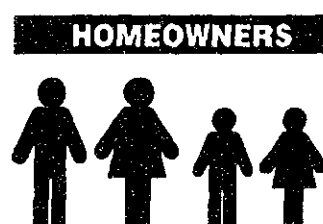
Under the current 4-percent sales tax they pay \$344 on \$8,600 in goods and services. Under Proposal A's 6-percent sales tax, they would pay \$516 in sales tax on \$8,600 in taxable items.

If Proposal A is voted down and the statutory plan takes effect, their property tax would be the same as it would be under Proposal A, because their homestead credit brings the total property tax to \$700. They would pay none of the 6-percent income tax.

The 4-percent sales tax would be unchanged under the statutory plan, so they would continue to pay \$344 each year on \$8,600 in taxable items.

Under Proposal A, the Baxters would pay \$1,141 each year, including property taxes, sales taxes and income taxes.

Under the statutory plan, the Baxters' total tax bill is \$970 each year. That's a \$171 increase under Proposal A, and a \$31 drop under the statutory plan.



HOMEOWNERS	
Income level	\$25,000
Home value (annual rent)	\$50,000
Taxable Consumption	\$10,000
Taxable Consumption/Income	40.0%
Family size (exceptions)	4

By Rick Byrne

The Reeds, Jeff and Cindy, are not unlike the median Novi couple.

Their income is about \$25,000 per year, and they live in a home valued at about \$100,000. In a typical year, they spend about \$16,000, or 32 percent of their income, on taxable items — clothing, big-ticket items, entertainment, etc.

They live in an area with a similar millage to that of Novi. They pay 50 mills in property taxes to various sources (Novi residents pay 52.7483). The Reeds have two children in the local schools.

For them, as homeowners, the two plans yield different results. The question is, which gives them a break? Let's see how it shakes out. Under the current tax formula, they pay roughly \$2,500 in property tax a year, but they receive a homestead tax credit of \$450. Tax on their income at the existing 4.4-percent rate totalled \$1,914.

Federal income tax deductions on their state taxes totalled \$1,110.

With \$16,000 in expenditures on taxable items, the Reeds paid \$640 in sales taxes last year.

Under the current tax plan, the Reeds' net tax expenditures ran about \$3,494.

Proposal A would trim the Reeds' property taxes to \$1,550, but they would no longer be eligible for the homestead credit. Their federal deductibility would be hurt, too. It would fall nearly \$200 to \$947 a year. Sales tax expenditures at the 6-percent rate would rise to \$960.

At an income tax rate of 4.4 percent, though, they would pay only \$1,830. Their net tax savings under Proposal A: \$100.

The backup plan would knock the Reeds' property taxes down to \$1,850. A homestead credit would return just \$60 to them. Income tax levied at the new 6-percent rate would total \$2,280. Federal deductibility would return them \$1,140. Sales taxes would remain the same \$640 they previously paid.

As a result the backup plan would cost the Reeds a net amount of \$3,570 in taxes per year, \$77 more than they currently pay.



HOMEOWNERS	
Income level	\$200,000
Home value (annual rent)	\$300,000
Taxable Consumption	\$40,000
Taxable Consumption/Income	20.0%
Family size (exceptions)	4

By Sam Black

The Garners, Donald and Liddia, fit the profiles of wealthier couples living in Novi.

Their income is about \$200,000 per year, and they live in a home valued at about \$300,000. In a typical year, they spend about \$40,000, or 20 percent of their income, on taxable items — clothing, big-ticket items, entertainment, etc.

They live in an area with a similar millage to that of Novi. They pay 50 mills in property taxes to various sources (Novi residents pay 52.7483). The Garners have two children in the local schools.

Regardless of whether Proposal A or the backup passes, the Garners will see a net decrease in their total tax bill. The only difference is in how much of a cut they get. Under the current tax formula, they pay \$7,500 and receive no homestead credit. Tax on their income at the existing 4.4-percent rate totalled \$8,814.

The Garners also pay \$1,600 in sales tax on the goods and services they purchase.

Under Proposal A, the Garners' property taxes would be cut in half to \$4,650, even though they receive no homestead credit. As a result, their federal deductions would be reduced from \$5,875 under the current system, to \$4,709 under Proposal A. Their income taxes at 4.4 percent would drop to \$8,430.

The proposed 6-percent sales tax would increase the amount of sales tax the Garners pay to \$2,400 on taxable items.

Under the statutory plan, the Garners would pay more property taxes than if Proposal A were passed. Paying on 36 mills — instead of the 30 mills under Proposal A — the Garners would pay \$5,550 in property taxes.

With the statutory plan's proposed 6-percent income tax, the Garners would also pay more income taxes than they would under Proposal A. They would pay \$11,280.

The Garners would pay \$1,600 in sales tax, under the statutory plan, as they do currently.

Under the statutory plan, however, they would be able to deduct \$6,059 from their federal income taxes.

Under the current tax system the Garners pay \$12,041 total in taxes, including property taxes, income taxes and sales taxes.

The Garners will pay a total of \$10,771, if Proposal A is passed by voters March 15, a savings of \$1,269. Or they will pay \$12,371 in taxes if the statutory plan is enacted, \$330 more than they pay under the current system.



HOMEOWNERS	
Income level	\$50,000
Home value (annual rent)	\$100,000
Taxable Consumption	\$16,000
Taxable Consumption/Income	32.0%
Family size (exceptions)	4

By Cristina Ferrier

When Michael and Rachel Murphy scraped up enough for the down payment on their first home, they chose a small, \$50,000 bungalow in a community similar to the Walled Lake Schools area of Novi.

The payments on the house were just about what they could afford on their tight budget, with two children and a household income of \$25,000.

And now, with the Proposal A election coming up, the Murphys are wondering which tax plan will be in their financial best interest. They've heard people say they should vote their own pocketbook, so they're going to decide by looking at the figures.

In the Murphys' situation, regardless of whether Proposal A or the backup (statutory) plan passes, they will probably pay fewer taxes next year. Here are some facts about the Murphys that further show how and why the tax changes are likely to affect them that way.

The Murphys have two children. Their taxable consumption, or the amount of money they spend on taxable items, is about \$16,000 per year, or 40 percent of their income.

The Murphys currently pay 58 mills per year in property taxes, which is similar to the 57.9224 mills paid in the Walled Lake segment of Novi.

Under the current system, their total taxes amount to about \$1,988 each year. A change in the state sales tax under Proposal A, from 4 percent to 6 percent, will increase the amount they pay in the form of sales taxes from \$400 to \$960.

They'll see a small savings in income taxes under Proposal A, paying \$764 currently and \$730 under the new system. With the increased sales tax, their non-property taxes will rise by \$166.

Balanced against the reduction in property taxes under Proposal A (from \$1,450 to \$750), the Murphys will come out ahead. All told, they will wind up paying about \$1,558 compared to their old total tax bill of \$1,988. That will save them about \$130.

The statutory plan, however, will probably save the Murphys even more money. Where the Murphys previously paid \$764 in income taxes, they'll pay \$780 under the backup plan. Their property taxes will go from \$1,450 to \$900. The sales tax they pay will remain the same.

Under the statutory plan, the Murphys will go from a total tax burden of \$1,988 to \$1,815, saving them \$173.

All told, they'll save about \$43 more under the statutory plan than they would under Proposal A.

Ballot may not impact city much

No matter what voters do on March 15, the impact on the City of Novi's income is not likely to be significant, City Finance Director Les Gibson said.

The city has not yet worked out the dollar figures, mainly because they're not expected to be too painful for local officials as they enter the budgetmaking process this spring.

"It's really hard to guess a number," Gibson added.

Proposal A's 5 percent cap on assessment increases will mean the city will continue to depend on new growth as a key source of more revenue. Gibson said that five percent cap is not much greater than the roll-backs to compensate a market value increases already imposed on city millage by the Headlee Amendment.

If Proposal A does pass or if the statutory plan goes into place, the Novi Assessor's office will have more paperwork to handle, including keeping two tax rolls, one for homestead properties and the other for

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non-homestead properties. Assessor James Klausmeyer said.

"There's a real question what the overall impact on the city will be. The cap overall will not have an effect," Klausmeyer said.

For the past three years in Novi, the average increase in property tax assessments was three percent. Those who had much higher increases will reap the biggest rewards if Proposal A passes. There is no cap in the statutory plan.

taxes on income and capital gains. Engler calls the deductibility argument irrelevant because two-thirds of Michiganders don't itemize their deductions anyway. And he notes that groceries and prescription drugs are exempt from the sales tax, easing the burden on low-income folks.

Backers of A also say the income tax is unfair because MEA pensions, and the pensions of other governmental employees, are exempt from income taxes. Backers of A insist that may be the chief reason MEA is so adamantly opposed to A.

For years polls have shown the sales tax is the least unpopular Michigan tax. For that reason, Proposal A has led in the polls. But Michigan voters have been in the habit of "I don't understand it, vote no" — an advantage of the opposition.

Engler calls the income tax "a job killer" because it falls on savings and investment, discouraging business expansion. He notes the U.S. has the lowest rate of personal savings in the industrial world because of its heavy

Under the proposal, homeowners who turn in their affidavits will pay six mills in school property taxes, while owners of other properties, such as commercial and retail sites, will pay 24 mills. If Proposal A fails, the tax rate would be 12 mills for schools for homeowners and 24 mills for businesses and other properties.

These affidavits must be filed by May 1, which could pose a problem for someone who buys a new home after that deadline and therefore could not file the affidavit. Unless Lansing works this one out, they would pay the 24 mill tax on their new residence for two years until the state collects new affidavits.

The millage rates and assessments would be cast in concrete. They would have to take a special situation to handle that. The tax bills go out in July and December," the assessor said.

Because Proposal A has a real estate transfer tax and because a property's assessment is increased to full

market value when it is sold, this could have a somewhat slowing effect on growth, Klausmeyer said.

He predicts that due to the disparity in residential property taxation, Proposal A will make it more difficult for young people to buy homes.

Novi voters will break in brand new voting machines in this election. Rather than the old-fashioned levers, the new equipment has optical scanners which read votes marked by pencil.

"It's very easy. You vote on a paper ballot, insert it in the counter and the counter counts it," City Clerk Gerry Stipp said.

The machines passed a public accuracy test Tuesday. Stipp added, "Voting day, plenty of precinct workers will be on hand to help anyone who has difficulty with the new equipment."

Novi is leasing the equipment from Oakland County for six years and at the end of that time will buy them for \$1. The total rental fee is somewhat over \$100,000.

State had many cooks for school finance plan

Since the Proposal A reform plan was adopted by the Legislature, lawmakers of both parties have sought to change the bills, with Republicans the most successful.

Real estate transfer tax—originally it was 2 percent under Proposal A beginning Jan. 1 and 1 percent under plan B beginning this May 1. The Legislature in February cut the rate to 0.75 percent for both, but with one difference:

Under Proposal A, the rate will continue to be 2 percent from Jan. 1 to about April 1, 1995. Reason:

Democrats withheld votes to give the law immediate effect, delaying the cut until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

Farm tax—as written, farm homes and contiguous land are taxable at the lower homestead rate. The Farm Bureau and Engler want all farmland taxed at the lower rate. Engler's critics have jumped on him for seeking that change.

Auto tax—as written, the sales tax applies to the purchase price of an automobile. Dealers want it applied only to the difference between the purchase price and the trade-in price.

Deadline's extended

Homeowners will have until May 1 to file affidavits for a reduced property tax rate.

The House last Thursday gave the bill 102-0 approval.

The state Legislature finished action March 1—deadline under the original school finance reform laws—by extending the filing date two months. Senate action came on a 34-0 vote Tuesday.

The postponement was prompted by slow delivery of affidavits from homeowners in some sections of the state and by the need to get the word to Michiganders on long-run-bell vacations.

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Either plan's a big shift in financing

Enemies of Proposal A say the sales tax falls unfairly on lower income groups because it taxes consumption. Income taxes fall on both consumption and savings and hit high-income families relatively harder.

Enemies say Michigan would lose money to Washington under Proposal A because the sales tax is not a deduction under the federal income tax while the state income tax is deductible.

Engler calls the income tax "a job killer" because it falls on savings and investment, discouraging business expansion. He notes the U.S. has the lowest rate of personal savings in the industrial world because of its heavy

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Prop. A cuts more for local residents

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gislature's back-up plan to raise in come tax kicks in. Novi will be able to operate schools with the 12 mills levied by the state and another 2.41 mills levied against all homestead and non-homestead property in the city.

According to information prepared by Koster for in-district presentations about the two tax proposals, Proposal A would provide a higher reduction in property taxes for Novi residents.

If Proposal A passes, Novi homeowners would see an overall 32.94 percent reduction in taxes. If it fails, taxpayers would see only a 28.40 percent tax cut, Koster estimates.

That means, Novi homeowners with a state equalized value of \$100,000 are currently paying

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\$5,275 in property taxes. If the ballot plan passes that same homeowner would save \$1,738 by paying only \$3,537 in taxes next year.

If the ballot plan fails, that same \$100,000 homeowner will pay \$4,772 in taxes and realize only a \$1,503 tax savings.

Under the ballot plan, Koster said the state will allow higher spending districts like Novi to levy up to three additional enhancement mills, if needed.

The assistant superintendent said there has been no talk of tacking on the additional millage because he doesn't think the district will need it to operate.

'A' tags tax monies for schools

Proposal A must go before voters because it involves amending the Michigan Constitution. It would:

- Raise the sales tax from 4 percent to 6 percent and dedicate new revenue to the school aid fund, where it would be constitutionally protected from the Legislature.

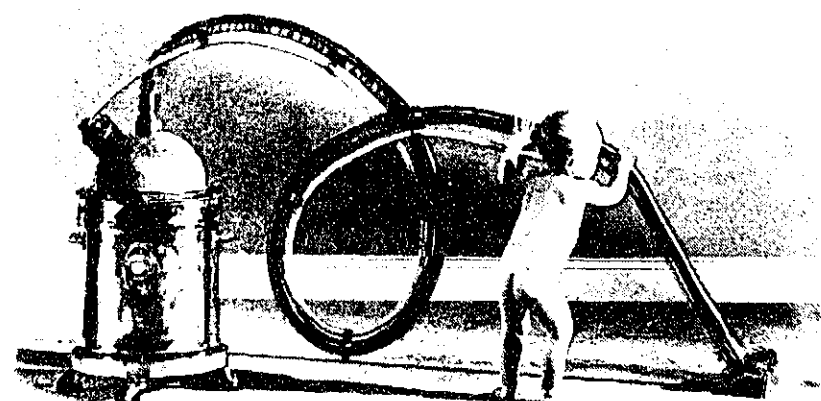
- Limit assessment growth to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. (When a property is sold, it would be reassessed to half the market value.) This so-called "cap" is expected to be popular in

suburban and lakefront areas with rising residential values. A caller to this newspaper insists it's "the principal long-term advantage" of the whole school finance reform movement.

- Levy property taxes of six mills on principal residences and 24 mills on all other property—mainly business and second homes. (Northville and Novi would have to levy some hold-harmless millage to keep budgets level, but property owners still would see tax cuts.) Require a three-fourths vote in the Legislature to raise those property tax rates.

- Trigger other tax laws—a 0.75 percent tax on real estate transfers, a 50-cent-a-pack increase in the cigarette tax, 2 percent more on interstate and international telephone calls, and so on. It would cut the personal income tax from the current 4.6 percent to 4.4 percent. It also would keep the single business tax (SBT) at 2.35 percent instead of raising it, as under plan B.

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Big changes ahead for schools

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Voters decide Tuesday. Michigan this year will see a massive transfer of school funding responsibility from local districts to the state.

Both Proposal A on the ballot and the statutory plan B shift the \$10-billion burden of local school districts to the state school aid fund.

"School boards will be out of the millage business and back into edu-



cating," said Gov. John Engler, with a slight exaggeration. Districts that had been spending more than \$3,500 per pupil will be allowed to

levy "hold-harmless" property taxes to maintain their degree of comfort. Others, under limited circumstances, can ask voters for "enhancement" money.

The tug-of-war started last July when the state Legislature abruptly voted to repeal all property taxes for school operations. After five months of preaching, posturing and negotiating, lawmakers came up with two plans for replacement money.

Both involve reinstating part of the

property tax, but with a difference: The money will go into the state school aid fund rather than into local treasuries. In time, every public school child will be worth at least \$5,000 in aid to his or her district and, for many suburban districts, up to \$6,500.

State funding will be the most massive change in school funding in history. The changes will be even bigger than the 1964 income tax and the 1930s sales tax.

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The material fee, paid directly to the instructor, will depend upon decorative items chosen.

The class will meet Tuesday, March 15 in high school room 322 from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$14.

Obituaries

FREDRICK W. BRYCE

Frederick W. Bryce, died Feb. 27 at his home in Eagle Harbor, Mich. He was 47.

Mr. Bryce was born July 19, 1946 in Detroit to Marian and Frederick Bryce. He was a 1964 graduate of Northville High School and attended Berkeley University in California.

Mr. Bryce was a partner in the Carriage House in Eagle Harbor, before joining Copper Country Ford in Houghton as a salesperson. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Marines. Mr. Bryce was a member of the Tri County White-Tails Unlimited of Copper County.

He married Tracy Newton Webb in Eagle Harbor on Oct. 19, 1991, she survives. Also surviving is his son, Adam; his step daughter Elizabeth Webb; his parents Frederick and Marian Bryce of Novi; his sister, Joan (Tom) Fitzpatrick of Warrenburg, Mo.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held March 3 at Faith Lutheran Church of Calumet with the Rev. R.V. Langseth officiating. Spring burial to be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Eagle Harbor.

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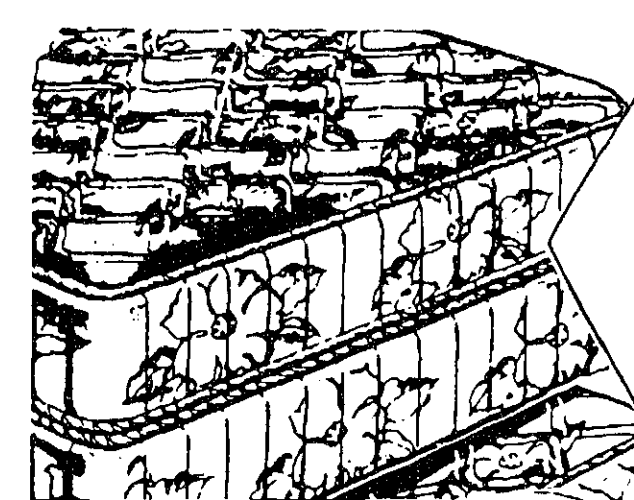
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Cable contract talks on hold

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Because MetroVision has recently put over \$5 million rebuilding its cable system, a cable consultant advised Novi to wait to enter into a new contract until the firm has a new contract with the firm before a new contract becomes almost automatic, but the council didn't want to touch that deal without more information.

The contract expires in 1997 and the law requires the franchise to be renewed. The franchise was renewed in November 1991, but MetroVision has twice asked the city to program it earlier. "There's no reaching to their request," he said. "We're almost automatic in renewing them. We are not standing in the renegotiation process if we don't, due to all the stuff they're putting in," City Manager Edward Kriewall told the council.

The more improvement they make to the cable system, we need to be able to renegotiate the process. But we are on record as instituting a renegotiation.

Among the possibilities now being studied at by the Southwest Oakland County Cable Commission (SWOCC), which consists of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills is the three governments purchase the system outright, as is provided in the franchise agreement.

Control discussion grew tense, because the proposed resolution was finally blocked due to insufficient support. In some, the whole debate was like a case of faulty reception.

"Every time something is real tense and hysterical like this, I al-

ways feel like there's something wrong," Council Member Carol Mason said.

Mason and Council Members Tim Pope and Rob Mitzel declined to move ahead with the resolution. Pope said the council was given insufficient information.

"I question the amount of thoroughness we're spending on this issue. Are we supposed to rubber stamp this tonight?" Council Member Tim Pope asked, saying he was only given one faxed resolution with no backup material.

"Do you have a problem with us negotiating as we're supposed to do," Kriewall answered.

"Are you afraid we're not going to share with you?" Kriewall and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford represent Novi on SWOCC. One thing Pope said bothered him was the possibility of the three governments taking over the system.

"I learned the reason it's an option is the way the new federal law is written. We would not have to pay for the cash flow of the business or the business, just the infrastructure in the ground. That is a very offensive way of gaining a cable system," he said.

It's almost as if the city's advocating looking at a private business. "The original 1982 franchise agreement has a purchase option in it. The longer we wait to renegotiate, the more we're admitting that what MetroVision is doing in systems improvement is taking them closer to automatic franchise renewal," Kriewall said.

This bothered Mason, who said that the federal cable regulations and technology are both changing to re-

ply that the council needed more up-to-date data before it decides to move ahead. The City of Farmington has already agreed to renegotiate.

"We can negotiate with the understanding we are not committed to this and they didn't spend \$5 million because Novi is on their system. It could be detrimental to sign with so much happening," Mason said.

"There is no automatic renewal." A move by Pope to delete from the resolution any possibility of a government purchase of the system was deadlocked, as was the main resolution.

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Volunteer Notes

Horseback riding: Volunteers ages 14 and older are needed starting May 3 to work in the Exceptional Equestrian Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program in Novi on week nights from 6 until 8:15 p.m. and on Saturday mornings and afternoons. These volunteers will work directly with the children and horses. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help. Volunteer training classes will be offered prior to the start of classes.

Tollgate is one mile east of Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The program serves people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Call (810)347-3860 EXT. 218 for further information.

Riders needed too: Rider applications are being accepted for the Exceptional Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program at Tollgate Center in Novi. The program offers structured riding classes for people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Classes will be starting the first week in May and will be offered weekday afternoons and evenings and on Saturdays. Riders of any age are eligible but those under five years must be evaluated by the instructor. Please contact (810)347-3860 EXT. 218 for further information and for application forms.

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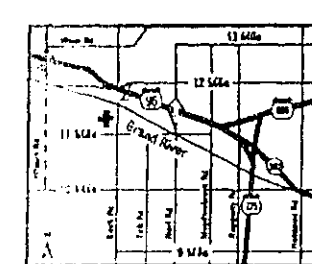
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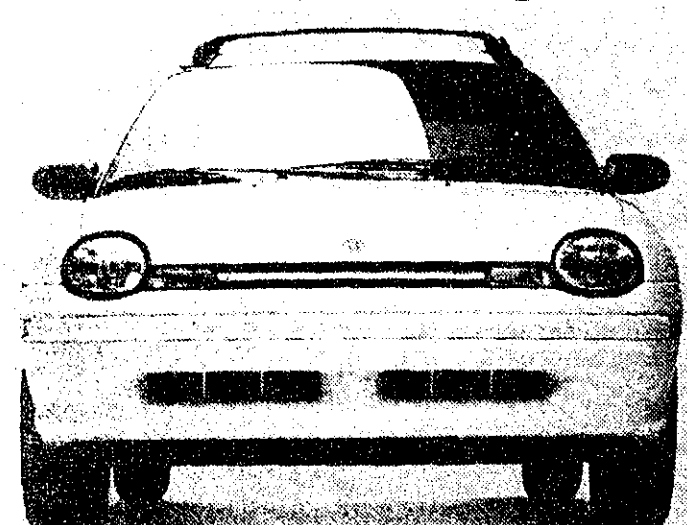
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Crime rate down, but police aim to beef up force

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The crime rate, police say, is compounded by a steady increase in the city's population and a hold on the hiring new officers.

Three years ago the Novi Police Department employed 49 officers and 25 non-sworn employees. Today, the city has the same number of officers on the force even though Novi's population has increased by about 2,400 people each year or 18 percent over the last three years.

Chief of Police Douglas Shaefter said last Tuesday the disparity between the officers and the population has contributed to the increase in the number of violent crimes in the city.

"With more people there's just more crime," Shaefter said.

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Despite all of the increases, the city's overall annual crime rate dropped by less than one percent or 15 percent. It's a dramatic departure from last year's overall decrease in crime of 6.81 percent, but a far cry from the 6.2 percent increase in 1991 and 7.68 jump in 1990.

"Overall we are real, real happy with the crime picture we are seeing in Novi," he said. "In Novi, even with the phenomenal growth rate, we are fortunate that we are seeing some real reductions."

"With more people coming, there's more crime," he said. "And with more people coming into the city, any reduction in crime we are just pleased with."

Shaefter attributed a portion of the reductions to new police-oriented policies the department has been implementing. The department is also active in domestic violence crime prevention programs. And the opening of the victim interview room has also lessened the trauma of violent crimes for victims and encouraged more to come forward, Shaefter said.

The new police policies focus on nixing recurring problems by

"looking for reoccurring problems and fixing them," the chief said. "We've applied these philosophies and they seem to be working."

Among the new policies, is the department's strategy to combat crime at shopping malls and retail centers. This year marks the second year in a row that the Novi police have shared their policing strategies with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. This year's topic at the annual convention was Novi's tactics for handling mail security.

"The guys have worked very hard and taken these philosophies to heart," Shaefter said.

It appears their hard work may be paying off. Shaefter said said retailers in Novi are particularly pleased with the

city's 17 percent reduction in fraud, 4.26 drop in embezzlement, and 42 percent decrease in stolen property. Vandalism also fell more than 15 percent.

"People in retail centers are seeing an increase in dollars, people and traffic and less crime," he said.

"We're very happy with what our people are doing because we know that our people are working very hard," he said. "And we are seeing a reduction in crime."

While his officer are pounding the pavement to hold the line on crime, Shaefter's working with city officials to see if they are willing to release the line on getting more officers.

The chief intends to ask city administration for two additional officers this year. He will make the request when city officials begin their budget process later this month.

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- Precinct 1 — Novi Christian School, 45301 Eleven Mile Rd.
- Precinct 2 — Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd.
- Precinct 3 — Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
- Precinct 4 — Novi Village By The Lake, 45182 West Rd.
- Precinct 5 — Orchard Hills School, 41900 Quince
- Precinct 6 — Fire Station 1, 42973 Grand River
- Precinct 7 — Village Oaks School, 23333 Willowbrook Dr.
- Precinct 8 — Chateau Estates Clubhouse, 42000 Carousell Dr.
- Precinct 9 — Novi High Auditorium, 24062 Tait Rd.
- Precinct 10 — Fire Station 3, 42785 Nine Mile Rd.
- Precinct 11 — Novi Middle School South, 25299 Tait Rd.
- Precinct 12 — Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- Precinct 13 — Holy Family Catholic Church, 30655 Ducker Rd.
- Precinct 14 — Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS:

PROPOSAL A
A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE A VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When increase is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
- 2) Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
- 3) Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
- 4) Require a vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
- 5) Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
- 6) Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property tax.

Should this proposal be adopted?
Yes ☐ No ☐

The Polls of said election will be open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office for Electors qualified to vote by absentee ballot. Call 347-0456 for information. The last date and time to request a ballot to be mailed is Saturday, March 12, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. The Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, March 12, 1994 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing Absentee Ballots.

GERALDINE STIPP,
CITY CLERK

(3-3 & 3-10-94 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 94-107.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 94-107.03 (an Ordinance to amend Sections 18-36, 18-37, 18-39 and 18-41, and subsection 18-38(6) of the Novi Code of Ordinances, and to add Subsection 18-38(7) to said code, to amend the requirements for Single Family Residential Sales Disclosure Statements.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on February 28, 1994 and the effective date is March 15, 1994. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

(3-10-94 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAP AMENDMENT 18-219, located at the southeast corner of Beck Road and Eleven Mile Road for POSSIBLE REZONING FROM R-A TO R-1 DISTRICT.

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The line's in the woodchips over nature trail

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"I took off my pajamas and put on my pants and came down. I'm amazed at the amount of time you people are spending on the trail system," said Stone, who fought the path once proposed for Briarwood.

"You people say you've been listening to the public but I don't think you've been hearing what you're saying."

In summer 1993, the then-seated council excised the trails from all residential areas. Since then, some new members have supported the program.

Council Member Robert Mitzel attempted to get his colleagues to agree to rescind the program, minus the

easements in existing subdivisions which the city has already decided to return to developers. But with Council Member Robert Schmid absent, the council split into a deadlocked 3-3 vote.

"Too many people are putting in too much effort not to give a direction. Don't let these people (the council) go away one more time with question marks in their heads," McLallen urged.

This was after Council Member Tim Pope failed in an attempt to table the issue because whenever the issue comes up there are 40 people in the audience, it's doing it behind their backs," Mason added.

"A year from now we'll have 75 people here saying I don't want this behind my home."

Crawford was absent.

"We have a quorum to conduct business. Obviously we can't get ourselves off dead center," McLallen said.

"This is not going to affect current neighborhoods. These are future neighborhoods."

No action should be taken until the public is notified that the trails will come up. Council Member Carol Mason said.

The Natural Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee came to the council with a list of proposals in hand, among them, to change the group's name to the Greenway Implementation Committee.

Beyond their wish for a streamlined title, the committee suggested the plan be salvaged.

Ways proposed to do so include: ■ Setting in place a procedure for trail implementation which would include several public hearings.

■ Developing landscape screening standards, including town bushes which would keep people from straying off the path.

■ Setting a yearly goal for trail building.

Keeping the public informed about the plan, including making sure signs go up in new developments.

■ Creating a setback standard to keep trails from 95 to 100 feet from homes.

■ Enlisting volunteers to build the \$3.50 per linear foot paths and to raise the money to help pay for them.

■ Evaluating the program every two years.

Committee Chair Walt Jenkins told the council that if the trail system is to continue, the council should budget money for it, rather than relying on the committee to raise funds.

"We've been taking the gunshots and arrows for this program. It's hard to keep enthused," Jenkins said.

"We weren't trying to create a trail

freeway to lure robbers to their backdoors. The whole intent was recreational."

Both Jenkins and lakes area resident Sarah Phelps said the council made a mistake in handing back the four easements. The committee had asked for the action to be delayed. Jenkins said the property could have been held by the city but never used for trails.

"I was quite concerned with the return of the easements. We hoped to explain a land trust can be established, not only for trails. We could have still reserved the land for a natural (wildlife) habitat," he explained.

Pope agreed that if the council majority ultimately supports the plan they should finance it.

Novi's ice shanty rules are iced by state law

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In southern Michigan counties such as Oakland must be removed from the ice by midnight on March 1.

After this date, the shanty must be removed daily while ice conditions are deemed safe. If the ice is not safe, the shanty must be removed earlier.

Violators face a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, imprisonment up to 30 days or both. If a violation leads to a shanty falling in

the brink, the owner is must pay a fine amounting to three times the cost of shanty removal.

In the Upper Peninsula, the shanties must be removed by midnight on March 31. In northern lower Michigan counties, a March 15 deadline is imposed, while shanties on Lake St. Clair must be pulled off by sundown on the first Sunday after Feb. 20.

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As We See It

Department doesn't need more staff—yet

We can certainly understand the game a department head must play, always seeking out additional resources. But we also find it bothersome that Nov's Police Chief Doug Shaffer is sounding the alarm so soon for the hiring of more police officers in his department.

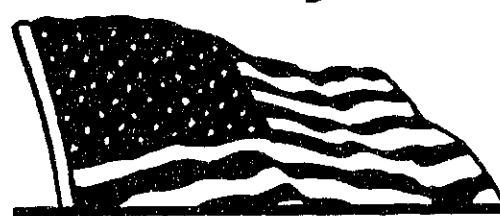
Noting that violent crime increased in the city during 1993, according to the police department's recently released annual report, Shaffer put out the call for the hiring of two more police officers. He noted that in the past years the population of the city has grown by more than 2,000, yet police department staffing has remained constant at 49 officers.

This is not the first time Shaffer has asked, in his short tenure, for increased department staffing, nor is it the first time he's asked for more patrol officers. And we would expect he'll raise this issue again in this year's budget setting sessions.

But before any interviewing starts, the City of Nov should remember what has happened with police department staffing over the past decade and consider a few other factors.

In the late '80s, Nov voters viewed and approved a proposal to increase property taxes specifically to beef up funding for the city's police and fire departments—a tax Nov landowners still pay. The idea behind the proposal, in part, was to increase staffing in the police department to its current levels. One of the main reasons residents wanted this higher level of police department staffing, according to surveys conducted during the effort to pass the millage, was to provide patrols of subdivisions—something not completely addressed until Shaffer adopted the department community policing policy last year.

Nonetheless, when the former police chief Lee BeGole finally got the department up to full staff, as called for by the millage, just before he retired, he argued the department was "over-staffed." That's not necessarily a bad



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thing. For one, that gave the city a margin for growth, so that the city's constantly increasing population didn't again outpace the growth of the department. It also is likely the department's staffing levels have contributed to Nov's reputation for being relatively crime free and having a responsive police department.

So the question now is whether growth has reached the point where more officers are again needed.

With 49 officers, Nov has about one cop for every 775 residents, well in excess of the one officer per thousand the Federal Bureau of Investigation once recommended as an appropriate staffing level for local police departments. By the way, that's a standard that has all but been abandoned because most communities can't afford to get close to such a staffing level.

It appears to us that the Nov police department has a good deal of room left before it needs to add further staff.

Nonetheless, Shaffer's call for two additional officers in his department does raise an interesting topic, one Nov and its City Council should indeed address now—just what kind of staffing does the city want the police department to have.

Set a ratio considered to be optimal—be it 775 to one or 1,000 to one, or some other number—and it will help to settle the question. At the same, it will serve as a trigger to activate the city when the population does outgrow its police department.

It is a significant issue in a fast growing community like Nov.

Campaign getting dirty

Proposal A looks better and better as the TV campaign against it gets dirtier and dirtier.

The chief issue next Tuesday is not "they" or the sales tax or the income tax or the lottery. The chief issue is protecting school funding. Proposal A does this by locking the 2-cents increase in the sales tax into a constitutionally-protected school aid fund.

The Legislature can't raid that fund for prisons, perks or pensions. The fund is reserved for public schools. Proposal A not only cuts property taxes but corrects the real problem we've faced for 25 years—heavy local pressure on the property tax because of declining state school aid.

Plan B, the legislatively-approved "backup plan," is merely statutory. The Legislature wrote it, and a future Legislature can change it. That bodes poorly for public schools.

For that reason alone, Proposal A deserves your yes vote. And there are other good reasons to vote yes:

■ Proposal A will cap most of our school operating property taxes. It would amend the Michigan Constitution to say those rates may be changed only by a 75 percent supermajority in both chambers of the Legislature. We suspect that is the real reason Proposal A is opposed by leaders of the Michigan Education Association. MEA contributions may be able to win 51 percent of legislators' votes, but they'll never get a 75 percent vote to hike property taxes.

■ Proposal A keeps the single business tax (SBT) at 2.35 percent. Plan B raises SBT to 2.75 percent. If there's anything business investors hate worse than a plague, it's the SBT. We can't guarantee that keeping SBT at 2.35 will bring more jobs into Michigan, but we know that taxing businesses more can't possibly help.

■ Proposal A will result in a bigger property tax cut for homeowners—6 mills instead of 12 under plan B. (Both are a vast



improvement over the current statewide average of nearly 35 mills.)

■ And if rising assessments are your worry, Proposal A would cap them at 5 percent a year. Plan B has no assessment cap.

There are a hundred small details we could nitpick in the State Capitol machinations that produced Proposal A and plan B. School finance reform is the classical camel—a horse designed by a committee. It's ugly. Yet it's a very functional beast, better at his job than a donkey or elephant.

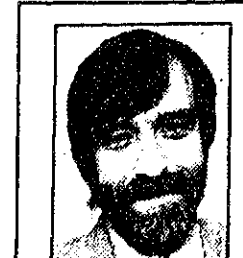
Those who would like to vote "none of the above" are in the wrong. The Michigan Legislature finally has stepped up to its constitutional responsibility—funding a public school system. It has taken much of the burden of school finance off property. For all but a relative handful of districts, it has taken the burden of high-pressure millage campaigns off local school boards. In outside Michigan where many districts are starving, eventually it will guarantee \$5,000 per pupil.

Essentially, all Michiganders now are responsible for all kids in all public schools. No more of this "we've got ours and the rest can go hang."

Is the job done? Of course not. Eternal vigilance is the price not only of liberty but of controls on taxes, accountability in schools and better quality teaching. Proposal A deserves a yes vote on March 15.

And don't watch too many TV commercials.

Giving the gift of discipline?



Michael Malott

"Give your children the gift of discipline," Dr. Raymond Guarendi said advising a gathering of about 600 parents from northern Nov and the Walled Lake area. "Your discipline has a soft landing," he explained. No boss is going to consider whether your child needs a hug after he or she gets fired. No judge will null out birth order and its effect on personality while sentencing him or her to Jackson.

Guarendi, a clinical psychologist and an adjunct professor at Kent State University, was the featured speaker at Walled Lake Middle School during that district's second annual Parenting Education Fair. Author of *You're a Better Parent Than You Think A Guide to Common Sense Parenting*, Guarendi got the day long seminar rolling with a talk on the event's favorite topic—discipline.

Later, the parents adjourned to a series of some 40 "break out sessions" that addressed topics as varied as building self-esteem in your youngster to handling sibling rivalry to developing good homework habits. The Walled Lake school district did its best to address the concerns of all parents, offering among those sessions such topics as single parenting, dealing with joint custody and coping with blended families.

But discipline was a recurring theme, mainly because it is a particularly tough issue for parents—what's enough discipline, what's too much. It is additionally tough, as Bill Winkler, a leader of one of the break sessions pointed out, because society has changed since most of us who are now parents were raised under discipline aimed primarily at getting obedience.

Winkler, owner of Mr. Bill's Restaurant but who also holds an impressive list of credentials as a development specialist, had one of the most interesting topics in the workshop, "Discipline that teaches responsibility."

Despite that lofty title, Winkler told one story about his experience raising kids that sounded more like a scene from *Rosanne* than something you'd expect to read in a parenting advice book . . . or perhaps like a scene from my house.

His kids were fighting "in the worst possible place, in front of the TV." He told them to either stop fighting or go outside to fight. "I always give them a choice, that way it's their choice not mine," he said. Of course, it was February and a blizzard was raging.

"What do you think they did?" he asked. "They stopped fighting," someone answered. "Heck no. You think my kids listen to me?" he said.

"OK, we'll quit fighting," the kids said as he was carrying them to the front porch. "Oh no," Winkler went on. "You've made your choice. The time for negotiation was 15 seconds ago." And out on the porch they went . . . even if it was only for a moment.

The point of the story was to illustrate his main theme—"allow the consequences of their behavior to affect them directly." Don't give in to the parental temptation to rescue your children from their own bad behavior.

Guarendi had equally unconventional advice for a child development expert. His main point was "stop listening to the experts."

We parents have been so bombarded with information and advice from the so-called experts that the primary effect has not been one of an improvement in parental disciplinary practices, rather it has been an erosion of the confidence of parents in their ability to appropriately discipline their kids.

"Besides, if you haven't noticed, we experts can't agree on anything," he said to a round of applause from the parents.

Firm but loving discipline and a strong moral code are the two most important things parents can give their children, he said. And parents should have more confidence in the decisions they make about discipline for their kids.

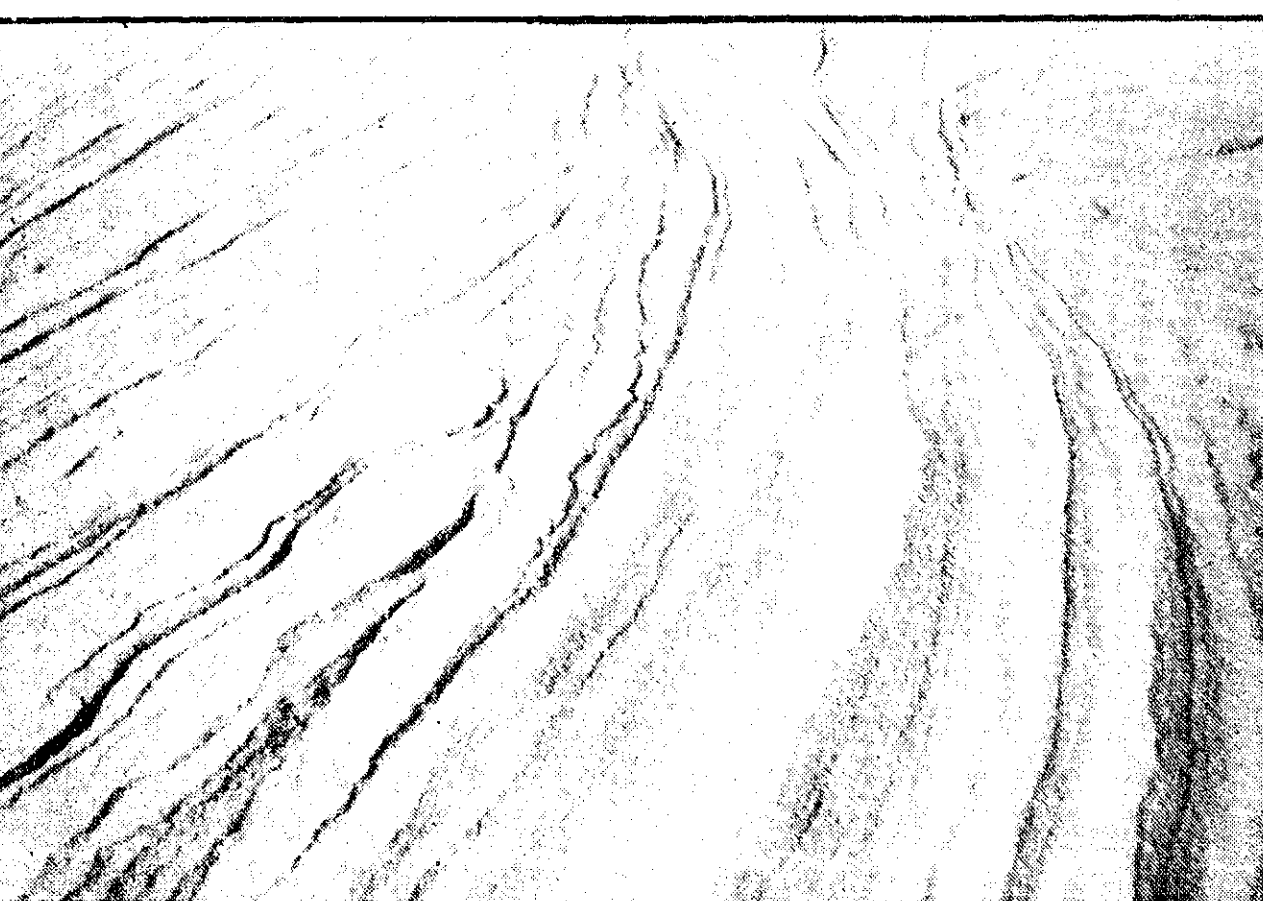
Much is said about how important it is for parents to be involved in their child's education, that teachers and the school district can't do the job by themselves. But that is easier said than done, considering most of us don't have experience raising kids before we have them on our own.

So it seems an exceptionally worthwhile idea for the school districts to sponsor programs like the Parenting Education Fair, to give us a few tips on parenting skills . . . and to let us know whether we are on the right track in raising our children.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Nov News.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Nature works its art on snow in Hines park through the medium of wind.

Wind-works

... and babies make four



Steve Kellman

I never thought it would be this tough to keep a secret. But from the moment I learned my wife was pregnant, I've had an overpowering urge to tell the world. When an ultrasound session a few weeks ago found not one but two incubating babies, the urge became almost unbearable.

After that unexpected development, I found myself blurting out the news at the most unexpected moments, in the middle of an interview for a story, for instance, or while fielding phone calls at the newspaper's front desk.

A typical conversation would go like this: "Good morning, *Northville Record* and *Novi News* . . . by the way, did you hear I'm having twins?"

But for the most part, the people I told early on were those whose opinions I respected, whom I trusted to have words of wisdom on the subject or at least a different perspective.

Most laughed when I told them, perhaps struck by the thought of this already-harried reporter faced with the task of placating two small infants as well as irate community leaders. My favorite restaurateur and ship mate, John Genitt, went so far as to share our news with the rest of the dinner guests at a recent Murder Mystery dinner.

and pressed a bag full of cannolis on us to satisfy Barb's late night cravings.

It's funny, the advice you get as expectant parents. We've learned that the universal cure for every pregnancy ailment, more powerful than any antibiotic, seems to be a box of Salines by the side of the bed. But Barb has found her own range of remedies for the first trimester blues, from Werther's candies to lemon juice.

The advice you get as an expectant father is different. Our sales manager, Gary Kelber, advised me to sleep away from the bedroom door and convince Barb to nurse the kids for as long as possible. That way, he explained with a wink, I wouldn't have to get up in the middle of the night.

Somehow I don't think that will be an option with two infant children.

In retrospect, I'm glad that I couldn't keep this a secret. Telling people you're expecting seems to gain you entrance into a larger community of caring where everyone claps you on the back and offers encouraging words.

While all the attention is sometimes overwhelming, it's also comforting somehow to have friends take such interest in one couple's struggles to bring new life into the world. It's as though they sense that the task is ultimately too great for two people.

It's nice to know that, in some small way, we won't be going through this adventure alone.

Steve Kellman is a staff writer for The Nov News and The Northville Record.

Fiddling with the content of Prop A



Phil Power

In this age of special interest politics, an occupational hazard for politicians is to confuse support from leaders of vocal interest groups with approval of ordinary folks who actually vote.

Gov. John Engler now is in the process of falling prey to that ailment as he continues to tinker with Proposal A, trying to tack on support from various lobbies by ceaselessly fiddling with the content less than a week before next Tuesday's vote. Here's a short list of examples:

■ The original ballot plan called for taxing re-nated farmland at the business rate of 24 mills. The Michigan Farm Bureau threatened opposition. Engler immediately promised to push legislation to allow all farm property to qualify for the lower rate of six or 12 mills.

■ Engler originally recommended a 4 percent real estate transfer tax. In order to pass the legislation, the tax was negotiated down to 2 percent in the ballot plan and 1 percent in the backup statutory plan. Still nervous about

support from the real estate industry and citing "increased state revenue expectations," the governor then pushed through a bill to reduce the tax to 1.5 percent.

■ A video lottery game, Keno, was originally proposed to raise \$100 million a year. But Engler now says it won't. He wants a different game in the mix, something called Powerball, a multi-state lottery.

State elections director Chris Thomas said over the weekend he has "never seen" so many last-minute changes in a state ballot plan so close to the vote.

Partly in response to this pattern, the political-mills are speculating about two other major changes in Proposal A, both designed to buy special interest support:

One story is that if Proposal A passes, Engler will push legislation cutting the sales tax on new and used cars, costing something like \$250 million in annual revenue and locking in support from the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association.

The other deal supposedly in the works is to get Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's support by changing the way the ballot plan treats tax increment financing authorities (TIFAs), right now the preferred method of fixing Detroit's budgetary ills.

Taken together with what is certain to be a confusing and manipulative ad campaign

against Proposal A put on by the strange alliance between the tobacco industry and the teachers unions, all this last-minute insider fiddling is likely to confuse voters already confused enough.

Worse, it illegitimately penalizes those responsible folks who have already voted by absentee ballot. Elections director Thomas estimates that at least one-third of absentee voters already have mailed in their ballots. Most observers figure there will be around 300,000 absentee votes, so as many as 100,000 voters could have made up their minds on proposals whose terms have been changed if after they cast their ballots.

That's dirty pool and bad politics combined—the worst of all possible worlds.

This newspaper in the past has supported Proposal A, largely on the grounds that it locks in support for schools in a way that can't be tampered with by future Legislatures and because, all things considered, increasing the sales tax is less damaging to economic growth than hiking the personal income tax.

But we are very concerned with the way the governor is going about selling it.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His telephone voice mail numbers is 813/353-2047 Ext. 1890.

Best alternative for funding schools

To the Editor:

In previous letters I have commented on the fairness of the income tax versus the sales tax and the impact of those taxes on both the individual and business. The important issue now is how does the ballot proposal and the statutory fall back plan affect the funding needs of education.

One person recently called me and stated that we should pass the ballot plan because the hold-harmless provision would be 66 mills as compared to 2.41 mills under the statutory plan. Her conclusion was correct but for the wrong reason. Under the ballot plan 6.06 mills would be levied on homestead property only. Under the statutory plan the 2.41 mills would be on all property. In either case the same dollars will be provided to fund education.

The big difference in funding however, is that the funding under the ballot plan is constitutionally guaranteed while funding under the statutory plan is subject to political lobbying, yearly budget bargaining and tinkering by legislative leaders.

In addition to having educational funding constitutionally guaranteed, the ballot plan is widely heralded as being much more favorable to the economic climate in Michigan. A 6 percent income tax rate will be a disincentive to investment, to job creation and to economic growth. It will cause revenue problems for the state which will result in yearly budget fighting and possible decreases in school funding.

The ballot plan is the best alternative for funding education and should be approved March 15.

Bob Schram

Letters

Capello remark shows prejudice

To the Editor:

Comments made by Kim Capello of the Nov Planning Commission, as quoted in a recent editorial, were an insult to many residents of Nov. He stated that homes in the \$150,000 to \$175,000 range are "cheap, low income housing." Yet if you look at the people already living in neighborhoods in this price range, you'll find these residents are representative of a variety of careers and professions. They include single- and dual-income households, retirees, singles and all types of families. There are not low income neighborhoods!

People of equal incomes will have different financial priorities. It is ludicrous to assume that all people who can afford to live in this price range are "cheap, low income housing." It is insulting to many residents of the City of Nov for Mr. Capello to assume that people choosing homes priced in the \$150,000 to \$175,000 range are low income, and therefore not valuable citizens of Nov.

A person's value as a citizen of a community is directly affected by that person's interest, involvement in and commitment to his or her community, not by income. Nov is a desirable place to live because its

residents support the community.

We are actively involved in our children's schools, our churches, and the many civic, social and athletic organizations and functions offered in Nov. This involvement and support cuts across all neighborhoods and income levels. It is not limited to people in \$250,000 homes.

As a member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Capello should be trying to ensure that Nov continues to attract people who will be community-oriented citizens, regardless of their income or housing choice.

I am distressed that Nov is being shaped by a person with such blatant bias. I hope that other members of the Planning Commission do not share Mr. Capello's ignorant prejudice.

Anita R. Saurer

Condron column misses the mark

To the Editor:

I think Ms. (Sharon) Condron missed the mark in her editorial Thursday, March 3 about the Northville School Board's response to setting the school boundaries.

Ms. Condron seems to think that the longer time a body takes to make a decision, the less efficient

that group is operating. The board made the decision to not open Thornton Creek Elementary School after listening to all the information. Ms. Condron states "it's open discussions where democracy thrives," yet she encourages Northville Board of Education to "move on" and make a decision as would be done in Nov.

In comparing Nov's method of making decisions without such interference as public hearings, she states the Northville community is hampering the board and the administration from making timely decisions. "It sounds to me as if Ms. Condron feels that a 'timely decision' is more important than an informed decision made in response to community needs."

I commend the Northville Board of Education and the Administration for taking the initiative toward involving community members in the decision making process. It may not have been the easiest or fastest method to come to a resolution, but it is a decision that came from community input during hearings where everyone was invited and all present could be heard.

Simply because Nov is not had a vocal group of citizens to move them in this direction, does not mean it won't happen in the future. Governor Engler is striving to have parent boards make the decisions for each school. Although this may never happen, community involvement is in the future of public education.

I think Nov will do well, when that time comes, to look at Northville's example of solving problems on a community level instead of behind board room doors.

Cathy Shapero

Flat tire for mobile home rezoning

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

It was an unprecedented move by the Nov Planning Commission that left a bleak future for a developer's rezoning request for a new mobile home park on Nine and Napier roads.

Peter Stanaj, the petitioner seeking the rezoning of 125 acres of residential land to a mobile home district, faxed a one paragraph letter to the commissioner on the eve of the March 2 commission meeting asking that his request be tabled.

His request was denied and after a lengthy public hearing chock full of neighbors opposed to the request . . .

so was the rezoning. Petitioners voted 7-0 to send the Nov City Council a negative recommendation on the petitioner's request. The council will have the final say.

In his letter Stanaj asked that his request be tabled until April 20 because his consultant had not yet attended the March 2 meeting.

Commissioner Robert Taub moved to deny the request to table and continue with the public hearing as planned. He later also moved to send the negative recommendation to city council.

About 65 to 70 residents turned out to oppose the rezoning. Taub, like most other commissioners, didn't

feel it was fair to table the motion because the applicant failed to show for his own hearing.

Taub conferred with Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson who said the commissioner's decision wasn't the city's final say on the rezoning. Both agreed the applicant is entitled to a hearing from the city council and could re-apply to the planning commission.

Commissioner Eddy Weddington thanked the crowd for attending and said she agreed with their opposition to the rezoning. But she also believed the applicant had a right to plead his case. It was her opinion that the commission should table the issue until he could attend, but she wasn't will-

ing to make a motion to support that stance.

Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello said he would normally agree with Weddington but not this time. He seemed to take offense to the petitioner's late letter that came with little explanation of why he couldn't attend.

Planning Commission Secretary Lodi Richards said he supported both the motion to table and the motion to send a negative recommendation because there were so many people at the meeting. He said in addition to the residents speaking against the proposal, the commission received 10 letters from resident opposed to the rezoning.

City sued for not buying land for park

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Neighbors of a proposed mobile home park came out in droves last Thursday to see to it that a petitioner's request to rezone land to build his trailer park didn't fall in line with the Nov Planning Commission.

About 65 to 70 people from Nov and Livonia came out to voice their concerns about the proposed rezoning of 125 acres of land on the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Napier roads from residential-agricultural to mobile home. Another 10 wrote letters to the commission to oppose the proposed rezoning change.

Their comments turned heads as evident by planning commissioners' 7-0 vote to send a negative recommendation to city council about the rezoning request.

Planning Consultant Brandon Ro-

gers also vetoed the rezoning because it was inconsistent with the Master Plan and the increased density would overburden the unpaved roads in the area.

Rogers also opposed it because the applicant couldn't show that the land was suitable for a mobile home park, nor could he prove that it could support a package treatment plant that would be necessary to serve mobile home owners.

Also germane to the planners' discussion was the fact that Peter Stanaj, the owner of the property and the petitioner itself is the subject of a lawsuit with the City of Nov.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson explained that the case is rooted in the soil on the property. The attorney said the city obtained an option to buy the property for park land, but the land sale hinged on soil test results. The city, Watson said, only

wanted to buy the land if it perked so a septic tank could be installed to service the park.

Watson said the city terminated the agreement when the test results came back negative. City officials demanded their money back but the property owner failed to return the money. The city then filed a lawsuit against him.

According to the attorney, the land owner is challenging the adequacy of the city's test results in the lawsuit. But when Watson took the property owner's deposition for the city suit, the owner admitted he had never taken any soil tests of his own. He told Watson he was relying on the city's test results to support his rezoning request.

In essence, Watson said the applicant was trying to have it both ways saying in one case the test results were adequate for the rezoning but

inadequate for the purposes of returning the city's money in the failed deal.

The assistant city attorney said the suit remains in litigation.

Aside from the legal problems rooted in the land, residents living nearby rallied against the project because of the increased traffic it would bring and because of the harm it would do to the wildlife and the livestock in the area.

Lyon Township Larry Cole also worried that a development of the density that was being considered would wreak havoc on local wells and put other neighboring wells in jeopardy.

In response to neighbors' concerns about the habitat in the area, Rogers said the city does have a habitat study and working plan they designate the area as a habitat area.

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SWOCC's Lark flies to Lansing for state cable job

Lark Samouelian and cable TV came to the Novi area at about the same time. Now it's goodbye Novi and hello Lansing for Samouelian, who will become the project manager of the Michigan Government Television Network.

A pioneer in bringing community access cable television to Novi area viewers has taken her expertise to Lansing.

Samouelian, executive director of the Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission for the past 11 years, resigned Feb. 25 to become project manager of the state network. Samouelian, 43, said she's excited about her new job, although there is a lot of work ahead for her to determine what programming will be broadcast. The network is intended to broadcast activities of the state government, including departments and the House and Senate.

"I'm pretty excited," she said during her first day of work on the new job. "It's an administrative job, which is my strength. But it also involves a lot of creativity and there's a lot to learn."

Samouelian said her selection to the new post was a combination of her expressed interest and the desire of Gov. John Engler's administration to make use of her community relations skills.

The program will mirror Samouelian's community outreach work for

the commission in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills. She carried out cable commission decisions involving oversight and television development for public, educational, governmental and institutional television channels.

"She was active in the community in getting people interested in pro-

ducing programs," said commission chairman William Hartsock. "She was instrumental when public access came to the Detroit area in the early '80s."

Tom Bjorklund, vice president of MetroVision, the cable company serving the three communities, said Samouelian always had worked in

the best interests of consumers. "She certainly did an awful lot of work on community programming," he said.

Although selected by Republican Engler, Samouelian said her bipartisan approach to public access programming will give her credibility in Lansing.

"We're providing a service, that includes public education," she said. "Being bipartisan is a crucial element."

Mary Linda Calderone, the commission's community outreach coordinator, will succeed Samouelian. Samouelian said she is also excited to be near her 18-year-old son

Alan, a freshman at Michigan State University. Her other son, Aaron, is a junior at Birmingham-Roeper.

"I look forward to the challenge and excitement a position such as this shall bring," Samouelian stated. "I also look forward to disseminating information to you on a new and different level."

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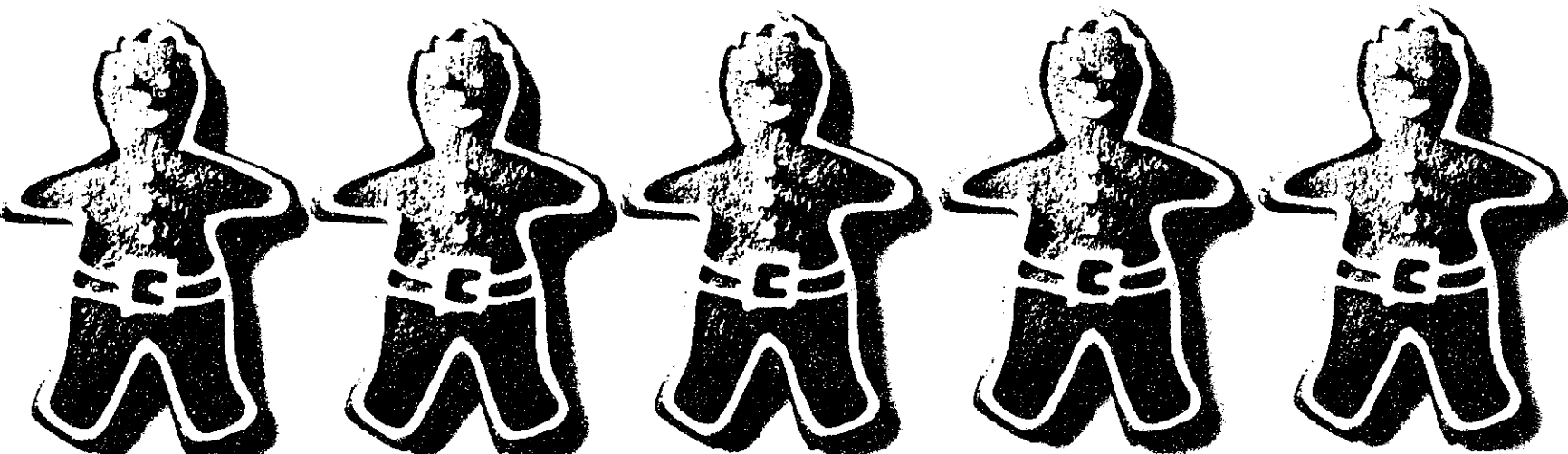
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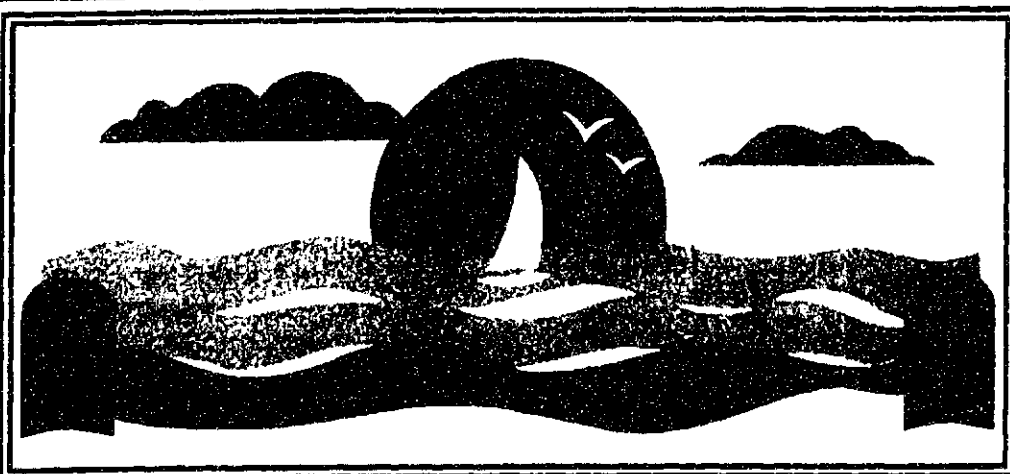


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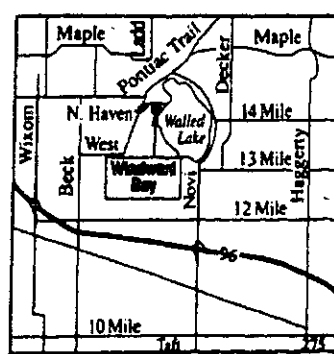
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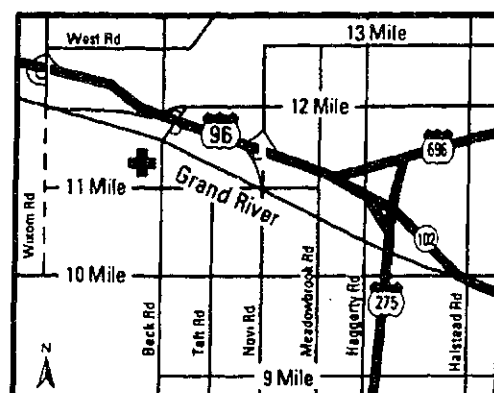


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Six months for rabbi stalker

A Novi woman is in jail after her conviction last week on charges related to the harassment of a rabbi at a Farmington Hills synagogue.

Mary Foley, 54, was sentenced March 1 to six months in jail, with credit for 20 days already served, for malicious destruction of a building.

Birmingham Temple Rabbi and founder Sherwin Wine testified that Foley had followed and harassed him for seven years. Foley was convicted for kicking down the door to Wine's office in March 1992.

In addition to the jail time, Foley was also ordered to pay \$750 in restitution, \$30 to the victim's rights fund and attorney fees.

She also received three years of probation. She was ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment and to avoid any further contact with Wine or the temple.

Rotary honors teen leaders

The Novi Rotary honored the Outstanding Interact Club Students of the Year at its weekly meeting on Feb. 24.

The students were presented a plaque to be displayed permanently at the Novi High School, as well as individual certificates of appreciation and Rotary tote bags. Emmett Lippe, superintendent of the Novi schools and a Novi Rotarian, Arthur Miller,

principal of the Novi High School, and Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent of schools were present for the awards.

Interact is a service club for high school students sponsored by Rotary. The Novi Interact Club was founded in 1978 and is the oldest in the state. The Club raises money in various ways and contributes time and resources to numerous worthy

causes, including the sponsorship of a child in Mexico, scholarships, the assisting of senior citizens, ushering at parent teacher conferences and other school events, food drives for the needy and assisting at the Novi recycling center.

The students recognized were Brenda Shah, Christy Carmichael, Becky Oppatt, Sherry Kemp, Peggy Liao (club president), Sweta Shah, Noreen Hughes and Nicky Fall.

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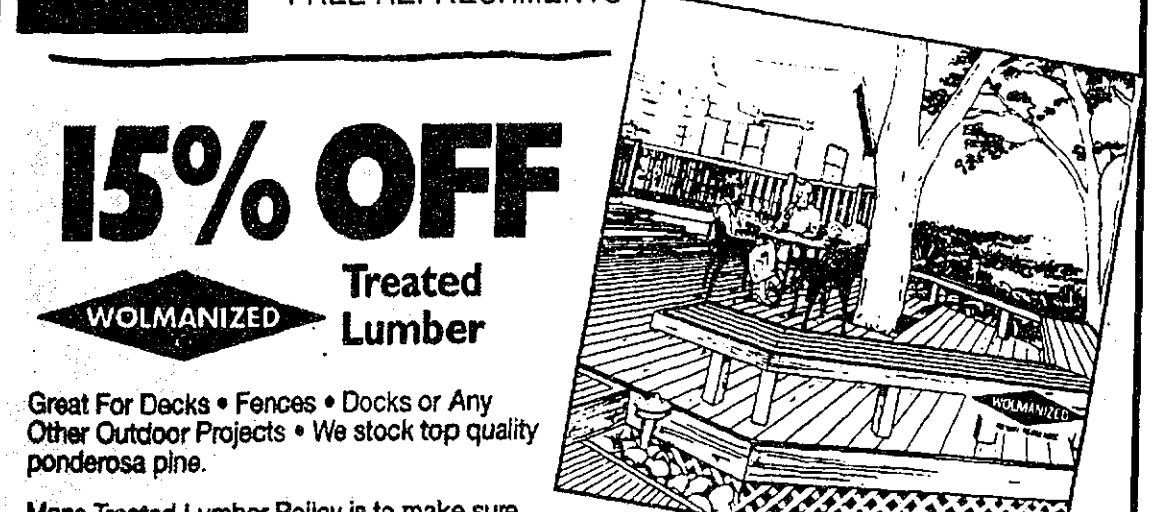
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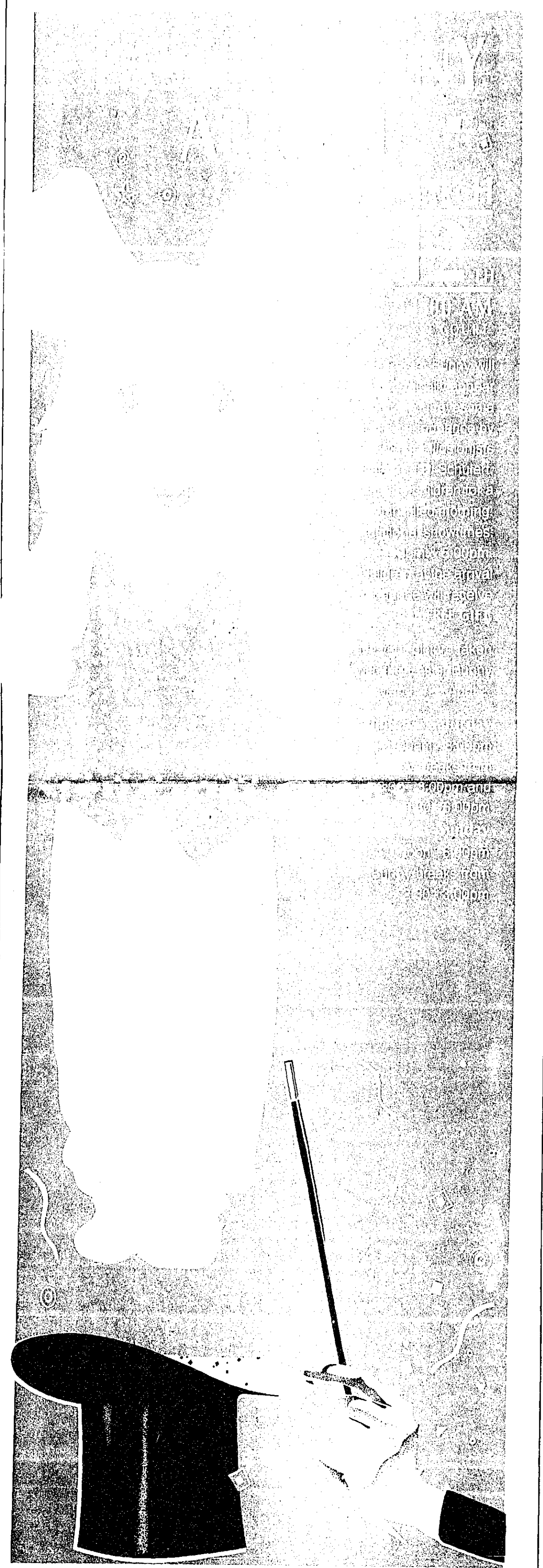
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FRAMEBy MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

If a picture is worth a thousand words, sisters Millie Rabchuk, Marge Grace and Marie Gartrell have a lifetime of conversation captured in their memory books.

Each year, on Memorial Day, the three sisters have had their photograph taken together to add to their individual photo albums. The tradition was started by the siblings' father Joe Shader.

The oldest, Gartrell has 76 pictures to mark the 76 years of her life. Grace is 74 and Rabchuk is the youngest at 73.

"I've never missed a year," Gartrell said.

Even if it meant flying home just to have her photo taken like in 1944. Her husband was in the service and the couple were living in East Port, Maine, at the time.

Rabchuk almost skipped the annual photo-taking in 1949 after her house caught on fire. A diaper had caught fire after Rabchuk placed the cloth over a lamp to shield the light from her newborn's eyes.

Even though Rabchuk had been up all night and had just given birth a week before, she ended up joining her sisters in getting their photo taken despite her initial resistance.

"She still looked better than we did," Gartrell laughed.

Some of the outfits the sisters wore in the earlier photographs were sewn by their mother. In 1953, their father bought them each a photograph album in which they were to mount their Memorial Day pictures.

While their father was alive, the photos were always taken at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

"Now we wait until about noon," Grace said.

And photos are now taken inside if the weather is inclement, unlike in 1931 when the girls lined up in the pouring rain while their father snapped a quick photo.

"Rain has never threatened our hobby," Grace said.

The tradition was threatened during World War II when film couldn't be found.

"Our father wrote Kodak and they sent film special delivery," Gartrell said.

And in 1974, the company quit making the type of film for the old-fashioned tripod camera that was used in recording the memories since 1918. That year, the sisters began using color photographs. After their father died in 1965,

the photos were taken by Gartrell's husband Harold (now deceased), Rabchuk's husband Walter and Gartrell's son Jimmy.

The sisters like to make an event out of the Memorial Day recording, and have planned overnight trips to find that special place to get their photo taken. Last year they traveled to Frankenthum to find a suitable site.

"We try to stay in Michigan," Gartrell said.

Known as the "Three Ms" while growing up, the sisters performed with their banjos on radio stations WEXL in Royal Oak and WXYZ in Detroit. They also played for schools and political functions, including galas for former Gov. James Blanchard and former Mayor Coleman Young.

"Our whole family was musical," Rabchuk said. "Our father insisted we play together."

In 1937, the sisters took first place in a competition at the Fox Theatre. Sponsored by R.G. Dunn Cigars, the girls bought a swing for their parents' front porch with their \$9 winnings.

"We won because we were (an) unusual (act)," Rabchuk said modestly. "In those days, everyone sang and tap danced. We won because we were a novelty."

Gartrell and Rabchuk are still members of Banjos of Michigan, a group that meets to promote the interest of the banjo. Rabchuk was once president of the group. She is still also a member of the Fretted Instrument Guild of America and the Great Lakes International Banjo Society.

These days, Gartrell keeps busy with her many club duties. She is a volunteer and treasurer for the Disabled American Veteran Post 113 in Redford, belongs to the Women of the Moose Lodge 378 in Dearborn Heights, is sergeant at arms for the Stitt Post American Legion Auxiliary and belongs to the street representation committee for the Far West Civic Association.

Grace enjoys spending her time giving to charities, and is especially fond of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Institute of Arts and Channel 56. She also helps prepare funeral dinners for area churches and is "president of the Shop Til You Drop" Club, according to sister Gartrell.

Rabchuk still enjoys being active in her various instrument clubs and occasionally still plays. She can also play the ukelele, piano and trumpet.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Sisters (left to right) Millie Rabchuk, Marie Gartrell and Marge Grace are still pickin' and grinnin'. Called the "Three Ms," the trio have performed with their banjos at school and political functions throughout each of their 70-some years.



This was one of the first photos of the three sisters taken together in 1923. The photos were always taken at 10 a.m. each Memorial Day by the siblings' father until his death in 1955.



Marie (center) almost missed this picture taken on Memorial Day 1944 because she was living with her husband stationed in East Port, Maine. She flew home specially for the occasion, though.

Volunteer



David Vincent

Vincent enjoys
counseling boyBy DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you enjoy kids and want to contribute something to the community, David Vincent suggests you volunteer for Northville Youth Protective Assistance as a special friend for a boy or girl between the ages of seven to 16.

To do this, there's no age limit and no special background required. "Just be a human being interested in helping kids," he said.

As for himself, he has sons who are grown and away from home, and he's busy from nine to five each day. He should be, he's president of UTAK Technologies Inc. in Farmington Hills.

For a year Vincent has been a special friend — call it counselor, if you like — to a boy who is now 8½ years old. The boy's mother had suggested he needed a male relationship. So after taking about eight weeks of training, Vincent was told about the boy

and then introduced to him in his home.

And since then the two of them have been getting together at least once a week — sometimes more.

"He's a good little athlete," Vincent said. So they've gone bowling. He likes to read. So they go to the library. He likes animals. So they've gone to the science museum at Cranbrook.

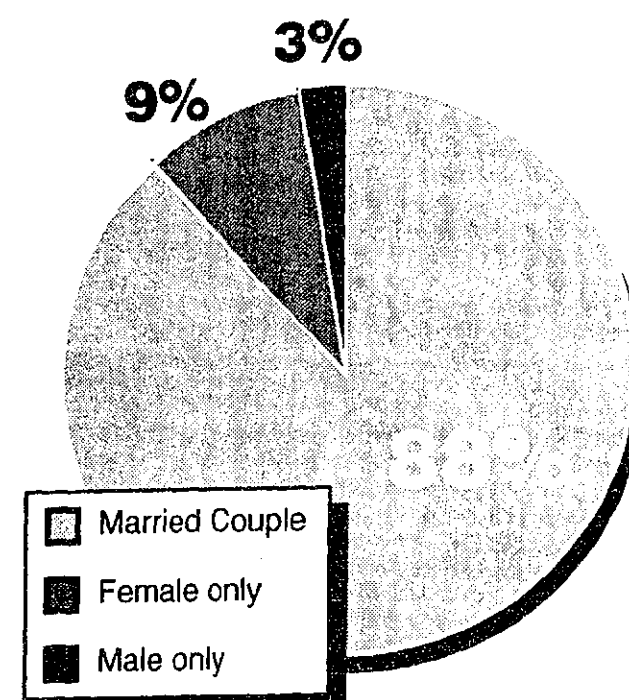
Before Christmas the boy told Vincent his school was putting on a play. Would he like to go with him? "So we went," Vincent said, "and he showed me his desk, too."

"I can't say enough nice things about him," Vincent said. "He's a bright little guy, has natural curiosity. I enjoy the relationship as much, maybe even more than he does."

Once you are in the program, Vincent said, you write a monthly report on your relationship, and you also have an opportunity to compare notes with other special friends or counselors.

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Family Household by Type



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Veterans Alliance still looking for new members

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A special Lenten service is being held at the Novi United Methodist Church on March 6. The sermon will be titled "Getting Your Attention." Soup and snacks will be served in the evening at 5:30 p.m. with special music by the Faith Singers.

This coming Sunday, March 13, the sermon will be "Look to the Cross." The soup and snacks program will be under the direction of the Music Group and special music will be provided by the Bell Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

On March 20, the sermon will be "Above all Others." The soup and snack program under the direction of the Men's group.

On March 27, the Procession of the Palms, the sermon will be "Joining the Parade."

On Easter, when Daylight Savings time begins, there will be a Sunrise Breakfast at 7 a.m. with a program following. A worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

The men of the church will be having their regular monthly breakfast on Sunday, March 13, at 8 a.m. in Memorial Hall. All church men and their sons are invited.

The youth group will be meeting tonight (March 10) at 7 p.m. and again on March 24 with Nautique and Dan Douglas along with Pat Wilkins, Althea Hayes, Kathy Ortwin and Rev. Jacobs. The group will be hosting several fundraising projects to gather the money for attendance at the ICHTUS 94 celebration

in Kentucky in April. In addition, the youth group will be assisting with the Cass Luncheon and the Easter Sunrise Service.

Members are needed to provide the monetary resources for groceries to serve 400 to 500 meals at Cass Community Luncheon on March 26. In addition, 10 people will be needed to transport both people and food to the luncheon and to serve the meals. Contact Rev. Jacobs if you can help.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19
The Legion continues to grow in membership with a total of 95 with a new transfer from Headquarters Post No. 225, Michael Schumann. The combined membership of the Legion, Perry Kasper, Post No. 76, AMVETS and the Marine Corps League is about 200 persons. However, they are all looking for any of the approximately 3,200 veterans in the City of Novi to join them. The three service groups have joined together to be a confederacy and are called the Veterans Alliance of Novi.

The group maintains an office at the Novi Expo Center and each of the member organizations have four delegates that represent them in the meetings twice a month at the Expo Center. In addition, the vets have a social night on the last Saturday of each month at the Novi Fire Dept. training building.

The Veterans Alliance took part in the City of Novi's 25th Anniversary last Sunday afternoon by posing the flag. The color guard consisted of two riflemen — Norm Schollett (Legion) and Tony Lalli (AMVET); color bearer Duane Bell (AMVET) and squad leader Richard Schmidt (Marine) in

Novi Highlights

addition others in the ceremony were Gordon Beerbower (Marine) and from the Legion Arlin Krueger, Bob Pohlman and Bob Sale.

All members of the Veterans Alliance have been given information of a "Brain Storming" session at which time the purpose of the meeting was to find ways to accomplish the purchase, building etc. of a Veterans building in Novi. Coming up on March 22 will be a time to award the proper "Continuous Membership" certificates with some of the longer terms of 50 years to Bob Sale, 30 years to Edmond Tolini and 25 years to Norm Schollett. Coming up will be Poppy Days May 12, 13, and 14, anyone wishing information about any of the above projects can call Commander Bob Sale at 474-7022.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS
This fast growing club with total of 193 member families continues with a full schedule of monthly activities. This Friday evening the group will be at Northville Downs hosting a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The races start at 7:30 p.m. and will run to 11:30. Later in the month, the Newcomers and Friends will be again participating

in the Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon on March 19 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Novi Bowl. Bowling and shoes will be free and there will be door prizes and food. Each bowler is asked to bring a pledge sheet to all activities of the Newcomers and get those who can't bowl to pledge. Monies will go towards family education, recreation and camp scholarships.

On March 24, the regular meeting will be held starting with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. Husband and wife are welcome. The topic for the evening will be "Updating your Landscaping" and information will be presented by English Gardens and will be at the Village Oaks Club House. John Adams is the landscaping professional who will be the guest speaker and will show layouts and techniques for those with well-established lawns, as well as those with new ones.

Also coming up is a New Member Tea, in which the newest members will receive an invitation. However, everyone is welcome at the meeting. Veteran members bring the refreshments.

The nominating committee is hard at work on a new slate of officers which will be installed at the County

Epicure on May 19.

The interest groups have many programs planned. The crafts group has been busy making baskets that included egg baskets, bread baskets and now they will be making an Easter Basket. Members also plan painting Holiday Duck pins in April and, in May, will host a Mother and Daughter activity weaving a crayon caddy. In June, an outdoor activity is planned to decorate throngs/sandals.

NOVI LIONS

District Governor Mark Gaudoni was the guest of honor at the Joint Lions, Novi Lionses and the West Lakes Club meeting recently. The event was transferred at the "last minute" to the Wyndham Hotel as the roof caved in at Kim's Gardens. The evening included the installation of the newest member Roger "Ray" Crowe. Local member Bill Barr, who is the past district governor gave the invocation and Lions President Patti Barr gave the welcome.

The Lions also hosted the third Round Regional Meeting last Monday, with a social hour preceding the dinner at 7 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m. Project Chairman Kevin Rhea continues to work on the Novi Lions Golf Outing with all proceeds to go to "Campaign Sight" first.

Letters have gone out to professional sports and player associations

soliciting items to be auctioned off after dinner.

The White Cane Project will be starting when several members attend the White Cane Symposium held at St. Johns Michigan on Feb. 26. The White Cane Law which was originally brought to the attention of the state legislature by the Lions in order to have the White Cane Ordinance passed, giving the blind person with white cane or dog guide the right of way.

The Lions continue to solicit used eyeglasses also used hearing aids in any condition and collection containers are at the Novi City Hall, the Koger Store on Novi Road and in some of the Novi Community Schools. Last Thursday, the Lions participated in the Penick's Annual Can-a-Man Project and this project is directly responsible for helping the facility keep their costs down through the year. Penick's is in Taylor Michigan and is for children who are blind and have additional handicaps from deafness to cerebral palsy.

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In Church

Homeless Hospitality Week has been scheduled for the week of April 10 at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. Volunteers are needed to help out in all aspects of the special week, which provides shelter and food for Detroit's homeless.

Call the church at 349-1144 for more information.

The Adrian College Choir will perform Sunday, March 20.

Lenten studies continue at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays with Art Turner, 8 p.m. on Wednesdays with Doug Vernon, 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays with Lois Finzer, and 11 a.m. on Sundays with Tom Beagan.

The study groups will look at issues of perfectionism, procrastination, vulnerability, guilt, self-esteem and trust based on Maxie Dunham's book *Christians Under Construction* and *In Recovery*.

Services at the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 E. Main St., Northville, will include Maundy Thursday, March 31. Dinner will precede the 7:30 p.m. worship service at 6:30 p.m. in Ball Hall. Tickets are \$6.75 a person. Reserve them in the office.

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.

A concert entitled "Music For Lent," scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, will close the church's 1993-94 Fine Art Series.

The Northville Concert Chorus with The Michigan Sinfonietta, conducted by Scott VanOrnum, will perform Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* for chorus and orchestra.

Also featured will be Charles Tournemire's "Seven Last Words" for organ played by Deborah Friauf.

The Northville Concert Chorus was officially formed in 1993, evolving from the traditional Christmas Messiah concerts dating back to the 1950s at First Presbyterian Church. The Chorus is comprised of local singers from several churches in the Detroit/Ann Arbor areas.

The Michigan Sinfonietta is an orchestra comprised of some of the finest professional musicians in mid-Michigan.

Deborah Friauf, a native of Traverse City, has studied at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and the University of Michigan. She currently serves as minister of music at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors and are reserved by calling the church office at 349-0911.

At 7:30 p.m. each Friday of Lent there will be a devotion of stations of the cross at ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46235 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

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. Call the church for more information, 347-7778.

During Holy Week, a Tenebrae service will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31, at FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

Special services will include music on Palm Sunday, March 27, and an Easter sunrise service has been tentatively set for 7 a.m.

Special services featuring guest speakers will be held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent at the GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

Living free from loneliness will be the topic March 16 when Pastor Myron Sordahl of Westland speaks to the adult class.

The series will conclude on March 23 with Pastor Keith Schreiner of Westland. He will speak on living free from stress and worry.

On Palm Sunday, special services including a cantata by the church choir will take place at 10:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday services are scheduled for 7 p.m. and a Tenebrae service will take place at 7 p.m. on Good Friday.

A sunrise service has been scheduled for 7 a.m. Easter Sunday.

Each Tuesday, prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. during Lent at OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 770 Thayer, Northville.

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.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

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

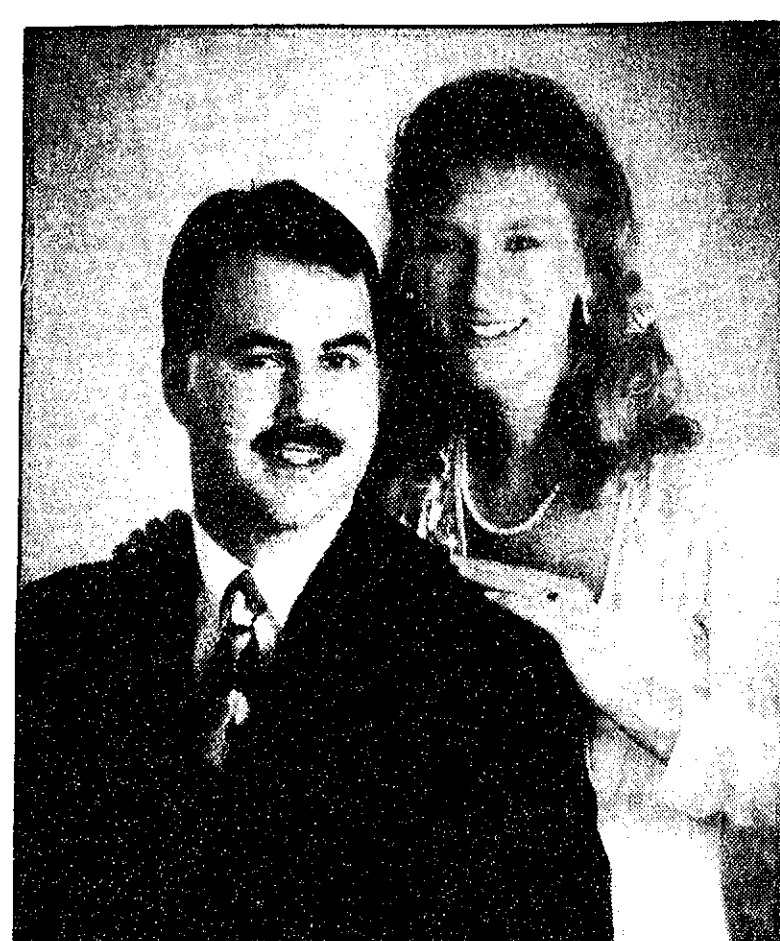
An annual women's retreat has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at FIRST BAPTIST PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

Betty King will be the guest speaker. Special music and a salad luncheon will also be available. Babysitting will be provided.

The cost is \$6 per person and is open to everyone. Call 455-2300 for reservations.

Send items regarding church programs and activities to The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville MI 48167.

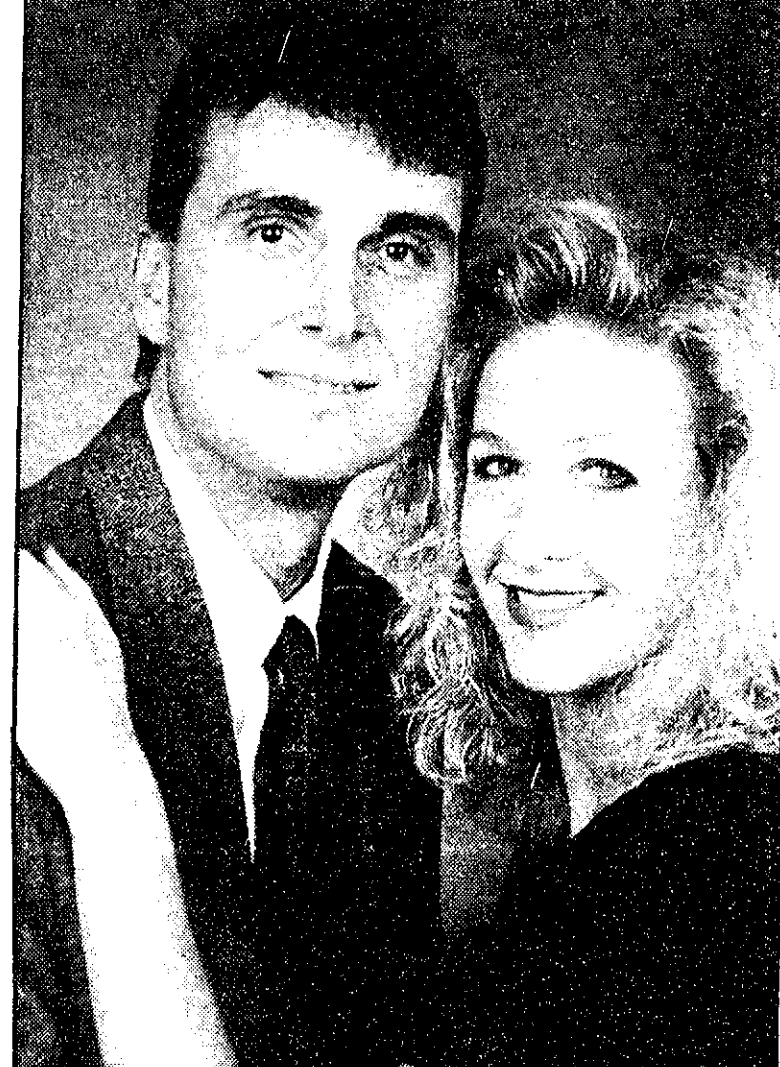
Engagements



Steven Dixon/Kristin Yancheson

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yancheson of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Lynn to Steven William Dixon, son of Richard and Eleanor Dixon of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill and a 1992 graduate of Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at MIC accounting.

A May 21, 1994 wedding date has been set.



Jamie Craik/Joanna Stahl

Mr. Robert Stahl of Richland and Mrs. Nancy Bay of Flint announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Lee Stahl to Jamie Allen Craik, son of David and Marilyn Craik of Novi. Joanna and Jamie are both graduates of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She is employed by the Byron Center Public Schools in Byron Center, Mich., and he by Browning-Ferris Ind. in Kalamazoo. An Aug. 6 wedding date has been set.

Reservations due for crime program

The American Business Women's Association, Novi Oaks chapter, will hold its monthly meeting open to the public.

The program will be presented by Citizens Against Crime Monday, March 14, at Country Epicure Restaurant in Novi. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the program will start at 8 p.m. "Living Safely in Your World" will answer questions such as "How can you keep you and your family safe?"

Reservations should be made by March 10 by contacting Marsha Rayner at 545-2654.

All proceeds go to the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Scholarship Fund.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wed. 7:30 a.m. Lenten Service

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Novi 349-1020
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Holy Cross 9 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m.
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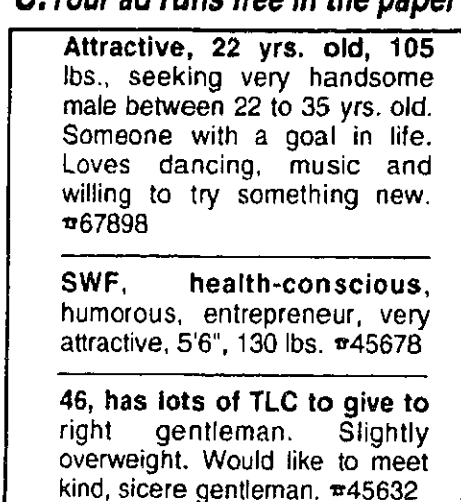
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Second pageant win for Novi girl

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Mikhila Humbad has another crown to add to her collection. This time, though, the trophy she earned in the Miss Jr. Pre-Ten pageant is taller than her own 3-foot-6 stature.

Humbad, an 8-year-old student at Northville's Moraine Elementary, placed second in the national competition. She competed against 104 girls from Canada and the United States in her age division in the personality pageant.

"We didn't expect it," Sunetra Humbad, Mikhila's mother, said. "We were amazed."

Mikhila advanced to the national competition, held in Orlando, Fla., after placing in a Detroit contest. She entered the pageant just to "get some experience."

The Novi resident learned about the contest from her brother Shaleesh, who noticed an advertisement in the newspaper.

"I told Mom and she called about it," Shaleesh said, adding that he was very proud of his sister.

Shaleesh got to watch his sister compete in the Detroit pageant.

"She was good with it," he said. "Actually, I was surprised at how good she answered the questions. She didn't seem nervous at all when she answered the questions."

At the national competition, Mikhila was asked, for the second time, what she would do if she could do anything for a day. She answered that she would get all her friends together and have a party.

"I felt really happy," she said of her second place finish. "I just didn't know my name would be called."

The funnest part of the competition was walking in front of a big audience, she said.

"I did make a lot of friends there," she said. "It was a good experience."

Mikhila credited her family—parents Niranjani and Sunetra and brothers Nilesh, Shaleesh and Parag—for their support and her success.

After Mikhila gives her crown and banner away at the Detroit pageant next year, she thinks she'll wait a year before entering any more pageants.

Singles

Single Place, an adult ministry for single people meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will gather from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Bob Allwine will be the speaker.

"Light and Lively Irish Concert/Sing-Along" featuring Marianne Murphy and Lloyd Murphy, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the Ball Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$4.

A volleyball game has been scheduled from 9 to 10:30 p.m. March 11 at the Northville Recreation Center. All skill levels are welcome. A \$3 donation is requested.

Opportunity for Growth workshops on tap include:

"Nurturing Relationships: Fantasies, Facts and Feelings" with Fred and Roz Lessing will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 17 and 24. A \$8 per session donation is requested.

"Happily Ever After" with Tim Connor will be presented at 7 p.m. March 13 and 20 at the library/lounge. The cost is \$8.50 per evening.

A divorce recovery shop is scheduled for seven Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30, beginning March 10. The cost for the series is \$30.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

Single Point Ministries offers a unique opportunity to join over 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road (on the corner of Six Mile) in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will officiate.

"Talk It Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

Volleyball is played at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

For further information about "Single Point" Ministries, call 422-1854.

Wedding



Cameron and Linda Ramsey

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart E. Pursel of Bingham Farms and Mrs. L. Diane Larsen of Novi and Mr. Charles F. Ramsey of Bloomfield Hills have the honor of announcing the marriage of Linda Ann Pursel and Cameron Randolph Ramsey on June 26, 1993 at Northbrook Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

The afternoon wedding was followed by a reception at the Detroit Golf Club. Following the wedding, the newlyweds honeymooned in Greece. Linda is a 1985 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Andover. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1989 where she majored in communications and was All Big Ten on the Women's Tennis Team. Linda is an advertising sales representative for Crain Communications, Inc.

Cameron graduated from Birmingham Seaholm in 1985 and from Michigan State University in 1990 where he majored in history. Cameron is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Rhone-Poulenc Rorer.

The couple made their home in Huntington Woods.

Last chance to buy cookies is Saturday

The following is a schedule of cookie booths of Novi Girl Scout troops:

Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Builders Square, 1847 Juniors/Cadettes.

Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the K Mart in West Oaks, 39 Brownsies.

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'Charlotte's Web' opens at Marquis

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Three rotating casts could prove to be difficult in a performance, but not for the crew of *Charlotte's Web*.

"It is challenging," said Cindy Zeltz, assistant director for the Marquis Theatre's spring production. "You have to be very organized, which we've managed to be. The kids are so good, talented and well-behaved."

The Marquis is located on Main Street in downtown Northville.

Directing the musical adaptation of the story by E.B. White is veteran actor George Valente. He has 70 performances of *Charlotte's Web* under his belt. He has directed plays for seven years, including some as the owner of Triangle Productions.

"I'm always nervous for the first couple of shows, but it always goes away," she said.

Appearing in the children's chorus are Elizabeth Fillos and Emily Zahm of Canton; Emily Liddell, Erin Martell and Delaney Coyne of Livonia; Katherine Superlisky, Mike Superlisky, Rachel Conant, Andrew Martin, Lars Kvalvaag and John Kohl of Northville; Amber Laho, Alison Szarzynski and Gina Szarzynski of Hudson; Anne Garrison, Danielle Franz and Tim Kava of Novi; Taylor Roberts and Robyn Ellison of Plymouth; Deirdre Sidles of Pleasant Ridge; Dane Joseph of Southfield; and Laura Cupchak, Lindsey Mergener, Erika Alpert, Leigh Blazek, Lauren McCabe, Kalli Fortune, Lindsay Fortune, Lauren Fisher and Jackie Washburn, all of Farmington Hills.

Adult roles include: Rebecca Shaffer as the goose, Dan Jaroslaw as Templeton the Rat, Mark Von Drak as Uncle Homer; Bruce Blake as three characters—Mr. Lurvy, Arable (Fern's father) and as a newspaper reporter.

The role of Wilbur will be shared by Jeffrey Weiner of Farmington Hills and Alison Reiter of Dearborn.

A recipient of the 1993-94 Otis Award for his volunteer work in public broadcasting, Valente said he tried to get the very best people for the performance.

"Each one of the people here are doing something exceptional," he said. "They all have extraordinary, outstanding achievements."

The show begins at 2:30 p.m. for all performance dates: March 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and April 9-10. Spring break performances will be held April 4-8.

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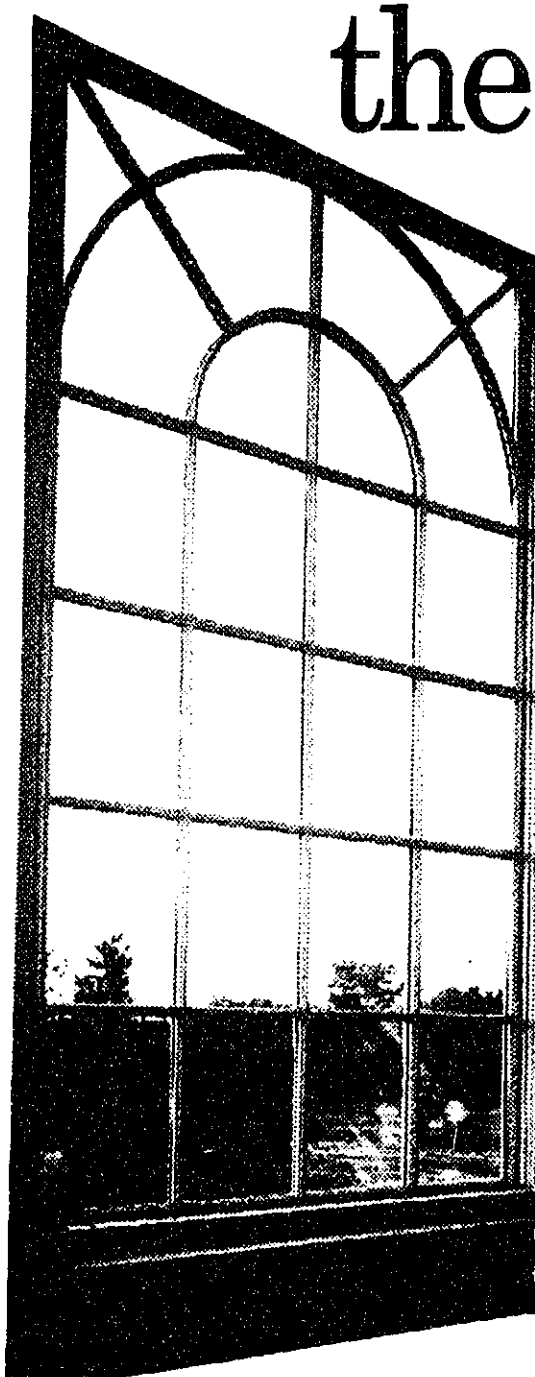
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 15 at the Water Tower Theatre. For additional information, call 349-7110.

MUSIC LADY: Rita Kirsch, the "Music Lady," will be at the Walled Lake City Library, 1499 E. W. Maple, at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12. She will present a musical potpourri with songs, puppets, pantomime and lots of audience participation. Boys and girls, ages 4 and up, are encouraged to register by calling 624-3772.

COMIC RESCHEDULED: The Plymouth Community Chorus has rescheduled comedian Norm Stulz's "An Evening of Comedy" for Thursday, March 17.

Dubbed the "Midwest's Premiere Storyteller," Stulz will perform at 7:45 p.m. at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territory Road, Plymouth. Hors d'oeuvres will precede the show at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 each and are available by calling the Plymouth Community Chorus, 455-4080, or stopping in at Sideways Gifts in downtown Plymouth.

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 De-

troit Institute of Arts and an instructor at the Art House of Detroit. Lectures will take place at the Northville High School Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$6 per lecture. For more information, call 347-9864.

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 Metrovision and cablecast 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

SCHOOLCRAFT THEATRE: Schoolcraft College's 1994 Winter Theatre will open Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. with Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's musical *The Fantasticks*. St., through April 10.

Dinner theatres will take place March 18, 19, 25, 26 and April 2. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center with a delicious meal prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department.

The show will follow at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$15.50 per person. A theatre-only show will be held on April 1. Theatre-only tickets are \$6.

Reservations can be made by calling 462-4409.

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS: The Northville Players will perform *The Man Who Came to Dinner* March 12 and 13.

Barb Underwood of the Birmingham Village Players will direct the winter production. The show will be performed at the American Legion Hall in Northville. For information, call 349-1205 after 5 p.m.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present *Guys and Dolls* at 8 p.m. March 11 and 12.

The March 11 performance will in-



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Charlotte's Web is playing at Northville's downtown historic Marquis Theatre through March. Some April dates have also been set.

all performance dates: March 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and April 9-10. Spring break performances will be held April 4-8.

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WINONA RYDER



ETHAN HAWKE



JANEANE GAROFALO



STEVE ZAHN



Ethan Hawke, Winona Ryder, Janeane Garofalo (from left to right) play four recent college graduates facing hard facts about life in the '90s in the irreverent comedy *Reality Bites*, a Universal City Studios release

Rude awakening for post-Baby Boomers

'Reality Bites' explores the problems of coming to grips after the crazy '70s and greedy '80s

It's graduation day, 1994, and Lela Pierce is taking her first, bold step into the final frontier — reality. Unfortunately, her future seems to have moved away without leaving a forwarding address.

Ben Stiller, creator and host of television's short-lived but critically admired "The Ben Stiller Show," makes his feature directing debut with "Reality Bites" — a fresh, irreverent comedy about life and love for post-Baby Boomers.

The film stars Winona Ryder and Ethan Hawke along with Janeane Garofalo and Steve Zahn as a circle of friends who, facing some hard facts about life after college, are mapping out their own offbeat survival guide for the 1990s.

Screenwriter Helen Childress makes her feature debut with her original script for "Reality Bites," which co-stars Swizzle Kintz, Joe Don Baker and John Mahoney.

The film also features cameo appearances from such twentieth-century icons as MTV veejay Karen "Duff" Duffy, David Perrier of Soul Asylum and Evan Dando of the Lemonheads. Danny DeVito and Michael Shanks ("The Big Chill" and "A Fish Called Wanda") are producers, with Stacy Sher and Wm. Bar-

clay Malcolm as executive producers. "When I got out of college, there were plenty of jobs and you knew you could get a good one," said Shanks. "Reality Bites" is about characters who are growing up in tougher times. They have to figure out how they're going to support themselves and still live true to their goals and ideals."

Director Stiller said the film is about characters who have one thing in common — they watched a lot of television growing up. "It made us feel safe to watch an episode of 'The Brady Bunch' and see that Ann B. Davis was still chopping meat. We knew that meant everything was okay. But the real world is a rude awakening. Fortunately, they've got their sense of humor, they've got their friends, and 'The Brady Bunch' is still on TV six days a week."

As "Reality Bites" begins, college valedictorian Lela Pierce (Winona Ryder) has just graduated, and she's looking for a decent job. For Lela's friends, there's not much to look forward to except low-paying retail work. "70s sitcom reruns and the bad afterglow of the greedy, hypocritical '80s," Lela works at a local TV station, but she's making a video about her circle of friends that just might get her above entry-level — assuming she's ready to compromise her personal loyalties. Along the way, she has to choose whether to give her heart to Michael, a charming but materialistic video executive (played by Ben Stiller) or her uncultured but cool friend, Troy (portrayed by Ethan Hawke).

When Michael declares his love for Lela, the pressure's on Troy — does he drop his mask of indifference and risk rejection or play it safe and risk losing her?

"Reality Bites" was written by new-comer Helen Childress, who brings her own exhilarating, sideways perspective to the modern-day balancing act between career ambitions and personal loyalties. At the encouragement of producer Shanks, Childress wrote the screenplay to reflect the lives and concerns of people her own age.

"The characters are based on a few friends I had in college," said Childress. "We all lived together in an apartment my junior year. It struck me that they were smart and together people with college degrees and yet they were all working these retail jobs instead of something with a little more impact on society."

The project took off quickly once Shanks signed Ben Stiller to direct. "Ben and Helen had similar ideas about the film," said executive producer Wm. Barclay Malcolm. "They wanted it to be a story about a generation and didn't want to be flip about it."

As played by Ryder, Lela Pierce is a recent college graduate and aspiring filmmaker who's trapped in production assistant hell at a local morning television show in Houston, Texas. During her free time, she's busy documenting the surprising and often hilarious "bites" of the everyday reality of her friends: part-time musician and full-time cynic Troy Dyer (Ethan Hawke), 70s aficionado Vickie Miner (Janeane Garofalo) and sexually repressed Sammy Gray (Steve Zahn).

The characters in "Reality Bites" depend on humor — and each other — to get through the daily obstacle course, starting each day off with a healthy dose of irony. Meanwhile, each of them is discovering the complex and often bizarre rules of sexual politics in the '90s. Their parents aren't much of an example — most of them are divorced and, so far, it seems the best way to

deal with relationships is not to deal with them at all. Lela and Troy may be in love, but neither wants to jeopardize their friendship by having sex. Vickie walks out on the men in her life before they can walk out on her, while Sammy has found the perfect solution to all romantic dilemmas — celibacy.

The film's soundtrack album offers a rich variety of nostalgia favorites from the '70s and '80s, seasoned with new numbers by contemporary bands: "The Knack's 'My Sharona,'" "Spin the Bottle" performed by The Juliana Hatfield 3, "Bed of Roses" performed by The Indians, "When You Come Back to Me" performed by World Party, "Going, Going, Gone" performed by The Poses, "Stay" performed by Lisa Loeb, "All I Want Is You" performed by U2, "Locked Out" performed by Crowded House, "Spin-

ning Around Over You" performed by Lenny Kravitz, "Turnip Farm" performed by Dinosaur, Jr., "Revival" performed by Me Phi Me, "Temple" performed by The Squeeze and "Baby I Love Your Way" performed by Big Mountain.

Childress hopes "Reality Bites" will reach others her age — "people who have the same problems, hopes and fears" — and let them know "they're not alone in what they're going through. I think people today are looking for a simple way to live. Life isn't as mapped out for you as it was in the '50s, not as crazy as the '70s and not as greedy as the '80s."

"Essentially, all of these characters are dealing with life without a road map," said Stiller. "The fun comes from watching them make it up as they go along."

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KVC, WLAA consider merger in near future

WLAA SCHOOLS

NORTHVILLE
Farmington Hills Harrison
North Farmington
Livonia Franklin
Livonia Churchill
Livonia Stevenson
Plymouth Salem
Plymouth Canton
Walled Lake Western
Walled Lake Central
Westland John Glenn

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi and Northville high schools' border rivalry may take on new significance in the near future.

Talks are under way that could bring the Kensington Valley Conference and Western Lakes Activities Association together as one super-league as early as the 1995-96 school year.

Some 19 schools would be involved in the move which would encompass communities from Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

"We've been meeting since January," said Northville High Principal Tom Johnson, who is acting as the WLAA's spokesperson. "We are trying to determine if it would be in the

best interest of our students, if it would level the playing field."

According to Bruce Gilbert, Milford High principal, the KVC initiated talks between the two leagues. He said the primary reason for exploring a possible merger was "because of the wide disparity of our schools" in enrollment.

"I think the WLAA has the same problems," the KVC spokesperson added.

Both Johnson and Gilbert stressed that talks are in a very preliminary stage with both sides trying to decide if the move would be feasible economically and philosophically.

Representatives from the conferences will continue to meet this school year and into the summer months.

"A decision will be made by Sept. 15," Johnson said.

If the leagues do decide to merge, the superintendent of each district will have the final say as to whether their high school participates.

Both the KVC, to which Novi belongs, and the WLAA are a little more than a decade old. But it appears that smaller, local leagues like Western Lakes and Kensington Valley are on the way out in Michigan.

In recent years, mergers have become more commonplace. In the metropolitan area, for example, the Macomb Area Conference and Michigan Mega Conference have formed and now boast nearly two dozen schools each.

Wayne Memorial High joined the Mega Conference in its first year of operation, this season along with the rest of its Wolverine A associates. Athletic Director Bill Hawley said the new league is working well thus far.

"We feel very good about it," he commented. "It's providing balanced competition."

The conference is divided into three divisions, red, white and blue. Hawley said divisional alignments vary depending on the particular sport.

"We wouldn't want a Class AA school playing a Class C," he said. The AD added that the new league is providing many advantages, chief among them scheduling. With such a large pool of schools to draw from, Hawley said fewer non-league games have to be arranged.

KVC SCHOOLS

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That cuts down on administrative and officials costs, he said. For

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Cagers thump Stevenson with long-range show

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Bombs away! Novi High used a deadly long range attack to whip Livonia Stevenson 64-56 Monday night in the opening round of the state playoffs. The Wildcats connected on nine three-pointers—more than any other game this season.

"They played a lot of zone and gave us nothing inside," coach Pat Schluter said in explaining all of the threes.

Novi advanced to the district semi-final Wednesday against Livonia Churchill (after *The Novi News* deadline). A win there would put Novi in the final against the winner of the Salem-Canton semi-final tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The Wildcats led from start to finish Monday night. Senior Greg Pierman got his team rolling with a three-pointer at the 6:10 mark of the first period. Novi led 8-0 before Stevenson could get on the scoreboard.

"The Cats ran up a 32-21 lead by halftime behind Pierman and junior Jason Fannon. The backcourt duo combined for 23 points in the half.

About the only serious trouble Novi faced came early in the third quarter.

Livonia went on a 9-0 run to cut the Wildcats lead to 32-30. Schluter said Stevenson's run was caused by his team's sluggish play.

"We didn't protect the ball very well," he said.

Junior John Wroe knocked down a three-pointer and forward Shawn

Kelly added another to make it 38-32 with 4:13 left.

"Both of them really stepped up," said Schluter.

Novi's lead was back up to 49-36 by the end of the quarter due in part to sophomore Chad Dicken. He scored seven of his 10 points in the third quarter.

Livonia never got closer than 13 points to Novi in the fourth. Pierman led Novi with 18 points while Fannon added 13. Kelly and Dicken each had 10. Stevenson was led by 12 from Brett Ferris.

MILFORD 59, NOVI 35

The Wildcats closed the regular season Friday by absorbing a pounding at the hands of Milford.

Playing at home, Novi fell behind 20-7 after a quarter and never got back into it. Bob Kofahl led the winners with 16 points while center Dan Blue added 12.

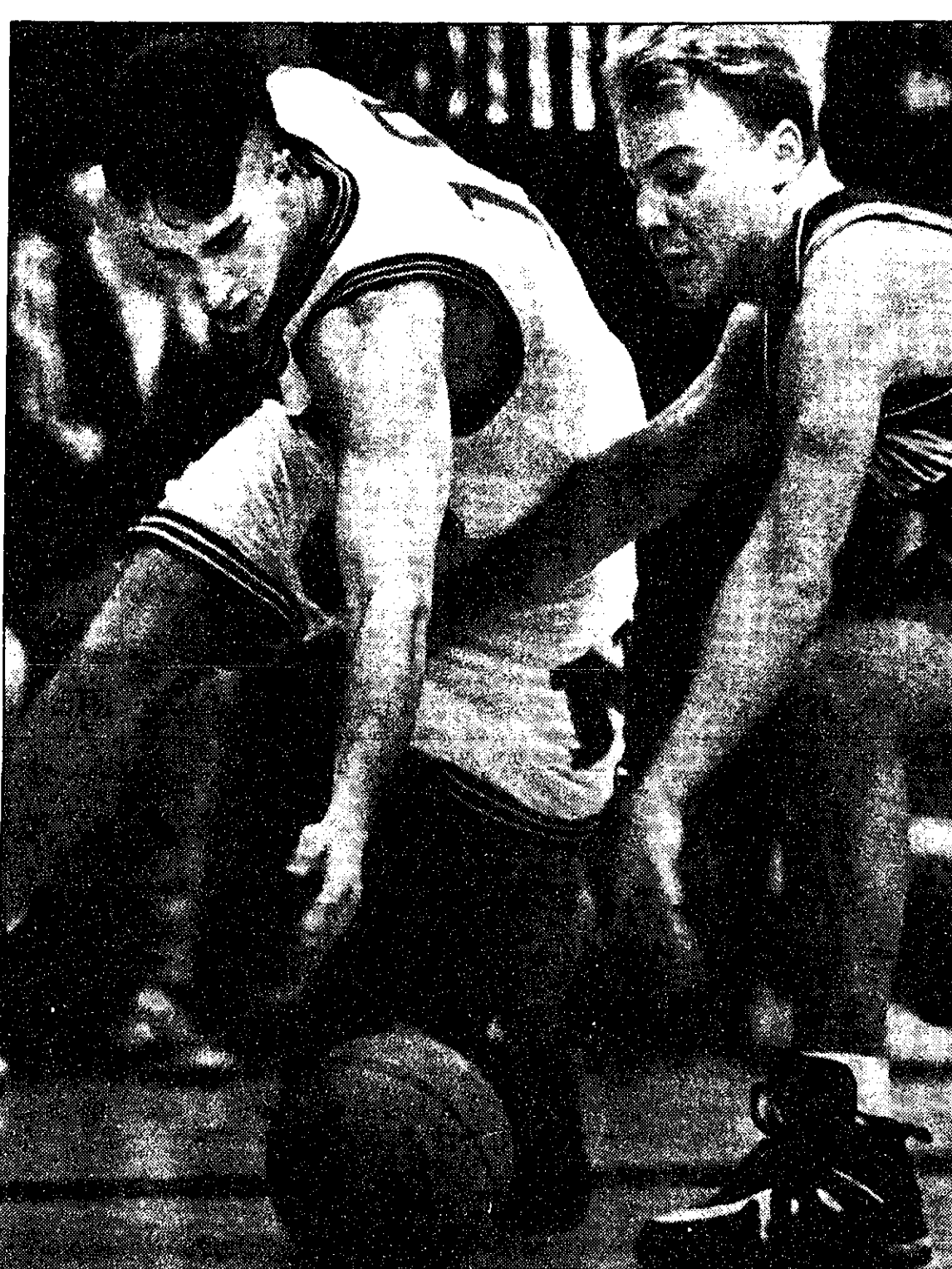
Novi finishes the Kensington Valley Conference season in fourth place with a 5-7 record. Milford and Brighton split the league championship.

It became evident early on Friday the Redskins would have little trouble claiming a share of the crown.

With just more than a minute gone by, Milford led 4-0 on a free throw and three-pointer by Kofahl. Rocky Dunlap finally got Novi on the scoreboard at the 6:30 mark.

The Redskins then stretched the lead to 13-2. Blue nailed a three-pointer and Randy Horst followed with two straight baskets.

Novi didn't score again until the



Continued on 8 Greg Pierman battles for a loose ball Monday night against Livonia Stevenson.

Spartans compete in local meet

The Novi-Livonia Spartan Aquatics Club competed in a B and C classification swim meet Feb. 26 in Livonia and saw some excellent performances turned in by local athletes.

The meet was held at the former Livonia Bentley High School. The results, broken down by age, are given below.

In the girls 8-year-old and under category, Elizabeth Cambridge was first in the 25 and 50-yard freestyle races, and first in the 100 IM; Katie Edwards was first in the 25 backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly; Amanda Smith was first in the 100-yard freestyle; Julie Waddell was second in the 25-yard breaststroke and Shannon Farris was third in the 25-yard butterfly.

Among the 8-year-old and under boys, Jack Tynd was first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 IM; Kevin Sanker was first in the 25-yard back and breaststroke events while Joe Lynch was first in the 50 breaststroke and 100-yard IM.

Top 9-10-year-old included: Megan Colligan first in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle; Katie Rozum was second in the 50 butterfly; Lauren Farris was third in the 100-yard freestyle; Deirdre Schwing was first in the 100-yard freestyle; Krysta Lynch was first in the 50 and 100-yard backstroke events; Andrea Focum was third in the 50 backstroke; Laura Goodwin was first in the 50 backstroke; Jill Simon first in the 50 breaststroke;

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Sister Act 2: 'A bad habit'

SISTER ACT 2
By Heather Wadowski
Northville

The best thing I can say about "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" is that I didn't break a nail waiting in line to see it.

"Sister Act 2" basically continues where the original, and may I add winning, "Sister Act" left us off. But this time, Sister Mary Clarence is to teach music to a bunch of teenagers instead of a bunch of seniors.

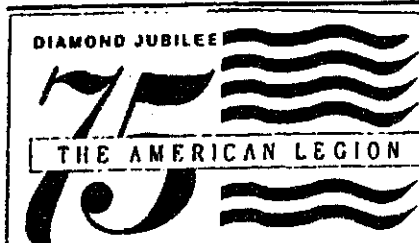
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Rec Briefs

Novi Youth Baseball: Late registration for all levels (ages 7-18) of Novi Youth Baseball will be held through March 25 at the Novi Civic Center in the Novi Parks and Recreation office. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an additional \$5 late fee and any openings are on a first come, first served basis. Tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 23, and the season is scheduled to begin on June 4.

Exercise for Heart: Exercise for heart will be hosted by Novi Parks and Recreation this year on March 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The exercise for Heart Aerobic-Thon is a three hour fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan. The event consists of warm up exercises, an aerobic workout, muscle repetitions and a cookdown with floor stretches. The event is limited to the first 100 participants and a \$25 minimum pledge is required. Event coordinator Terry Snurka has pledge forms available now. You may pick up pledge forms in the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Basketball: The Milford police athletic league is sponsoring its three-on-three basketball tournament for area youngsters on March 26-27. More than 800 kids from grades 4-12 are expected to participate in the two-day event which will be held at Highland and Muir middle schools. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help PAL provide uniforms and equipment for its many sports programs.

Milford PAL not only provides for Milford kids but is involved with all of the Huron Valley school district. To help defray the cost of running the tournament this year, PAL is offering businesses and opportunity to sponsor a basket on one of the eight courts being used. For the sum of \$50 a large sign with your business name will be hung on the gym wall displaying your support of the tournament.

If you are interested, please include your check and business card to: Milford PAL, 1100 Atlantic, Milford, MI. 48361, Attn: Rick Sharpe.

Karate: Learn Tang Soo Do style of Korean Karate under the direction of sixth degree black belt, master Bob Gordon. The spring session starts March 15 and runs through May 3. The fee is \$32 for residents and \$38.40 for non-residents. Registration deadline is March 15. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Weight training: Learn how to burn fat and excess calories and receive a general knowledge of all workout machinery while firming up and improving cardiovascular fitness. Light weights are used with less resting time. Co-ed ages are 16 to 70. Call 347-0400.

Sweatshirts: Cold? The Novi Parks and Recreation can keep you warm. Sweatshirts are on sale for \$13 (youth), \$15 (adult small-x-large), \$17 and \$19 (2x-large and 3x-large).

Senior Golf League: Novi residents may register now for the league which plays at Pebble Creek (Ten Mile and Currie roads). Returning golfers who are non-residents cannot register until March 1. Divisions include: Monday men's and women's, Thursday mixed. The cost is \$10. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Kensington Metro Park: One of the most popular winter playgrounds in southeast Michigan is Kensington Metro Park near Milford. Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing, sledding, cross-country skiing with a rental service, ice fishing, nature hikes, farm center activities and photography are available. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call (800)234-6534.

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Pkette Shelters and Tent Rentals has begun for Novi residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Novi Trackers: The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to serious competitor. The Trackers meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Sundowner Restaurant parking lot, across the street from the Northville Post office. For more information, please call Hub Copp, Club President at 348-7779.

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday through Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

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Niles (Brighton)	21-4
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103 Pounds

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Kalitz (Milford)	29-8
White (Howell)	21-10
Wallace (South Lyon)	16-11
Cowan (Pinckney)	18-17
Christoff (Novi)	16-15

112 Pounds

Young (Brighton)	35-9
Worley (Hartland)	24-8
Bickley (Howell)	18-12
Ferch (Howell)	14-6
Rosen (Howell)	20-20

119 Pounds

Deas (Brighton)	38-10
Theriot (Howell)	34-3
Choyce (Milford)	35-4
Worley (South Lyon)	35-12
Hulberg (Hartland)	33-12
Pinch (Howell)	17-10

125 Pounds

Webb (Hartland)	31-5
Brown (South Lyon)	16-3
Griffin (Brighton)	28-10
Eager (Howell)	27-13
Richmond (Howell)	24-14
Barrons (Novi)	15-15

130 Pounds

Pattumbo (Pinckney)	38-10
Schroeder (Howell)	30-12
Walters (Novi)	28-12
Connelly (South Lyon)	26-8
Wayne (Hartland)	21-15
Pogmich (Hartland)	16-13
Gatz (Brighton)	23-23

135 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

140 Pounds

Vely (Lakeland)	37-3
Richardson (South Lyon)	33-11
Kidder (Pinckney)	31-11
Bonert (Hartland)	29-12
LeChevalier (Howell)	28-16

152 Pounds

Dinning (Howell)	37-3
McIntyre (South Lyon)	31-8
B. Kuznetsov (Hartland)	29-17
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Showerman (Howell)	13-6

160 Pounds

Philburn (Howell)	43-0
McKenney (Howell)	39-5
McKenney (Novi)	29-12
Sampe (Pinckney)	28-10
Beuman (Brighton)	24-12
Kern (Lakeland)	22-16
Gjorkos (Hartland)	20-20

171 Pounds

Strader (Howell)	46-8
Archer (South Lyon)	42-4
Lavin (Pinckney)	37-1
Schiller (Hartland)	17-16
Hubert (Brighton)	14-13
Duck (Novi)	12-12

189 Pounds

Wendt (Novi)	37-8
Carl (Howell)	15-1
Mate (Howell)	15-4
White (Pinckney)	38-10
Wellman (Howell)	39-11
Jones (South Lyon)	19-10
R. Arnold (Howell)	15-12

200 Pounds

Shroeder (Howell)	30-12
Walters (Novi)	28-12
Connelly (South Lyon)	26-8
Wayne (Hartland)	21-15
Pogmich (Hartland)	16-13
Gatz (Brighton)	23-23

220 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

240 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

260 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

285 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

300 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

330 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

360 Pounds

Adley (South Lyon)	29-9
Marchese (Lakeland)	27-9
Danesh (Pinckney)	36-13
Deluca (Brighton)	23-21
Young (Novi)	17-16

AREA LEADERS

Theriot (Howell)	37-3
McIntyre (South Lyon)	31-8
B. Kuznetsov (Hartland)	29-17
A. Arnold (Howell)	32-10
Showerman (Howell)	13-6

REBOUNDS

Sexton (Howell)	12-8
Clayton (South Lyon)	13-1
Williams (Howell)	10-5
Williams (South Lyon)	10-5
Coleman (Hartland)	10-3
VanBuren (Lakeland)	10-3
Wilson (Pinckney)	10-0

TEAM OFFENSE

Howell	62.7
Howell	56.8
Novi	56.5
Lakeland	55.2
Hartland	50.6
South Lyon	50.0

TEAM DEFENSE

Howell	46.8
Brighton	50.3
Novi	52.3
South Lyon	55.6
Hartland	60.6
Howell	61.4
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KVC, WLAA consider merger in near future

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smaller school districts that may not employ a full-time athletic director, it makes putting schedules together much easier, Hawley added.

"For the most part," he said, "it's done what we wanted it to do."

Johnson mentioned many of Hawley's points as possible benefits to a combined WLAA-KVC.

Non-league games are difficult to schedule and will become even more

so as schools are gobbled up by bigger conferences, he said. A combined conference would eliminate many of those problems.

Like the Michigan Mega League, Johnson said divisional alignments would likely vary from sport to sport. School enrollments and team records might be used to determine those alignments.

"We're still in the talking stage," said Johnson.

The differences and similarities of

the two leagues will go a long way to determining if the merger happens, he added. Other areas that will be addressed include: transportation costs, the fit of each school into a super-league, school sizes and coordination of non-athletic activities such as debate.

Reaction to the possible merger has been positive.

"I would like to see it," said Novi football coach John Osborne. "We

have a lot of things in common with the WLAA."

Indeed, Novi is surrounded by Western Lake schools. Northville lies to the south, Walled Lake Western and Central to the north and the Farmington schools to the east.

Osborne said such a conference would have more clout with the Michigan High School Athletic Association than the KVC or WLAA by themselves. That body governs athletics in

the state.

Osborne also echoed Johnson's thoughts about non-league games.

"Outside league games may be tougher to come by," he said.

"It seems to be the wave of the future," said Northville basketball coach Larry Taylor. "A lot of schools are doing it."

Taylor came from Roseville High, which is part of the giant Macomb Area Conference. As far as basketball is concerned, he said it wouldn't

make much difference to his team.

"The only advantage would be playing schools that are our size," Taylor added.

Mustang swimming coach Mark Heiden is taking a wait-and-see attitude.

"It would depend on how they did it," he said, "if it would be good or bad."

There is no name as of yet for the proposed league.

Spartans compete in local meet

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Blair Tyler second in the 50 breaststroke; Erin Schubert second in the 100-yard breaststroke and Amanda Gee third in the 50 freestyle.

Boys 9-10-year-olds were: Kyle Clark second in the 50 freestyle; Stephen Zerber first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, 50 butterfly and 200 IM; Mike Flaherty first in the 50 freestyle; Jordan Moblo first in the 100-yard freestyle, 50 backstroke and butterfly; Chris Solan third in the 100-yard freestyle and Shawn Solan first in the 100 backstroke and 50 breaststroke.

In the 11-12-year-old girls category: Leslie Nimer second in the 50 freestyle; Erin Edwards third in the 50 freestyle; Kris Uley first in the 200 freestyle; Stephanie Sabo second in the 200-yard freestyle; Brandi Morh first in the 50- and 100-yard backstroke; Sarah Hawthorne second in the 50-yard backstroke; Christina Mocer third in the 100-yard backstroke; Laura Baum second in the 200 IM; Lindsey Vermillion first in the 50-yard breaststroke; Emily Nicol first in the 100 breaststroke and Cara DeDecker third in the 50-yard freestyle.

The 11-12-year-old boys: Mike Malik first in the 50-yard freestyle; Ryan Anolick first in the 200 freestyle; Anthony Serge second in the 200-yard freestyle; Phillip Suchyta first in the 200 IM and Matt Flaherty third in the 100 breaststroke.

Spartan 13-18 year-old girls included: Tanya Culp third in the 50-yard freestyle, Amy Sonnastine first in the 200 freestyle and the 400 IM; Jean Smith first in the 100-yard backstroke; Andrea Lechowicz second in the 100-yard backstroke and Kristy Vermillion first in the 200-yard backstroke.

Boys 13-18-year-olds included: Steve Domin first in the 100-yard butterfly and 200 backstroke and Rory Pfeiffer first in the 100 backstroke and breaststroke.

Mustangs dropped from tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL AND DAN O'MEARA
Staff Writers

You can't play catch up against a champion.

That's exactly what Northville High tried to do Monday night in the opening round of districts. Despite a frantic fourth quarter comeback attempt, WLAA champ Plymouth Canton eliminated the Mustangs 73-65.

Trailing by 16 points at the start of the period, Northville outscored the Chiefs by eight, 33-25. The Mustangs pulled to within seven with just 30 seconds left, but Canton star Matt Paupore drilled four straight free throws to put the game away.

"We just didn't play tough early," said Northville coach Larry Taylor. "We played tough late."

The two teams met Feb. 18 with Northville taking a come-from-behind 70-53 victory. The Mustangs used their size and strength to beat Canton in that contest.

Chief coach Dave VanWagoner said his team attacked Northville differently the second time around.

"We wanted to front the post instead of playing behind," he said, "and play more aggressively with our guards. We felt like we could get after their guards."

That strategy worked.

Canton continually pressed throughout the game, but especially hard in the first half. The Chiefs forced numerous turnovers and took Northville out of its offense in building a 35-23 lead by halftime.

"We just had one great defensive effort tonight," said VanWagoner.

Paupore, who led all scorers with 31 points, dropped Northville further in the hole at the start of the third quarter. The senior forward swished two straight three-pointers to put Canton up 41-23.

Conventional and Advance Payment Program lease payments based on '94 Mercury Villager with PEP 692A MSRP of \$21,225. '94 Mercury Grand Marquis with PEP 157A MSRP \$19,995 and '94 Mercury Cougar with PEP 260A MSRP \$17,845 excludes title, taxes, license fee. Lease payment based on 92.85% of MSRP for Villager, 96.22% of MSRP for Grand Marquis, and 94.71% of MSRP for Cougar for 24-month closed-end Red Carpet Leases purchased in the Great Lakes Region through 12/31/94. Lessee may have option to buy vehicle at lease end at price negotiated with dealer at signing. Lessee responsible for excess wear and mileage over 30,000 at \$11 per mile. Credit approval/unsuitability determined by Ford Credit. Total amount of monthly payments is \$7,176 for Villager, \$7,176 for Grand Marquis and \$6,456 for Sable. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 4/5/94. Cash savings based on a comparison of total monthly payments under a conventional 24-month Red Carpet Lease plus cash down payment vs. one lease payment under the Advance Payment Program lease. \$8,585 vs. \$7,740 for Grand Marquis, \$8,198 vs. \$7,434 for Sable and \$9,258 vs. \$8,501 for Villager. *Title and taxes extra. Always wear your safety belt.

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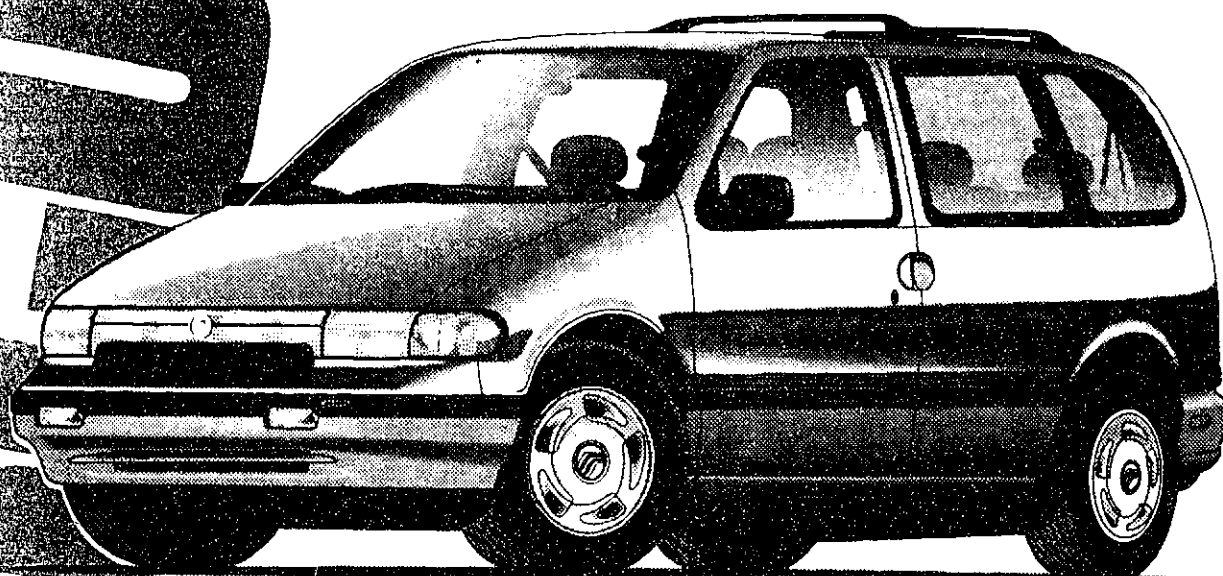
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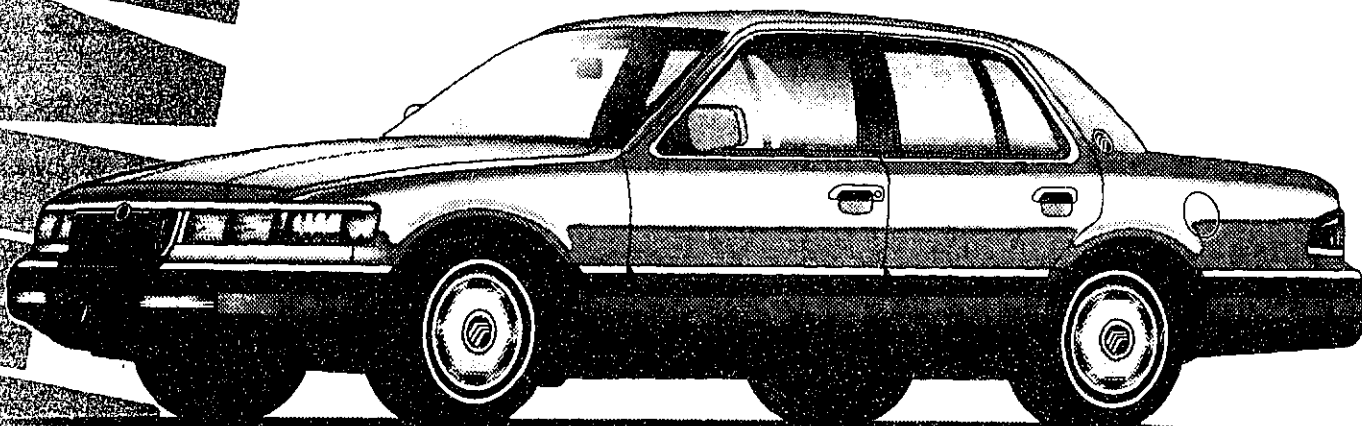
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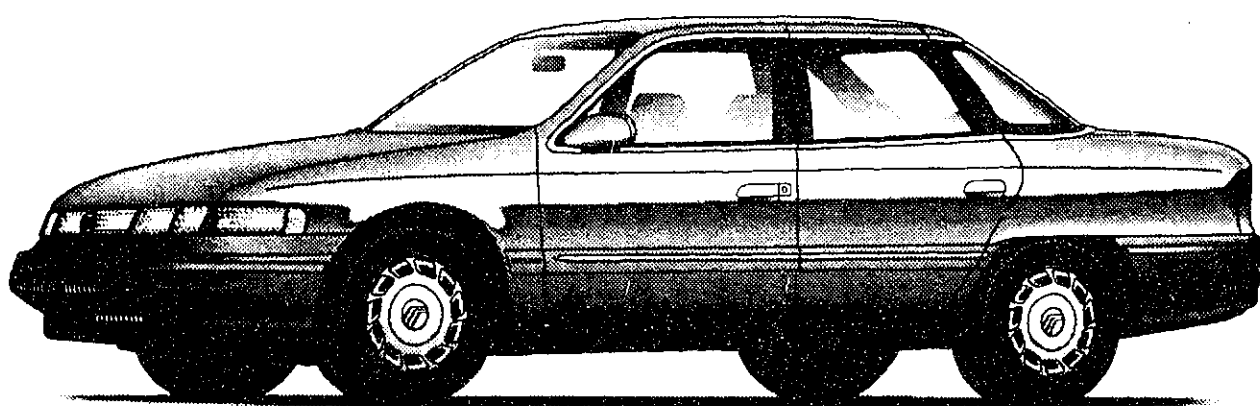
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