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City may hike sprinkler fines to get new taps

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

With the state water moratorium expected to be sprung in two years, Novi's Department of Public Works staff will investigate ways to quicken the flow of water into new development, the city council decided Monday.

The city's 1991 mandatory alternate day lawn sprinkling ordinance, which expires April 24, was adopted to permit building to continue here while the city and 13 other communities were under the water moratorium set in summer 1990 by the Michigan Department of Public Health (MDPH). The moratorium was imposed until a new 72-inch water main and pump station could be completed in central Oakland County.

Now, following the spring 1993 settlement of a lawsuit brought by Franklin, the main is expected to be functional in 1996.

At present, Novi has 1,500 building sites in the final plat or final preliminary plat stage which could use city water; 150 houses have been built with wells which could later tap into the city water system.

"Part of the moratorium is that in 1996, all 1,500 of these sites that we approved will be standing in line in one hug mass. One of the vital issues is how to equitably distribute those taps," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

Novi is researching a neighbor's approach to the situation. The City of Farmington Hills found a way around the moratorium by adopting a water conservation ordinance and winning 2,200 of the over 4,000 taps it requested from the MDPH. Farmington Hills drafted an alternate day lawn sprinkling ordinance which would only be enacted if the health department called an emergency due to low water levels. The penalty there for violators is $100.

Novi's sprinkling ordinance operates summer-long with or without an emergency. It was expected to encourage the state to free up more water taps for the city, but City Manager Edward Kriewall said this didn't happen because the $25 fine was too low.

Now the city might put more teeth in the regulation. To win more taps, Novi would have to provide the state health department with a his-

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Students uninjured

An unidentified driver of a van ran this Parkview Elementary school bus off Eleven Mile Road and into a ditch Tuesday afternoon. No one was injured. School officials say students on the bus were evacuated when gas fumes were detected. Witnesses said the driver of the van failed to give the bus enough room when they passed. The wheels of the bus caught a muddy rut and slipped into the newly dugged ditch in front of the Walden Woods subdivision. Students were transported home by a second bus.

Jaycees honor Mitzel

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Robert Mitzel said he was shocked when his name was announced as the recipient of the 22nd annual Distinguished Service Award.

"Quite honestly, I felt quite humbled," he admitted. "I felt any of the other seven nominees could have been great distinguished award recipients."

Mitzel learned of the honor at a Novi Jaycees community recognition breakfast held at the Sheraton Oaks last Saturday. Close to 100 people attended the event.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by the Jaycees to honor an individual "whose dedication to serving humanity during the previous calendar year will serve as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community."

Also nominated for the award were Jack Canfield, Becky Staab, Sally Dudley, Dennis Lampron, Carol Elfring, Donald Sill and Eleanor Holland.

"It went really well," said Karen Murphy, president of the Novi Jaycees and master of ceremonies for the two-hour breakfast. "It's so tough picking a winner when everyone gives so much in so many different ways. How do you pick from that?"

Mitzel was nominated by last year's Distinguised Service Award recipient, Robert Pheiffer, for his efforts in building a nature trail and his involvement in several committees for Novi city government.

"He has been an active person ever since his high school years," Murphy read from Pheiffer's nomination. "In a committee setting, he is a catalyst for the whole group. He pushes for success for the whole committee."

Elected to the Novi City Council last fall, Mitzel helped to build the nature trail in Chase Farms last April and May.

He said the venture involved "almost everything," from recruiting volunteers to making sure the wood chips were available and the sign posts installed.

"It was a lot of hours," Mitzel said of the project.

Mitzel said he became involved in the project because he felt the nature trail, the only half-mile trail in the city, would be an asset to the community.

Previous to his election to the city council, Mitzel served on the planning commission. He is a member of Preservation Novi, a group formed to save the old Methodist church on Grand River.

Mitzel considers serving the community an honor and said he owes his family — parents Ray and Linda and brothers Steve and Kevin — and friends for supporting him in his endeavors.

"Without them, I wouldn't have had the time or the ability (to help out in the community)," he said.

ROB MITZEL

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Area churches ring in Easter services

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

The following is a list of services scheduled by area churches in observance of Holy Week and Easter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI.

Easter Sunday: Complimentary breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a first person enactment in the Garden of Gethsemane. RSVP by April 2 by calling the church at 349-3477.

At 10:30 a.m., the choir will present an Easter Cantata followed by an Easter message by Pastor Gary Elfner.

The church is located at the corner of Taft and Eleven Mile roads, one block south of Grand River.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Thursday: Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's passion and death will be held, 1:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Blessing of the food, 1 p.m.; Easter vigil, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Masses are scheduled for 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

The church is located at 46235 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holy Thursday: Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Service at noon.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service, 7 a.m.; regular worship hours, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 4440 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The checkered flag

Cub Scouts check the scoreboard as their Pinewood Derby entries cross the finish line during the Ottawa District's derby Saturday at the Motorsports Hall of Fame in the Novi Expo Center. More than 50 troops brought their fastest cars to the event. More photos appear on page 18A.

Spring ahead: It may be hard to tell it's spring, what with birds chirping one minute and snow flying the next. But the one sure sign spring has sprung is when the clocks are moved ahead one hour as we return to Daylight Savings Time.

Clocks get set forward one hour this Sunday, April 3, at 2 a.m. That may mean you lose an hour of sleep this weekend, but it will be made up for with an extra hour of daylight during the evenings throughout the spring and summer.

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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 31

Novi Rotary: The Novi Rotary will meet at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Joe Knollenberg, U. S. Representative, 11th District, will discuss current issues and field questions from the audience.

Monday, April 4

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 6

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

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

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

Diabetes Education: Providence Hospital offers diabetes education classes, Fridays at the Park, during the month of April at Providence Park-Novi. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

Monday, April 11

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

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

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. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is $15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7708. 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 informaton, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, April 12

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

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

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

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

Novi Adventurers: The Novi Adventurers will hold their general meeting meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tollgate 4 H Education Center.

Wednesday, April 13

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

AARP Meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Jan McHale of American House Retirement Residences will speak on "How to stay home as long as possible and avoid nursing homes." Any Lakes Area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

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Is this guy for real?

One year-old Nathan Vanderschagf isn't so sure that furry Peter Rabbit is for real. Nathan and his mom, Rose stopped by Twelve Oaks Mall to see Peter Rabbit in the center court.

Testing for oil, gas started

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

North Novi residents will get a charge out of life this week . . . several charges that is.

Seismic testing for additional oil and gas deposits in this city was scheduled to begin early this week.

But the sound of the dynamite detonated in the project is not expected to be much louder than a large dog's bark, according to a spokesperson for Eagle Exploration.

Novi Fire Marshall Bill Conn was notified via fax machine last week that Eagle Exploration would begin laying lines for the tests Monday and would conduct a series of low-charge dynamite explosions along the first line Tuesday.

Conn said he'll be keeping an eye on the project.

"I certainly will be checking on them from time to time, just to keep them on their toes," the fire marshall said.

That first line of fire will run north off of Twelve Mile Road, west of Beck Road, roughly parallel with Samuel Linder Court.

Eagle Exploration was hired to do the job by the Wolverine Gas and Oil Company, which hopes to find oil in northern Novi. Sites to be tested include the Novi Tree Farm city park on Twelve-And-A-Half Mile Road, as well as private property. The city council gave the go-ahead for the search in January.

Two oil wells are already located in Novi.

An Eagle Exploration spokesperson did not return phone calls by press-time.

But the firm told city officials and members of the Lakes Area Residents Association in January that the three-week testing would include 20 miles of seismic lines, with about 96 dynamite shots for every two miles. Each charge is a one-eighth column of dynamite. Microphones in the lines pick up the sound of the explosion hitting the bedrock, enabling geologists to determine if the rock could be a fuel-rich fossilized coral reef.

Eagle Exploration has assured city officials that it will check each hole to make sure no unexploded dynamite is left behind.

The firm carries a $4 million insurance policy on the project and plans to donate $500 to the city's tree fund to compensate for tree limbs and shrubbery whacked down to make room for the seismic lines.

Man will face felony charges

A man caught in a Novi hotel with 10 bags of marijuana last December was bound over to circuit court March 22 on felony drug charges.

William Frank Calhoun, Jr. was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after his Dec. 4 arrest at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. He was caught after Novi police received reports of a strong odor of burning marijuana coming from a hotel room. A police officer and drug-sniffing dog responded to the scene and determined the smell was coming from Calhoun's room.

A search of the room with Calhoun's consent turned up 10 prepackaged bags of marijuana, two cellular pagers, a cellular phone and more than $400 in cash. Calhoun admitted to two Novi police officers that the drugs were his and he had brought them into the hotel from Detroit.

Calhoun and a co-defendant, Eddie Andrews, were arrested and charged with felony drug possession. Calhoun's cash, pagers and phone were confiscated and are subject to forfeiture under Michigan drug forfeiture laws.

Calhoun faced a preliminary examination into the charge before 52-1 District Judge Michael Batchik March 22. Judge Batchik found sufficient evidence to bind the case over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial.

If convicted, Calhoun faces up to four years in state prison and / or a $2,000 fine.

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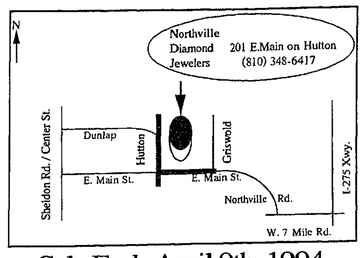

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Home break-ins kept cops busy

Police News

Police are still looking for the person(s) behind several recent residential break-ins.

On March 11 an Asbury homeowners returned home to find their front door had been kicked in and an estimated $42,475 worth of personal belongings had been taken.

The woman returned to the home and called police when she saw the damaged door. Once police cleared the home, she told them she was missing two watches and several pieces of expensive jewelry including diamond earrings and a tennis bracelet. Two video cassette recorders, a television, a computer, a stereo system and a video camera were also among the things missing. Thieves also nabbed a vacuum, a 35 mm camera and a set of men's golf clubs before they left the home.

The items were taken from a downstairs den and the master bedroom. Police have no leads in the case.

The same day an Oak Tree home was burglarized in the Village Oaks subdivision. The unknown suspects entered the home through a sliding glass window and stole $300 in cash and a check for $200. The police department's K-9 searched the home with no avail.

HOME VICTIMIZED: A neighbor said he saw a man in the garage of the Bedford home that was broken into sometime between March 11 and 13.

Police suspect the thief knew the home was vacant when he broke in and stole a television, stereo receiver, cassette deck and two speakers.

The victim was out of the country on business and his daughter had left the home to stay with her mother for the weekend. The daughter told police she was sure the house was secured when she left Friday night.

But a neighbor said he saw a young male in the garage on Sunday afternoon. The suspect had parked his black pickup truck next to the home. Police have no leads in the burglary.

INSIDE JOB: Police believe the person who broke into a home on March 23 had lived in the home prior to burglarizing it.

They say the suspect used a rock to smash a kitchen window so he could gain access to the home. Once inside the suspect stole an unregistered pistol from the bedroom, $1,975 in cash and $750 worth of ladies jewelry.

The interior of the home had been ransacked when the homeowner returned with police. While police were at the home investigating, a neighbor stopped by to tell them he'd seen a suspicious looking car parked in the drive earlier that day. The neighbor said a white teenaged male was driving the vehicle that matched the description of one that was driven by a former tenant in the home. Two other teens were also seen near the home.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT: The wife of an alleged abusive husband came to the police station to tell officers there that her husband tried to get her to stab him with a knife he held.

The woman said she and her husband argued over his apparent abuse of alcohol before the incident occurred on Feb. 27. She said after the argument ensued that the man held her hands and tried to force her to stab him in the stomach. He kept trying to coerce her into stabbing before she broke free from his grip.

The woman had visible signs of injury when she reported the incident. She told police she intends to prosecute.

FIREARMS VIOLATION: A woman was packing her mother's 1988 Ford Tempo when someone fired a shot at the roof of the car. The incident took place on Arizona Street on Sunday, March 13.

The woman told police she was only 10 feet away when the shot was fired from the east side of the Novi Meadows Trailer Park. The rifle slug was lodged in the car roof when police arrived.

The woman was not injured. Police weren't able to find the person who fired the gun.

SPOUSE ABUSE: A man choked his wife several times before he fled the couple's Pontiac Trail home minutes before police arrived on March 10. The woman called police after her husband choked her and then chased her down en route to a neighbor's home. She escaped and found shelter in the neighbor's house.

The man's alleged violent outburst came after the woman confronted him about his apparent drinking problem. That's when police say he tried to choke her in front of the couple's two children. She fled to the neighbor's house but then tried to get back into the home for her children.

He said if she returned home, he'd kill her. When police arrived the man had fled the home on foot to where the family's car had been parked. He escaped and the woman and her children left the home.

STOLEN CARS: A 1994 Jeep Cherokee was stolen during the night from a woman's driveway on Saturday, March 12. Police say there was no broken glass or evidence at the scene to prove the car had been vandalized before it was taken.

The next day police were called to the Woodland Glen apartment on the report of a stolen 1993 Chevy Blazer. The Blazer was taken from the parking lot in front of the victim's apartment. While en route to the call, police passed the Blazer coming out of the apartment complex drive. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle but its driver failed to stop for police. Police chased the man driving the Blazer into Livonia but lost sight of him near I-96 and I-275. State police enjoined the chase but lost the suspect in Detroit.

The Novi officer said there was a second vehicle stolen from the same complex at the same time. The officer was able to arrest the driver of that vehicle when it crashed on southbound I-275 near I-96. The vehicle police were trying to apprehend was in front of the vehicle that crashed.

Novi Briefs

Forum set: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will present "Forum on Main Street," a panel discussion/open forum for chamber members regarding the proposed Main Street project on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

To be taped for later broadcast on public access cable channels, the panel discussion and forum will explore the pros and cons of the pedestrian-oriented shopping area proposed for development in the town center area, southeast of the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection.

Panel members will include James Chen, Main Street developer; Doug Erwin, petitioner in opposition to the project; and Ed Kriewall, Novi City Manager. Additional panel members may be included, as well. The moderator will be Michael Malott of *The Novi News*.

United We Stand: United We Stand America, UWSA, 11th Congressional District will host a district-wide organizational meeting Thursday, March 31, in the Novi Library at 45246 W. Ten Mile Road from 7-9 p.m.

UWSA encourages "active participation of citizens who are ready to tackle the challenge of reforming our government."

Pinewood Derby: More than 100 cars built by Cub Scouts raced in the Novi Park 239 Pinewood Derby at Village Oaks recently. Division Speed Champions were: Tiger Cub — Mark Moore; Wolf — Jeffrey Stith; Bear — Christopher LaChance; Webelos I — Matthew Stith; and Webelos II — Jeffrey Gdowski.

Overall park speed champions included Jeffrey Stith, first; Christopher LaChance, second; and Mark Moore, third. The winner of the special division speed championship was Louis Tiso.

On the record: Council Member Carol Mason wants her position on opening truck traffic to Beck Road known. She's against it and that's how she voted at a recent city council meeting.

Neighborly congrats: The City of Northville was recently inspired by Novi's 25th anniversary celebration to send its best wishes in the form of a city council resolution. Being that the message comes from history-minded Northville, the February 22 resolution carefully documented Novi's past from the arrival of the first pioneers in 1825 onwards.

The Northville council lauded "the relationship of mutual cooperation and support" the two cities have enjoyed and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson expressed his hope that it continues.

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Karpovich boosts students' esteem

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

He describes himself as a 32-year-old nerd with brain damage.

That would explain the two different colored canvas high-top sneakers Michael Karpovich was wearing when he spoke to students at Novi High School Thursday.

"Nerds rule," he said. "Yuk makes you stronger. There's strength in adversity."

That's the message Karpovich relays to students when he speaks to them around the globe.

He told more than 300,000 students last year it's OK to be nerds. It's OK to be different.

In fact, he encourages it. Because being different, he says, means being stronger.

"Everyone is a nerd because nerds are people who have it hard," he said. "If you say you aren't a nerd, it's because you're ignoring what hurts."

He talked of the importance of self-esteem. And the importance of building others' self-confidence by complementing not cutting down one another.

Karpovich challenged leadership students in his second high school presentation to spend 24 hours attempting to not put people down.

"It's very hard to do," he said.

It's hard to be positive in a world that encourages negativity. It's hard to be different especially in a society that promotes and encourages conformity.

"Most people in your school are normal," he said. "It's hard to be different because it's hard to stick out.

"But right now we are in a world that is scared to death of being alone. We fear not having a boyfriend or a girlfriend or a best friend.

"Being a nerd is being very much alone. Being different is being alone."

Karpovich encourages students to draw from their own inner strength and find strength from adverse situations.

His mismatched purple and pink shoes help illustrate his message. A message he learned after a hard life of being singled out because he was short and different.

At age four, doctors urged Karpovich's parents to have the boy institutionalized. They said he would never succeed.

Thank God his parents discarded the advice.

Today — despite the brain damage Karpovich experienced from a crushed skull — the 32-year-old now holds his bachelors degree in psychology and is currently working towards his doctorate degree.

Even though he flunked kindergarten, Karpovich is now a full time motivational speaker who tours the country speaking to teens.

His visit to Novi was made possible by the school's Students Against Drunk Driving, SADD, chapter.

He opens his speeches in the same manner he greets people. He announces that he's brain damaged and that he's proud to be a nerd.

It took years of being bullied as a elementary school student to bring him to the point he is today.

Because of his brain damage, Karpovich said he was the target of regular beatings and bullying in his younger years. Four classmates would ridicule him and flush his head in the toilet.

Years later, the four boys who constantly abused him have all died. Two died in a drunk driving related accidents, a third fatally shot himself in the head, a fourth went to prison.

Today, Karpovich takes pity on those boys. He said he does because he knows something now he didn't know then.

"I acted like I loved myself until I did ," he said. "And shortly after I learned to love myself it all ended.

"Now I'm known as the brain damaged nerd who speaks all over the world."

That's the key to happiness he said. Self-esteem and learning to love yourself are the keys to health and happiness.

"You can accomplish anything if you simply believe in yourself," he said. "Most people in this world will never understand that."

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Art smart
Samantha Perry was the regional winner in Novi Wood's Holiday Poster contest. She accepted her award — a $50 savings bond — with her mother Penny Perry (left), grandmother Lillian Perry and great grandfather William Dower.

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City to feast on lean low-calorie budget

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

City administrators watched their figures this year and kept the new city budget lean, according to City Manager Edward Kriewall.

But he's also suggesting the city's nearing budget famine and is asking for a few more servings.

Monday, Kriewall introduced the $30.24 million financial guidebook, as prepared by the city's department heads.

Tenatively, the owner of a $150,000 home could expect to pay an additional $29 in taxes in fiscal year 1994-1995. This is if the council approves a .3845 millage increase.

The city council will snip its way through the budget over the next few weeks. The final adoption is scheduled for May 9.

"The assumption that goes along with continuing the budget at the Truth-In-Taxation level is that we can indefinitely meet the demands on this commununity utilizing the revenue from new construction. Although this is an admirable ideal, we cannot presume to do this indefinitely and meet the overall community responsibilities," Krewall wrote in his budget address.

"There is an inflationary cost associated with running all communities and there are needs associated with expanding services in some relationship to the increasing population and community size."

If the council had agreed to increase the taxes .2 last year, an increase wouldn't be needed this year, Kriewall added, noting that more funding is "vital and necessary" for the general fund, the municipal street fund, the parks and recreation fund and the Novi public library fund.

Under the state-imposed Truth-In-Taxation formula, Novi's millage levy would be set at 7.96 mills or $7.96 per each $1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV). Krewall is suggesting that should be set at 10.71 mills to pay for two more Department of Public Works employees to man snow plows and additional capital equipment. A city must hold a public hearing before rising above Truth-In-Taxation.

Novi's city charter permits a general fund tax of 6.5 mills.

This year, the city administration is recommending a general fund tax rate of 4.1083 mills. That is .2 mills or two cents over the Truth In Taxation benchmark, bringing in an additional $270,000 to the ciyt's general fund, which totals out at $14.1 million.

Novi's tax base has grown over the past year by $69 million, rising to $1.368 billion. Of the five percent increase, $45 million is from new construction and $24 million is due to hikes in property assessments.

However, based on local tax board of review and Michigan Tax Tribunal reductions given to property owners, the city budget is based on a state equalized valuation (SEV) of $1.350 billion. Novi's SEV was reduced by $21 million through appeals at the state tax tribunal and that could go to $35 million next year, Novi Finance Director Les Gibson said.

Novi's fund balance, or savings account, is now at $2.8 million. The practice has been to keep that at about ten percent, which for the general fund would be $1.159 million, he explained. This gives the city the remainder to spend.

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> Ed Kriewall
> City Manager

Gibson anticipates Novi will get a $2.57 million serving of the state shared revenues but the exact figure is not easy to predict, he said.

"It's a little difficult because of ongoing legislation and the recent election to get information direct from the state," Gibson said.

Krkewall offered to store at city hall the massive budget notebook given to Council Member Joseph Toth, a.k.a. the Budget Terrorist, until tonight's budget meeting.

"We'd be happy to hold it for you," Kriewall quipped.

"He says he'd be happy to let you see things his way," Council Member Carol Mason interpreted.

Police chief asks council for two more patrol officers

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Police Chief Doug Shaeffer intends to ask the Novi City Council for funding to pay for two police officers at tonight's first budget hearing.

The two officers will cost the city about $100,000 next year, the chief estimates.

Even though city administrators reportedly disgree with Shaeffer's assessment that his department is understaffed, the chief still intends to plead his case for more manpower.

He'll be armed with hordes of information he's compiled to substantiate his claim when he walks into the council chambers tonight.

The chief said Tuesday even though he has evidence to prove Novi's force is significantly smaller than it should be for the population in the city, he isn't very optimistic his request will be approved.

"I'm not real optimistic," he said. "The city has been very conscientious about spending money and raising revenue.

"But I'm certainly sure the city council will do whatever it can to support the police department."

If that's true, council may also entertain the chief's $7,000 request to bring in an outside architect to do a space feasibility study on the building that houses the police department.

"We want the money for an architectural study to help us plan our building expenditures for the future," he said. "We want to know the best way to spend our money."

Shaeffer said he thinks the study is essential to get the best use out of the 15-year-old facility. He hopes it will also help him rearrange the office space to maximize useable space in the building to achieve optimal efficiency in police services.

He'll asking be asking to borrow the city's computer committee to investigate the best way to computerize police records department. The chief said he'd like to cut back on his current labor intensive way of doing business by using computer to process information once rather than have it duplicated by department personnel.

According to the chief under the current system, officers return to the station to handwrite reports. Once written, those reports are then entered into a computer by a clerk. The report is then printed and filed.

"Officers spent 30-60 percent of their time documenting their time by writing reports," he said. "If we can reduce that time, we can make ourselves more efficient."

Shaeffer said lap top computers that can be used in cars will help eliminate the time it takes an officer to write up a report and the time it takes the clerk to retype and file it.

"That will significantly reduce the labor intensive manual system we have now," he said.

Shaeffer had no current estimates of what a totally integrated system would cost the city for the police department. Years ago the department set the project out for bid and bids were returned near $300,000. But that estimate was without the lap top computers he said.

"We are already spending money on computers, but we really want to integrate the system," he said. "I look forward to working with the city's computer committee because I think the police department has a need that should be looked at."

There are other requests like the addition of up to six new police cars to replace ones that have aged in the department's fleet. But aside from the two new officers, the chief said there were few surprises in his budget request for the year.

"Outside these components there are no other significant changes in our budget," he said. "We recognize that the city has to balance the budget for all departments. If they can afford it and if they chose to fund it that would be great."

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Donut Man

Six year-old Derek McCelland a.k.a the Donut Man dressed up to come to Village Oaks Elementary last week and march in the kindergarten letter day parade. That's D for donut and Derek.

City wins court in settlement

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Here come the judges. And the clerks and the support staff and the whole court.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners made it official Thursday by accepting a settlement to a lawsuit filed by Walled Lake to block the transfer of the 52-1 District Court to Novi.

"I'm ecstatic. We're going forward. It's a done deal," Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Novi, said Friday.

"Everybody is glad to finally have this thing off the agenda and not have to talk about it anymore, even the judges. I have a file box of documents on this. I'm going to take them out and have a bonfire."

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson appears to be looking favorably on a recent request by eight area police chiefs to station a warrant prosecutor in Novi, Schmid added.

The Novi City Council, a party to the suit, approved the consent judgment and decided not to disband the citizens committee which sought to bring the court here until construction begins.

As part of the agreement, the Oakland County is committed to investing $500,000 to convert the old court on Maple Road into a county satellite office.

Ernie Aruffo, co-chair of the District Court Citizens Support Committee said the building is likely to begin at the Grand River site during this construction season.

"I'm told once there's a ground-breaking it will take 11 months to be up and running," Schmid said.

The 25,000 square foot courthouse already has site plan approval. Oakland County will have a five-year, $1.7 million lease on the facility, which covers maintenance. It will be built just west of the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to R. G. Dryden Company 18 months ago. Since then, costs have gone up 15 percent, Schmid said.

"All along we felt the court really belonged on that site form a traffic standpoint," City Manager Edward Kriewall said, adding that the Interstate 96 interchange at Beck Road is expected to be rebuilt in five years.

"It really is on the edge of Novi. I'm not sure Wixom doesn't have closer access to it than we do from our police station."

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer has offered the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office room in the Novi Police Department, clerical support, the use of telephones and computer access in return for regularly scheduled visits of a prosecutor. This would cut down on sending an officer on an up to 50 minute drive to Pontiac for warrants. The also proposal comes from the police chiefs of Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Farmington Hills, Farmington, South Lyon and Northville.

At this point, funding for a fourth judge for the district court, as recommended in a state report, does not appear to be forthcoming. Schmid said the county board only authorized one new district court judgeship, in Clarkston.

"Without the committee and Dave Fried (Novi's city attorney) joining the case, we'd never had brought it here," Schmid told the city council Monday.

Later that evening, Fried lobbed the compliment back to Schmid, saying she did "an excellent job in the matter."

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City explores cable franchise agreement options

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi will follow federal guidelines and will renegotiate MetroVision's cable franchise by the May 24 deadline — but not any earlier.

Meanwhile, the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) will continue to explore a 1982 contract option of purchasing the system outright, which their attorney says could as much as halve cable rates for viewers.

MetroVision contends that federal law would not permit a SWOCC buyout of the system unless the commission found the cable company failed to meet its contract obligations and denied a franchise renewal. The franchise expires in 1997.

"We're complied with every provision of the franchise and in most cases we went beyond them," MetroVision general manager Robert McCann said.

SWOCC's attorney Neil Lehto says a takeover is possible, if the criteria are met. Wyandotte purchased its cable system and slashed rates almost in half, he said. SWOCC wants to investigate the possibility fully, Lehto added. Another approach to be studied by SWOCC is buying the service, selling it to another cable company and pocketing the profit.

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> Neil Lehto
> SWOCC attorney

Lehto said the governments could run the cable system as an utility.

"Doesn't a utility provide a necessity? Do you think Beavis and Butthead is a necessity every citizen should have?" Council Member Tim Pope asked, adding that he does not want to replace a private monopoly with a government monopoly.

Despite an attempt by Pope to delete any reference to a government purchase in a resolution okaying the renegotiation of the contract, the Novi City Council kept the wording in. Some saw it as a bargaining chip in the process.

"I think it's an excellent negotiating tool. They know if they don't do what they're supposed to do the city has an option," Council Member Robert Schmid.

The cable company first sought an early renegotiation of its contract in September 1992. At that time, several Novi City Council members were concerned that MetroVision had not upgraded the system. The franchise agreement calls for a second or shadow cable to be activated when the main cable is full. MetroVision, saying that the shadow cable technology is obsolete, instead proposed to put in a fiber optics system.

MetroVision has already committed to a $5 million system improvement in its independently-operating Redford and Livonia franchise, which could be customized to serve the SWOCC communities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills. The technological overhaul, which will add more channels and the possibility of interactive television, will begin soon for Redford and Livonia, according to McCann.

That's one thing which had SWOCC and Lehto concerned.

"The operator has approached SWOCC with an urgent request to OK a major rebuilding of the system and laid out the plans in some detail. SWOCC concludes so much is involved in rebuilding it, it is tantamount to refranchising. The operator says I can't compete in the environment unless I rebuild right now," Lehto said.

The request to rebuild wasn't urgent, McCann says, but "every day we've waited now is another day the residents of Novi are not enjoying the expanded capabilities cable television has to offer."

Pope says that the 1982 contract requires MetroVision to offer state-of-the-art service anyways.

"The contract says they are obliged to provide the most technically-advanced system. Why wouldn't the upgrade be required under that contract?" he asked.

Under the 1984 federal cable act, MetroVision might argue this provision of the contract is unenforceable, Lehto said, but it appears as if they are bound by it.

Pope won his point with the council in putting off the renegotiation from this month to the May deadline. His argument is the federal government may soon allow the telephone companies to enter the cable business, increasing the possibility of competition.

"I have listened to this practically all evening. The resolution on the table is part of a contractual obligation we have with a public utility to enter into a negotiation process," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"All the rest of this discussion has been completely a smokescreen."

"It's not a smokescreen to say this is a time of tremendous change," Pope said.

After renegotiations commence, federal law gives SWOCC six months to determine the cable television needs of the three communities and evaluate MetroVision's performance.

After this SWOCC has four months to either renew or deny renewal of the franchise, McCann noted in a letter to Farmington City Manager Fred Lauhoff. Denial must be based on several criteria, including a finding of noncompliance with the contract; poor service, which is restricted to response to complaints, signal quality and billing practices; that the operator's proposal does not meet future community needs; or that the operator appears to lack financial, technical or legal ability to meet its proposal.

"You should be aware that any proposal we make for a franchise renewal cannot be denied for any other than the above stated reasons. In other words, you can't for example, open the franchise up for bidding and force us to match any other operator's bid," McCann wrote.

SWOCC has never charged MetroVision with noncompliance. The full renegotiations are expected to last a year.

Not everyone is pleased with local cable. Summit Drive resident Johanne Finley isn't crazy about it. That's because like her neighbors on the street, she can't get the service at all. In a recent letter, she urged the council not to renew the agreement unless all residents and all school districts, not just the Novi district, have access to the local cable system. Walled Lake schools does not tie in to MetroVision.

"To allow anything less is to disregard the needs of this community and to treat citizens of Novi who do not live within the Novi school system as second-rate citizens," Finley wrote.

Kriewall said the 1982 franchise did not require all residents to have access to cable, because some houses are spaced too far apart. MetroVision is proposing an alternative. McCann says it will kick off a satellite service called Primestar this summer.

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Loading love

Fourth-graders Corey Reiter and Matt Heinowski (left) from Village Oaks Elementary spent last Thursday afternnon loading the donations they and their school mates have collected in past weeks for the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Students at the school have been collecting money and other articles for a school wide community service project.

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Cut in youth services triggers city protest

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

City officials are petitioning Oakland County in attempt to block a reduction in services at the Novi Youth Assistance office.

As of April 4, Oakland County Probate Court system, which administers the program, will shift field worker Karen MacKenzie to the Farmington Youth Assistance, leaving her in Novi for three rather than five days.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver fired off a letter to Kalvin Engelberg at the probate court system's Pontiac office, saying he is "shocked and concerned" about MacKenzie's transfer, which he said drastically impacts the quality of the Novi Youth Assistance.

"We just think it's a critical service being provided to the community. We just don't think the growth we've had in the last five to ten years can justify cutting the service," Klaver added.

"A part-time employee falls into a whole different category."

The City of Novi has a $28,000 commitment to Novi Youth Assistance, by providing the office space for the program and dividing the salary of MacKenzie's full-time secretary with the Novi school district.

With the growth in Novi's population, Klaver says he finds it hard to believe that the demand for youth services is down by 40 percent.

MacKenzie was not available for comment. But Joan Morris, her secretary, said Novi Youth Assistance has a caseload of 53 youngsters ranging from age seven to high school age.

MacKenzie counsels young people who are either referred to her by the school district or the police department or their parents. The kids may be runaways, or have a problem in school or perhaps have been caught shoplifting.

She will now only be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

MacKenzie also directs the Novi Teen Center, which offers a place for about 100 middle school-aged kids to hang out and runs services such as PLUS, which is a big brother/big sister volunteer program. She works closely with the Novi Youth Assistance volunteers, who raise money to send children to camp.

"It's a busy place. She kind of meets herself coming and going," Morris said.

Klaver said he learned that probate court made the decision was made in part because three vacant field worker positions were not funded by the county.

Engelberg did not return calls by press-time. But in a letter to the city, he noted that staffing allocations for the county's youth assistance programs have not kept up with demands. The county has 29 field staffers to cover 26 areas and the workloads are not uniform, he wrote. After studying these workloads, the decision was made to transfer MacKenzie.

"I trust you understand that this does not represent a diminishment of our commitment to the youth and families in Novi. If additional staffing resources are obtained, we would certainly review all the areas where cuts were made," Engelberg wrote.

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State parks now a partisan issue

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Two months ago it started with bipartisan support from both chambers of the Legislature. But by Tuesday the effort to revitalize Michigan's 75-year-old state park system had become a partisan battle with overtones of Detroit versus the rest of the state.

"We're gonna create a state park endowment fund, and that's it," said Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, as Senate Republicans passed a package of legislation to free the 100-park system from annual budget battles.

"State parks mean very little to my constituents, one-third of whom don't have cars. We gain nothing," said Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit.

Voters on Nov. 8 may have the final say. The Senate wants them to vote on a constitutional amendment to eliminate diversion of $20 million from the Natural Resources Trust Fund into the Michigan Strategic Fund (MFS), sending the money instead into a state parks endowment fund.

The Natural Resources Trust Fund, started in 1982, is fed by revenue from oil and gas found on state land. MFS is an economic development fund created under Democratic Gov. James Blanchard in the early 1980s. MSF gets part of the natural resources fund to pay for pollution control projects aimed at attracting business. Republican Gov. John Engler would like to dismantle this monument to his predecessor.

Meanwhile, state general fund appropriations for the parks shrank from 70 percent of their budget to less than 30 percent, as user fees were jacked up.

The Senate Tuesday approved 29-7 a ballot propsal (Senate Joint Resolution E) to end the diversion and sent it to the House of Representatives.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, voted no. Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, voted yes.

Absent, recuperating from an operation, was Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Debate was formal. Hoffman, as chair of the Natural Resources Committee, defended the package from a series of Democratic attacks. Pollack objected that part of the money would be used for operations and not all put into the parks endowment fund. "Money from a non-renewable resource should not be expended on operations," she said. Most controversial was the bill to use proceeds from sale of the state Accident Fund to endow the parks. The Accident Fund was started in 1912 to provide workers compensation insurance in a new market. Engler has the state business on the auction block.

The bill barely passed, 20-16, as three Republicans joined Democrats in voting no. The bill already has passed the House. Geake voted yes. Faxon voted against it.

"This bill holds out false hope," said Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, who has led the fight against selling the Accident Fund. Faust cited a Court of Claims decision that proceeds from its sale belong to policyholders, not state government.

"After all the sound and fury," added Faxon, "It's incredible to find out we can't sell it. You can't sell property to which you don't have title."

Sen. Doug Carl, R-Utica, elaborated on the Court of Claims ruling, concluding, "What is the fund worth? I darely much, much less than the optimistic things we heard."

Defending the bill, Hoffman urged senators to ignore the trial court ruling.

The Senate approved 30-5 the bill to create the endowment fund, whose interest earnings are expected to provide sufficient operating funds for the state parks sometime in the next century. That measure, House Bill 5064, already has passed the House.

Faxon, whose district includes Novi, joined four Detroiters in opposing it.

Less controversial was the House-passed bill to give the state immunity from liability for volunteer groups who take part in the adopt-a-park program.

Senate action was praised by Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), which spearheaded the year-long effort that preceded legislative action.

MUCC lobbyist Rick Jameson said the ballot proposal will raise the cap on the Natural Resources Trust Fund from $200 million to $400 million. "Raising the cap is an important step in benefiting all parks in Michigan," Jameson said. "Because NRTF monies are used for the acquisition of land for recreation, state, municipal and county parks will benefit alike."

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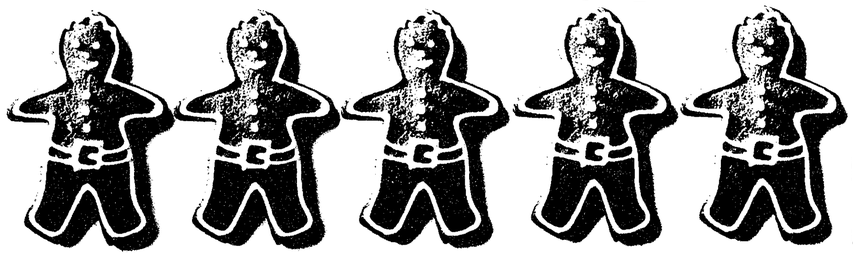

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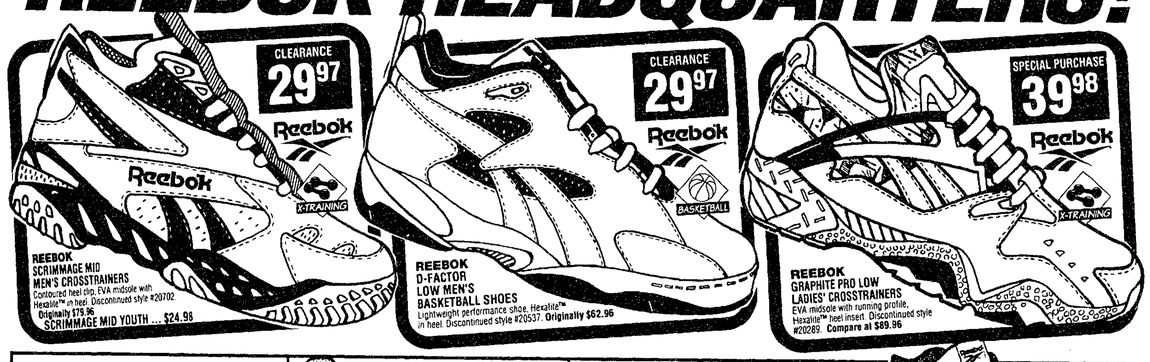

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Library Notes

Book Talk: Sue Grafton's mysteries, from *"A" is for Alibi* to *"I" is for Innocent*, will be discussed at the Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Spring Break Activities: Novi Library is offering three programs for kids during spring break:

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- Thursday, April 7, 1 p.m. — Incredible Insects! Learn about and explore the amazing world of insects with lots of hands-on things to view.

More borrowing power to schools

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

School districts may borrow going outside their operating budgets — for computer equipment as well as buildings, under a controversial state Senate bill.

"Telecommunications and technology-related services" are included in the list of things for which a school district may issue bonds. The bill amends a law passed last December allowing schools to sell bonds to renovate portions of buildings, libraries, athletic fields and other physical facilities.

The Senate last week passed the bill 31-2 over the long, loud protests of conservative Republicans Doug Carl of Utica and Jack Welborn of Kalamazoo.

All area senators voted yes except David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, who was absent.

"What heretofore were called operating expenses, and subject to operating millage, we are now going to say can be covered by debt millage," Carl said. "School districts can do an end-run (around tax limitations)," he said.

"This is outrageous. Bond salesmen out there will make lots of money urging districts to borrow, borrow, borrow," he said.

Carl said voters approved Proposal A March 15 believing that school operating taxes would be held to six mills on homes and farms and 24 mills on business property and second homes — rates he called "sacrosant." Permitting school districts to pay for computers outside their operating budgets would "circumvent the intent of the people."

"We are again flaunting the taxpayers by passing this type of legislation right after Proposal A," agreed Welborn.

He said it was all right to pay for wires and outlets for computers through a bond issue when a building is constructed or renovated. "It seems to be they (schools) ought to have enough money to operate efficiently and purchase those (computers) out of operating funds without having to bond," he said.

"We should allow a school district the option of putting a new roof on or to remodel a classroom without doing the entire school, but I think you are going too far with this proposal that allows them to go in and bond for computers and technical programs.

"That should be an operational cost, not a cost put into bonds, spread into the future so future generations pay for it, rather than it being pay-as-you-go," Welborn said.

The brief battle exposed a long-term tendency in school budgeting: using the operating budget to pay salaries and asking special millages or bond issues to pay for renovations, repairs and improvements of physical plant.

Proponents said technology is increasingly necessary and too expensive to be covered out of operating budgets. They argued that business borrows to buy machinery and amortizes it over a period of years through depreciation accounts.

Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, won approval of an amendment saying that computer services must be treated as an operating expense. Bouchard's amendment also limits the length of time for repayment to the life of the equipment.

Another amendment removed computer software from the bonding list.

Refer to Senate Bill 597 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

Topic will be perennials

"The Three-Season Perennial Garden" will be presented at Novi Public Library on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

David Hewson, a master gardener, will explain how to plan a perennial garden. He will also talk about opening the garden in late winter, closing it in late fall and the work involved in between.

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Three may have hands up for school board race

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Monday's board member informational session was an unprecedented move by the Novi Community School District, but it may have paid off.

Before the meeting, the district had seen little interest expressed by city residents in Robert Schram's Board of Education seat.

Now at least three city residents may be dropping their hats in the race for the trustee's four-year seat.

Schram's seat expires in June. He has already said he won't be seeking re-election. On June 13, city voters may have the choice to replace Schram with either George Kortlandt, Rod Steelman or a third yet unidentified candidate.

None of the prospective residents have yet to return their signed petitions for the seat, although Kortlandt has taken them out. Resident Becky Staab has picked up nominating petitions, but has said they are not for her.

After hearing current board members discuss the ups and downs of their jobs, Steelman was still undecided Monday night about whether or not he'd seek the seat.

Steelman, a self-employed father of a first-grade daughter, said he is still considering the job.

"I'm going to have to talk it over with my wife," he said Monday before leaving the meeting.

Kortlandt on the other has already pulled a petition and intends to complete it and return before the April 11 deadline.

The father of three has lived in the district for 11 years. His wife is employed as a part time substitute teacher by the district. By day, he trains people to run their own businesses.

He said he hopes to get elected to continue improving Novi schools.

"I have no hidden agenda," he said. "I just want to help keep the school district moving forward."

Five of the seven current board of education members turned out Monday night to be interviewed by the two prospective candidates about their jobs. In turn, each shared his or her own campaign experiences and highlighted some of the accomplishments and challenges they've faced as elected public officials.

"Even though I'd been advised that as a board member I'd have a whole different relationship with teachers and students, I didn't realize how real that was," said Board Member Dr. Craig Foreback. "It does take on a very different tone after you are elected."

"They really try to butter you up," said Vice President Stephen Hitchcock about the change in teachers' attitudes towards him.

Outgoing Trustee Robert Schram agreed.

"A superintendent once told me that our kids would never be treated the same," he said. "At times our kids were used for political purposes . . ."

Julie Abrams Novi's newest board member said she noticed a change in attitude as soon as she was elected. A former paid lunch mother, Abrams said there was a distinct difference in the way she was treated inside the district after she won her seat two years ago.

It's there and it's noticeable, she said, but it doesn't get in the way.

"Don't take this teacher-student-board member thing too seriously or let it discourage you from running," she said.

Instead, Schram said try to remain objective and remember which hat you're wearing.

"Always remember which hat you have on," he advised the candidates. "Know when you're a board member and when you are not."

There were other words of wisdom from veterans on the board.

"Try not to get too emotionally involved," Schram said. "If you get too emotionally involved it could tear you apart."

"You cannot be a single issue candidate or have an axe to grind with the school board," Byers said.

There were other dos and don'ts.

Don't be a single issue candidate and leave hidden agendas hidden, some say. Don't try to be all things to all people and recognize that you can't keep all the people happy all the time.

Run clean campaigns, Schram and Byers suggested.

"Never run against somebody," Schram said. "I always ran for what I could bring to the board and what I could do for the board. There's no reason to run against someone and there's no need to tear each other down."

Instead when and if you get elected, current board members say new members should strive to work together and respect each other's ideas and viewpoints.

"You need to have credibility with the other board members so you can sell your own programs," Schram said. "Remember you only have one vote. And if I can't get at least three other people to vote with me I can't anything done."

Hitchcock said what's really helped out in the past is that the board members have had diverse backgrounds. Diversity on the board he said has helped him and the board he's served with make good decisions for kids.

"We've been able to do that," Hitchcock said. "We've been able to attract people with diverse backgrounds."

Byers said one of the most important things board members need to recognize is that the board is there to set policy for the district not to oversee the daily operations of it. That he said is and should be left to the administration.

"The school board's job is to direct policy not day to day management," Byers said. "It's long range policy setting for kids."

Schram stressed the importance of setting high expectations for staff and for each other so students are challenged to learn.

"Never set your standards too low," he said. "All kids can learn. We need to set high standards for staff and for each other."

Looking back over their tenure on the board, current members say they've enjoyed it.

"It's a lot of fun. You get to know a lot of people," Byers said.

"It really is a good job in Novi," Schram added.

School lawyer to rule on nepotism

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

George Kortlandt isn't waiting for anyone's opinion before launching his campaign for a seat on the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

Despite the fact Kortlandt's candidacy may violate a district nepotism policy, he has pulled a nominating petition for the lone board seat up for re-election on June 13.

Current school board members and district administrators have yet to get a ruling on whether Kortlandt is eligible to seek election to the board because his wife, Pat is a substitute teacher in the district.

According to the policy adopted by the board of education on Feb. 17, 1983, neither spouses or children of board members can be employed full time by Novi schools. The same holds true for family members of school administrators.

Because Pat Kortlandt works part-time for the district, a legal opinion is needed to determine whether or not George Kortlandt is eligible or ineligible to run for the seat.

The board of education will also hold a special meeting on the morning of April 6 to decide whether the candidate is eligible.

The issue will be the only matter on the agenda.

Kortlandt said Monday night he pulled his nominating petition before he learned the school board has a policy against its members having spouses employed by the district.

The policy, however, is open to interpretation according to board President Ray Byers. Byers said the district's attorney will review the policy and Pat's workload to see whether she's exempt because she's part time.

Byers said Monday the district has yet to seek a legal opinion on the matter. Tuesday afternoon he said language in the policy leaves lots of room for interpretation because it's so vague.

"I want to get it out there and get it decided," the baord president said about the issue. "I don't think it's fair we discuss it after he's on the board."

At issue is the discrepancy between what defines full and part time, Byers said. The Internal Revenue Service considers 30 hours a week full time. Others may disagree, he said.

Either way, "it's a big issue," he said.

The board president said if the district rules that Pat's work schedule fits the part time billing, Novi voters will decide whether or not there is a conflict of interest on June 13.

Despite the potential conflict of interest, Kortlandt said Monday he still plans to run.

"There's no doubt about it," he said after Monday's informational meeting between the board members and potential board candidates ended.

The candidate has yet to return his nominating petition to the board office. Petitions are due back to the office by 4 p.m. on April 11.

Candidates for the seat will replace Robert Schram, who announced two weeks ago that he wouldn't be seeking a fifth term.

Businesses connect at Expo show

Opportunity '94, a new business-to-business expo will be presented by the Farmington/Farmington Hills and Novi Chambers of Commerce at the Novi Expo Center, April 13 and 14.

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Ways around water ban sought

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tory of the growth of the city water system here since 1986 and find ways to reduce peak demand.

Council Member Tim Pope was the lone dissenter in a resolution to let city staffers research the issue. Pope, an opponent of the original lawn sprinkling ordinance, said he didn't like the idea of a $100 fine in Novi.

"I have no problem with us trying to minimize use of wells as long as we don't force our current users into an emergency situation," Council Member Rob Mitzel said.

The health department slapped on the moratorium on new water lines to keep from putting new demands on the existing Oakland water mains. Some communities in the area, including Novi, have experienced low water pressure. This is a health hazard, as bacteria can build in the lines when the pressure is down. Urban sprawl and maintenance problems by the Detroit water department were seen as excaberating the problem.

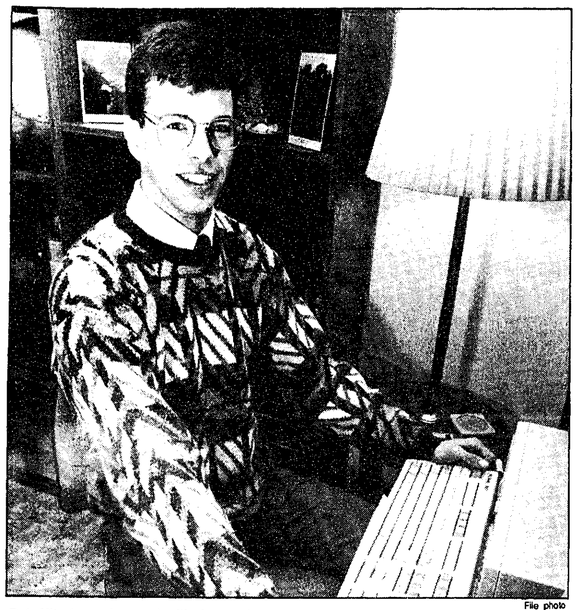
"The moratorium was to put pressure on the suburbs to put pressure on Detroit to see that the main is built," Kriewall said.

Monday's council audience was peppered with developers eager to see the city move ahead on the issue.

"I encourage the city to free up taps. In the long run, these homes are being built anyways. Construction has not slowed down due to the moratorium," Richard Barr, an attorney who said he represents local developers, told the council.

Homeowners who are on wells will not be eager to tie up to city water, he added: "They'll like free water rather than paying the rates."

Council Member Carol Mason pointed out that the city's water department loses revenue when homes are built on wells.



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Rob Mitzel was honored with Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award for his volunteerism Saturday.

Mitzel takes home top award

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An environmental control engineer with Ford Motor Company, Mitzel said a neighbor also won a Jaycee award Saturday as an Outstanding Youth.

"Both awards are in the same neighborhood," he laughed.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Award, the Jaycees present the Outstanding Youth, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer and Outstanding Firefighter awards at the annual breakfast.

Tracy Watkins won the Outstanding Youth recognition. She was presented with her award by Novi Youth Assistance. She was nominated by a teacher for her volunteerism.

Officer Matthew L. Conquest of the Novi Police Department was selected as Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer for "going the extra mile" in his job while Richard Antuna, a full-time firefighter, received the Outstanding Firefighter award. Cindy Uglow won the honor of being the Novi City Employee of the Year.

Previous winners of the Distinguished Service Award include Robert Pheiffer (1992), Kathy Mutch (1991), Margaret Schmidt (1990), Victor Cassis (1989) and Charles Kureth (1988).

Novi area churches set Easter services

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Thursday: Services at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: Tenebrae service, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service, 7:30 a.m. followed by an Easter breakfast; festive service, 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Easter Sunday: Services at 10 a.m.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist stripping of the altar will occur at St. Ann's of Walled Lake at 7 p.m. (Holy Cross is combining services with Holy Family.)

Good Friday: Community services, noon, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi; liturgy at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross.

Holy Saturday: Easter vigil, 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Vigil at 6 a.m. at St. Ann's; Holy Eucharist service at 8 a.m. at Holy Cross; Holy Eucharist services are again scheduled at 9 a.m. at St. Ann's and a final service at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross is located at 46200 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Thursday: Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Hosting community services at noon; celebration of the Lord's passion, 1:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Blessing of the food, noon; Easter vigil, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Masses will be held at 7:30, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m.

The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road.

Holy Thursday: Tenebrae service and sacrament of the Last Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Community services at Holy Family, noon.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise service, 7 a.m.; worship at 10:30 a.m.

The church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

Holy Thursday: Special services at 7:30 p.m.

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As We See It

Seeking candidates for Novi schools seat

Education

It's odd, don't you think, that in a community where the volunteers come out by the dozens for appointments on panels in the city government stay home in equal numbers when it comes to positions on the Novi schools Board of Education.

Odd perhaps, but not unusual. Many communities have a similar experience. There are reasons for it.

Everyone has a stake in city government and few are shy about expressing their opinions about how it should operate. The school district however seemingly serves a smaller population, namely those with school-aged children. We all have an interest in making sure youngster get a good education, but those who do not have children in school often feel it would be presumptuous of them to say how they think other people's kids should be taught. They shouldn't, but they do.

So the pool of potential candidates gets restricted. And it is restricted to those who are often the busiest people in the community, those with school-aged youngsters, because they are already working hard to provide for and to raise their families. So long as the school district is operating well, for the most part, most of the potential candidates stay away, preferring instead to concentrate on the responsibilities they already have. And Novi school district does do a pretty good job of educating its youngsters.

The result has been that school board elections here often do not generate the level of interest shown in other local votes. Incumbents often get re-elected unchallenged. Even when there are open seats up for grabs, the number of candidates typically has been smaller than in other races.

It's not because people don't care about the school district. We believe they do. They're just busy.

When veteran school board member Robert Schram announced last week he would step down from his long-held position, others on the school board decided to host a meeting for prospective candidates to fill them in on what would be expected of them. The meeting was held Tuesday, March 28, in order to drum up interest early and, hopefully, get potential candidates thinking about running for the office in the June 13 school election.

The meeting was successful. Two potential candidates showed up. Petitions have been pulled for a yet unidentified third candidate. And those in attendance heard from present board of education members a pretty fair rundown of what it takes to be a trustee and the effects is has on your life.

The school board deserves credit for its initiative to spur interest in the seat. We'd suggest it might be worthwhile to hold a second such session just before the April 11 filing deadline. More candidates may consider a run by then.

Needless to say, the community will benefit from having the largest possible field of candidates vie for Schram's seat once vacated. Yes, in part to assure the voters have the best selection possible when then choose who will sit on the board of education.

But Novi residents should keep in mind that the community benefits from candidates who run for office even when they don't win. Those campaigns contribute ideas and points of view which get debated during the race. That debate over the issues helps members of the public, who learn more about the school district and about the issues involved in education.

But many a candidate, regardless of what position he or she is running for, have found their ideas picked up later by those who do win. So just running for office, regardless of whether you win, benefits the community.

We're glad to see the school board out stumping to spur interest among potential candidates. And we hope Novi residents come out in some numbers for this important position.

Park dream soon to become a reality

Look what the Novi Rotary club has accomplished.

Only a short time after the club announced its decision to raise funds to buy and develop a 55-acre park on the south side of Nine Mile Road east of Novi road along the Rouge River, the dream appears to be become reality.

In fact, it should be reality by the end of fall.

Dan Davis, director of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, recently announced the award of a $75,000 grant to the city by the state Department of Natural Resources to support Rotary Park. The grant, when combined with commitments already made by the Rotary club, will allow the development to begin this year.

In addition to a contribution of manpower, the Rotary has pledged 60 percent of its car raffle profits to the project over a 5-year period up to a total of $100,000. The site will offer scenic nature trails along the river as well as paved parking, tennis courts, a picnic shelter and a children's play area.

The Rotary deserves much credit for this major contribution to the community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Main Street forum is all set

Michael Malott

Should the City of Novi stick to regulating development only, or should it attempt to spur on what it considers to be "the right kind" of development?

Can the city hope to become a well-planned community once completely built if it merely reacts to the plans brought to it by developers, or must it take the initiative to get the kind of community it wants?

If it must take the initiative, how far should that initiative go? Should it, for instance, trade land perhaps worth $1 million in order to get the Main Street project proposed by the investor group Evergreen III?

These are the types of questions we hope to get answered, or at least hear debated, when the Novi Chamber of Commerce hosts its "Forum on Main Street" Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

That's right, the event is on. The council chambers have been reserved. The cable crew has been lined up. Several of the key parties have committed to being on the panel. Including Main Street developer James Chen, Main Street opponent Doug Erwin and City Manager Ed Kriewall. Additions to the panel are likely.

And of course, yours truly will serve as the moderator.

As readers may remember from a previous column, the idea of a panel discussion/forum for chamber members came about when Erwin, of Erwin Farms, sought support from the chamber board of directors for his position of opposition to the Main Street project. More specifically, Erwin has been passing a petition objecting to the city proposal to trade land to get the Main Street project built.

Erwin argues he doesn't want his tax dollars used for such a propose, but Chen insists that without the land trade, he won't be able to put up the second anchor store needed for the Main Street complex to be financially viable.

At an impasse, mainly due to a lack of information, chamber board chairman Vic Cassis and president Connie Mallet suggested the idea of a forum.

The format will be a panel discussion, in which both sides of the issue will get a chance to put their best arguments forward and to answer the concerns and queries of Novi Chamber members.

The idea has generated a good deal of excitement, first, because it is something that's never been tried before, giving chamber members a voice in the city decision making process.

Secondly, the development of Main Street is a critical issue for the future of Novi, and it involves a number of philosophical points, as well as some hard core business considerations.

For example, should the city be using public money, generated in part by the taxes paid by businesses, to benefit a single business venture?

Could that investment by the city reap rewards, both in terms of an improved business climate overall, which would benefit all businesses here and which would generate even more tax money for the city?

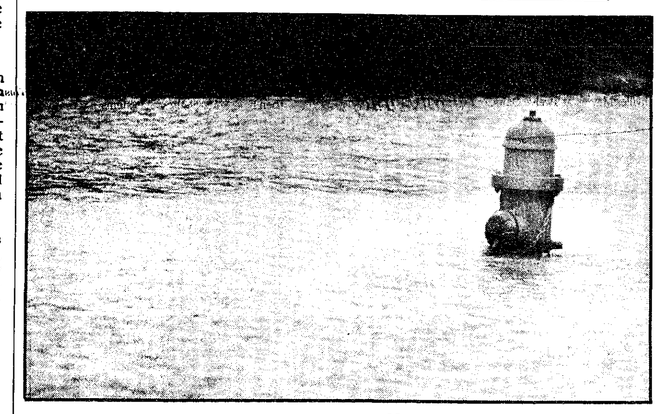
Should the city be "investing" in business development in this manner? And if so, what kind of a return should it insist on for its efforts?

Hope to see you there. Come ready with lots of questions and points to debate.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Spring flooding

A fire hydrant inundated by runoff in Hines Park

Theory of historical cycles

Lee Snider

State Rep. Jerry Vorva recently surveyed his constituents on a couple of topical issues and obtained some interesting results.

Vorva, a freshman Republican representing the 20th House district, mailed out questionnaires to 30,000 voters in Northville, Livonia and Plymouth. Some 2,000 people, or about 6.6 percent of those queried, returned their forms, an extraordinarily high response rate. Pollsters tell you to expect about a 1-to-3-percent return on written questionnaires.

The high volume of responses is suggestive of strong feeling on the survey subjects: should assisted suicide be allowed, should public funds be used to help build a new Tiger Stadium and should additional cost containment measures be employed in public school systems.

Residents in the three conservative communities said yes to assisted suicide (65 to 35 percent), no to public money for a new ballpark (89 to 11 percent), and yes to school cost containment (81 to 19 percent).

The reliability of the poll is, of course, dependent on the wording of the questions. If the survey asked, for example, whether school officials should keep expenses down, naturally people are going to say yes. Answering no would be like saying you favored giving administrators a blank check. And considering governmental leaders' fondness for tax dollars, you know what that would mean. Teachers would find deeds to coastal vacation homes in their next pay envelopes.

Still, caveats aside, the results probably represent a pretty good cross section of middle-class suburban sentiment. It should come as no suprise that the basic message here is that government should stay out of people's lives and wallets.

When I think back to the late '60s/early '70s and recall how the Baby Boomers felt about benevolent and bountiful government, it's astonishing how far the pendulum has swung back in the other direction. Where we once felt it was government's duty to capture income and redistribute it to those who can't make a go of it themselves, we now think Big Brother has no rightful claim to our hard-won cash.

Heck, some school districts can't even get approval for basic millage renewals anymore.

It's hard to say exactly when the attitude shift started, but I think Watergate had something to do with it. That notorious incident left people thinking that the so-called guardians of the general welfare could be trusted with nothing more valuable than personalized stationery. Give the president a free set of handkerchiefs imprinted with the official seal and make him list everything else on his tax returns, we fumed.

Veteran broadcast journalism Howard K. Smith said Jimmy Carter wouldn't even accept a free copy of the former TV commentator's autobiography. That's how suspicious we were about graft.

Candidate Ronald Reagan's emphasis on materialism ("Are you better off now than you were four years ago?") and promise to "get government off your back" were probably the final blows to any notion of state-enforced altruism. Soon movie heros would be uttering lines like "Greed is good," and people would be trying to get caught committing crimes so they could make millions on their book rights.

If you believe in the theory of historical cycles, you've got to be convinced things will eventually head back in the other direction. I don't mind the idea of one day rebuilding some of the social programs that got dismantled during the '80s and '90s, but I'm not real keen on going back to wearing bell bottoms and listening to Strawberry Alarm Clock.

There is a such thing as progress, after all.

Lee Snider is editor for the Novi News.

MEA opponents carry small stick

Tim Richard

Some retribution! Some vendetta!

Republican legislators are pussyfooting in their campaign to clip the wings of the Michigan Education Association.

The Grand Old Party has many reasons to fight education's largest employees' union. MEA has allocated delegates within the Democratic Party structure, MEA money favors Democratic candidates, and MEA leaders sat with Democratic legislators last Oct. 5 when Gov. John Engler delivered his special message on school reform.

MEA not only opposed Proposal A on the March 15 ballot but blundered badly when it put the union's name on the extremely dirty campaign against it.

Despite Democratic rhetoric about "union busting," however, Republicans have set cautious goals as the House Labor Committee studies school "cost containment" measures. On the limited agenda: requiring school boards to bid out health care contracts instead of letting MEA bargainers to be the insurance administrator; punishing school employees who strike illegally; and giving administrators more authority.

MEA's chief sin is none of the above. Its chief sin is having members who are teachers or administrators in District A serving on the school board in District B.

They have a conflict of interest. Bargaining tactics get leaked from the board room to the union. Strong administrators get undercut. The board gives in too easily to union work rule demands and bargains too many things.

The union has a perfect alibi. MEA lobbyist Al Short shrugs and says: "Management retains all the power unless it bargains to give up that power. We do not have the right to put one word in the contract that's not bargained and agreed to."

I asked several Republican legislators point-blank about their pussyfooting. All but one said there might be constitutional problems, and maybe there were problems with limiting the right of people to run for office.

Nuts. Voting-age students may not serve on the boards of colleges they attend. Educators shouldn't be serving on school boards.

The voice in the wilderness was Rep. Dave Jaye, R-Utica. OK, Jaye has had his problems with Demon Rum, but he's straightening out and should be heard. In my experience, Jaye has a shin-kicking honesty and a good-humored propensity to raise issues the Nervous Nellies of The Establishment fear to discuss.

Jaye in fact raised that point—MEA power on school boards—in his party's caucus. He told me the leaders replied, "Dave, support us on the first step, and we'll look at it later. We need the school administrators on board (supporting legislation) for management changes. Dave, give us a break."

Michigan needs a law on this point to protect the voters from themselves. Voter turnouts are a miserable 10 or 15 percent in most school board elections. A very small bloc—like a union—can decide an election. The voters, unfortunately, are lethargic until the assessment notices or tax proposals come in.

It will be a tough campaign, getting MEA types off school boards. Many educators are so morally obtuse on this point that they're blind to their own conflict of interest. "We're the professionals," they insist. "Who knows better than educators what the problems are?"

A school board oversees the managers of a public corporation. The board hires the top brass, sets the budget, approves contracts and acts as a kind of appeals court when charges are filed against employees or students.

Classroom experience is not desirable for serving on a school board—quite the opposite, because it results in a propensity to second-guess administrators and other teachers.

MEA is a union with loyal members. It should be heard by school boards, but MEA shouldn't have school board seats.

Dave Jaye, *don't* give 'em a break.

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Thanks for support of Bowl-a-thon

Letters

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the bowlers and local businesses who helped make this years Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon a success. We were fortunate enough to have the following businesses donate prizes: Ah Wok, American Legion Novi Post 19, Arbor Drugs, Inc., Blockbuster Video, Borders Book Store, Charter House of Novi, City of Novi, Classic Hair Concepts, Country Epicure, Damman Hardware, Diamond Jim Brady's, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Dr. H.J. Elfring Jr. D.D.S., Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth, First Federal of Michigan, Flowers and More, Harmony House, Holiday Inn, J.C.K. & Associates, Terrance K. Jolly, K. J. Law Engineering, Links Of Novi, Little Flower Shop, Maisano's Italian Restaurant, Maria's Italian Bakery, Margo's of Northville, Movies at Twelve Oaks, Novi Auto Parts, Novi Auto Wash, Novi Bowl, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Community Schools, Novi Education Association, Novi Hilton, *The Novi News*, Novi Parks & Recreation, Novi Police Department, O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Papa Romano's, Providence Hospital, Sheraton Oaks, Standard Federal Banks, Target, Toys 'R' Us, Wyndham Garden Hotel.

Thanks also to the Novi Middle School teachers, Orchard Hills PTO/teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma, Rotary, Novi Woods teachers, Lions, Lioness, Jaycees, Optimists, Parkview teachers, Novi Education Secretary and Paraprofessional Association, The Williams and the Novi Newcomers. Thank you to all our bowlers and sponsors' Novi Youth Assistance greatly appreciate all of your effort that went in to making this years Bowl-A-Thon a success. A special thanks to Joan Morris whose background work makes the entire event possible.

Janis Wagner
John P. O'Brien
Novi Youth Assistance
Bowl-A-Thon Committee

Clarify info on MetroVision

To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify some misinformation that *The Novi News* has published twice recently concerning MetroVision's cable operations in Novi.

It is true that MetroVision's franchise is set to expire in May 1997, and thus negotiations on a renewal of that franchise should customarily begin as soon as May of this year. MetroVision is eager to get that process' underway, and has made that desire well known to the Novi City Council. Certainly, though, in the absence of that commitment from the City, MetroVision has made absolutely no steps toward beginning installation of a $5 million fiber upgrade. That would be ludicrous in the face of even the slightest uncertainty over the very future of our existence in Novi!

What we have done, however, is commit to fiber upgrades in the neighboring communities of Redford and Livonia, which MetroVision also services. Upgrades in those areas will begin very soon and be completed in about 12 months. Redford and Livonia will then have state-of-the-art systems with plenty of channel capacity and digital compression for whatever interactive services the future brings. Of course, the same upgrades could apply to MetroVision of Oakland County — it would just be a simple matter of customizing our plans — but not until our franchise renewal is complete. No, there is no scheme to change the value of the system for any reason than to better serve our customers. And no, the system is not for sale.

Furthermore, federal law states that even if the city wanted to, it could not buy the MetroVision system to operate on its own unless it denies our franchises renewal on the basis of certain criteria, one being our failure to fulfill the obligations of the current franchise. Though we believe we have committed no such infractions, that brings up your editor's main point.

Yes, there are outlying areas of Novi in which residents are not served by MetroVision. Those are the few homes that we have determined we cannot reach without prohibitive expense. Our franchise agreement, signed by the City of Novi, acknowledges that some residents do fall into this "unserviceable" category, and thus states providing service to every single home, regardless of location, is not part of our obligation. MetroVision, however, will be offering a satellite service called Primestar starting this summer which should be a perfect solution for such would-be customers. This is an affordable alternative to cabling outlying areas, and we encourage those residents to consider it.

As for any upcoming negotiation, MetroVision looks forward to answering any questions the Novi City Council or the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission might have. We trust that this and other community newspapers will cover and report the fact of those negotiations based not on rumor but on accuracy and integrity — the way Oakland County residents are accustomed.

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Is it worth it to steal cable service?

Mary Linda Calderone

A conversation I had with my 12-year-old son this week has prompted me to write on the subject of cable theft.

He came home from school telling me about the magazines in the library having descramblers on the back of them for sale.

"Mom," he said, "is it okay to buy one?" I tried to explain to him that unauthorized connections to cable with out paying or unauthorized viewing of premium services that are not paid for are both misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment or fine.

On speaking with MetroVision's Regional Director for Marketing, Dan Dinsmore and Cindy Kusiak, Dinsmore's marketing clerk, I was told the cable industry estimates 4.3 billion dollars in lost revenue due to cable theft. The cable company's aim is certainly not to put people in prison or make them pay hefty fines.

They do however, feel that everyone should pay their fair share. It is the honest subscribers who end up subsidizing those people who are stealing cable.

"MetroVision has three cases of cable theft pending in federal court as well as up to 30 cases in various stages of investigation," according to Dinsmore. Area police agencies have been very cooperative in conducting search warrants. I was curious as to how cable companies could find out about such thievery.

Dinsmore told me that many times MetroVision employees working on cable may notice unauthorized lines. Anonymous tips are also reported to the cable company. Rewards for tips may range from $25 to $300, the higher amount for people who are caught selling boxes. The number to call to report cable theft is 1(800)241-5689.

"Well then," I asked, "how can they get away with selling descramblers in the back of magazines?" Dinsmore explained to me, although it is illegal under Michigan law to sell or possess such equipment, the companies who are shipping this equipment are from out of state. Consequently, they are out of the reach of Michigan law. He also told me many advertisements hope to skirt over legal issues by putting disclaimers in small print saying you must call your local cable company for authorization to use this equipment. However, Dinsmore was quick to point out that no one has ever called him for permission.

As good corporate citizens, January was "Amnesty Month" at MetroVision. All who stepped forward with illegal boxes were not prosecuted. From this point on, the company will prosecute where illegal connections are found. Per Dinsmore, civil settlements of up to $10,000 have alreay been collected for possession of illegal equipment. Is it worth a huge fine like that plus a criminal record? Think about it.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

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Battle brewing over consent law

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Michigan's "informed consent" abortion law was due to take effect Friday. Instead, the parties are leading new ammunition for a June 20 federal court battle — and maybe for the appeals courts.

"It will go at least to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals," predicted Sen. Fred Dillingham, one of the Legislature's two or three most vocal backers of restrictions on abortions.

"Our law is similar to Pennsylvania's. There, the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) dropped out after it got to the Court of Appeals. The Michigan ACLU is much more militant," said Dillingham, R-Fowlerville. Pennsylvania's law took effect March 20.

"The plaintiffs are looking for an avenue to take it to the (U.S.) Supreme Court. I would argue that the Supreme Court has ruled — clearly — that we are within their guidelines. But there's always a push — there has been a change in the makeup of the court," he said, referring to a Clinton-appointed justice.

Meanwhile, Dillingham is waiting. This is a battle he has fought since his days in the House, and he's now nearing the end of his second four-year Senate term. He says he has learned patience.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds on March 18 issued a temporary order blocking enforcement of the law until she can conduct a full hearing in three months on its constitutionality.

"I think the plaintiffs have a very tough row to hoe in this case," Edmunds said as she ruled. Her remark encouraged such anti-abortion groups as Right to Life of Michigan.

The defendant is Gov. John Engler, who appoints the Public Health director. Handling the defense is Attorney General Frank Kelley's office.

Judge Edmunds refused to allow Right to Life to intervene as a co-defendant.

Chief plaintiff is Northland Family Planning Clinic Inc. of Southfield. Other plaintiffs are women's groups such as NOW, clinics, four physicians and the ACLU.

Public Act 133, signed by Engler last July, requires women seeking abortions to be shown drawings of fetuses, given written information on abortion risks, provided a list of alternatives to abortion, and required to wait 24 hours before the procedure can be performed.

It's questionable the law could have been enforced at this time. said Planned Parenthood of Michigan, one of the co-plaintiffs. The law requires the state Public Health Department to prepare and distribute pamphlets — a task it said hadn't been completed.

"In addition, no money was allocated to prepare these materials, nor were any additional funds released to go to already strapped local health departments that are required to implement portions of the new law," said PPAM, operator of 26 clinics.

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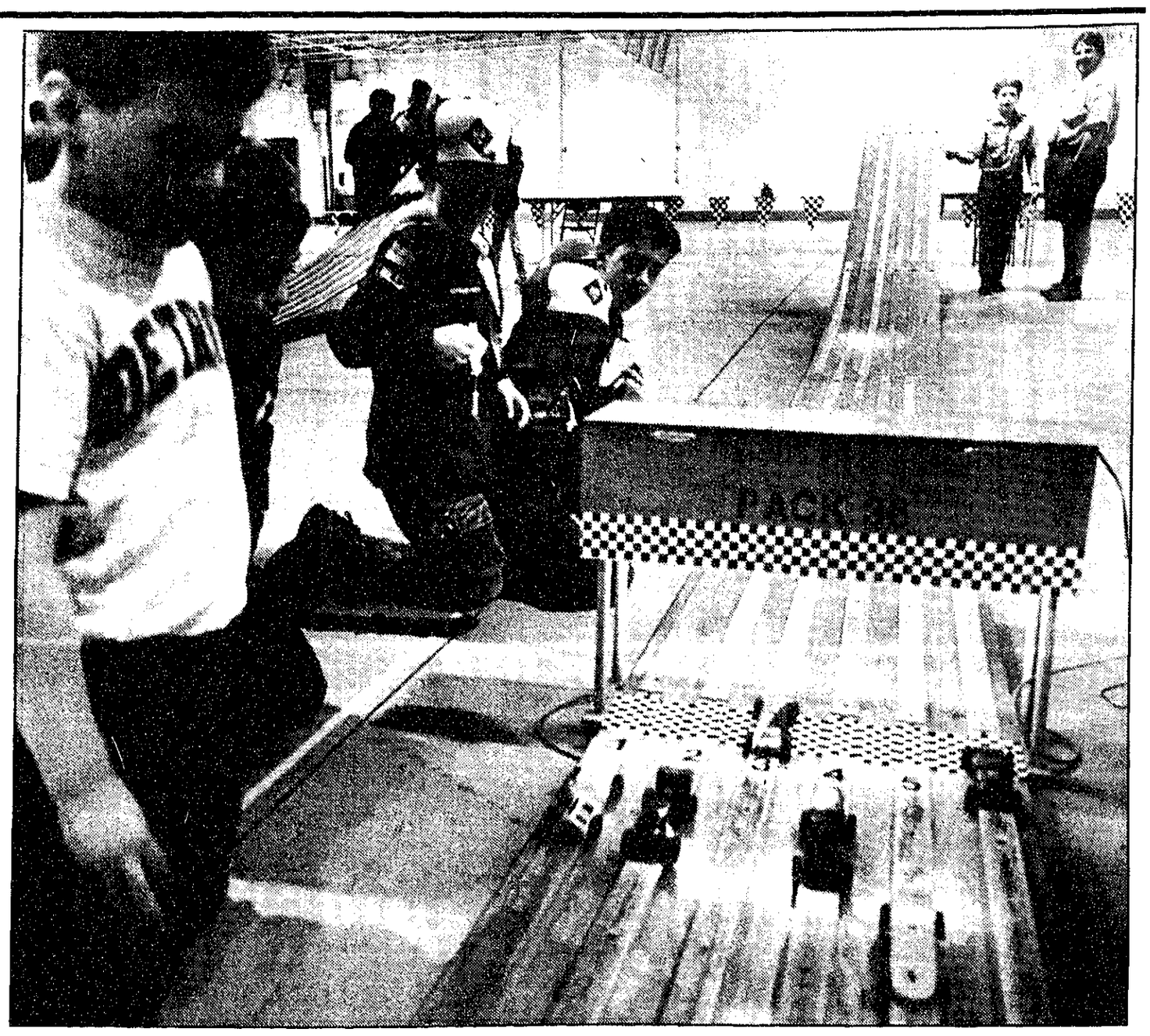
Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

'Spin your Wheels'

Cub Scouts from across the Clinton Valley Council, Ottawa District turned out to the Novi Expo Center Saturday for the district's Pinewood Derby. Held in the Motorsports Museum, the Cubs completed in three categories according to their scouting rank. Above, Brad Kopitz, 7, lines up his car at the top of the track. At right, Cubs used body English to give their cars a little extra speed at the finish line. Below, Jeff Stith, 7, gets his first place trophy.



Check box to aid abused children

Last year, over 104,000 cases of child abuse were reported in Michigan. That translates to an overwhelming 284 cases of child abuse per day. This year every Michigan taxpayer has the opportunity to fight this abuse by checking off the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) box on their state income tax return.

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More children under the age of five die from injuries inflicted by their parents than die from tuberculosis, whooping cough, polio, measles, diabetes, rheumatic fever and appendicitis combined. Average hospitalization costs for an abused child is $5,498. Foster care for abused children averages $1,357 per child per month, which translates to $339.25 per child per week.

When you "Check To Protect Our Kids," you will be helping to provide support for local programs designed to prevent this widespread abuse and neglect.

The check-off allows both Michigan taxpayers who are receiving a refund and those who aren't to contribute. Supported only by voluntary contributions, the CTF theme is "We're not asking you to give until it hurts, we're asking you to give *before* it hurts — Check To Protect Our Kids!" This theme is consistent with our goal of encouraging financial support while promoting the significant importance of child abuse prevention efforts.

CTF is an independent, nonprofit organization established to prevent child abuse. It is intended to be a permanent source of support for local programs designed to prevent abuse and neglect toward our children. Since 1982, CTF has helped more than 300,000 families by funding local provention programs.

Every five minutes another child is abused. Reports of suspected child abuse have increased more than 500 percent over the past 15 years.

Obituaries

JUDSON C. GOLTRA, JR.

Judson C. Goltra, Jr. died March 19 at his home. He was 41.

Mr. Goltra was born July 23, 1952 in St. Augustine, Fla. He graduated from Novi High School in 1970 and attended Oakland Community College. He was a freelance commercial artist who raised and sold exotic birds.

Surviving is his mother, Katherine Goltra of Farmington; and his sisters, Katherine Harshfield of Illinois, Cynthia Coert of Howell, and Elizabeth Patton of Westland. His father, Judson, Sr., preceded him in death.

Services were held March 27 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Pastor Edward Duncan officiated.

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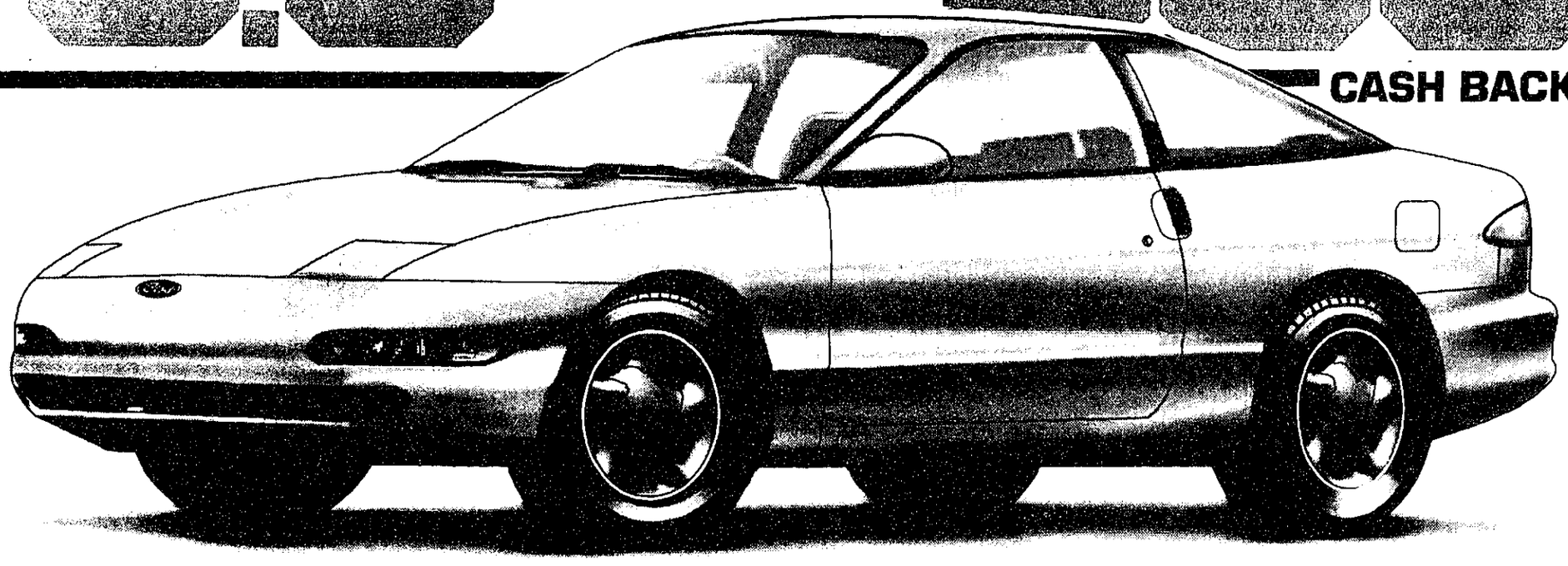

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Events of Easter

Egg hunts, food abundant in area holiday rejoicing

Not sure how you want to spend your Easter holiday? Here are a few suggestions:

The 16th annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Novi Jaycees and Novi Parks and Recreation, will be held Saturday, April 2, on the Power Park softball fields behind the Novi Civic Center. An Easter Bunny look-alike contest for the kids and an Easter bonnet contest for the adults will be held at 1 p.m. with the Easter egg hunt following at 2 p.m. Of course, the Easter Bunny is scheduled to make an appearance.

Forget the robins and groundhogs, departing Old Man Winter has a sweet tooth.

As this frigid, dreary winter finally begins to give way to spring, the last blizzard of the season is officially scheduled for Good Friday, and only at Wayne County Parks locations.

That is when and where a storm of 20,000 marshmallows will fall from the sky (well, actually a helicopter), much to the delight of hundreds of awaiting children, who will then scramble to collect the sweet treats and turn them in for prize filled eggs during the country's 9th annual Great Marshmallow Drop.

An Easter egg hunt alternative developed by Wayne County, the Great Marshmallow Drop will take place at two parks locations on Friday, April 1: 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

In the event of inclement weather, the Great Marshmallow Drop will take place on Saturday, April 2.

Kids will be divided into age groups to make certain the little ones can collect their share.

The Great Marshallow Drop is being co-sponsored by WNIC-FM 100.

Put on your Easter bonnett, with the frills upon it, and take the family to one of the most time-honored traditions in Novi — the annual Easter brunch at the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Easter Sunday. Reservations are recommended.

Every year, nearly a thousand diners treat themselves to the buffet-style brunch. Diners can choose from such dishes as waldorf, Caesar and tortellini salads, hot cross buns and challah rolls, traditional breakfast foods, cheese blintzes, steamship round of beef, vegetables, desserts, canolis, fruit tartlettes and cheesecakes.

The price is $17.95 for adults and $8.95 for children ages 3-12. Children under 2 eat free. Seniors also receive a 10 percent discount.

The Easter bunny will also be available and will pose for photos with the little ones and maybe a few big ones. Photos are $2.

The Easter Bunny, everyone's favorite ambassador of spring, will welcome the season to Laurel Park Place through April 2. He can be seen 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the mall, located at West Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

The bunny and his Victorian garden display will be located in the center court area.

Children of all ages will not only have the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny, but to have a keepsake photo taken with him as well. Plus, each child who visits the bunny will receive a free treat.

Peter Rabbit will hop into Mr. McGregor's garden at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi on 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 10-feet wide and 8-feet-tall, with three-dimensional objects, like 5-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. McGregor's garden, a colorful re-creation of an English garden bursting with hundreds of tulips, daffodils, irises, azaleas, foxgloves and other blooms planted in a rustic wheelbarrow, wicker baskets and a grassy field.

Visitors saunter through an 8-foot high rustic stone archway and onto a faux stone path through the garden to visit Peter Rabbit, who perches comfortably in his cushioned garden bench.

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

Twelve Oaks is located at Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

FILE PHOTO

Easter egg hunts remain a tradition of the holiday, but other customs, such as attending sunrise church services and giving Easter lilies as gifts, aren't as popular as they once used to be.

Easter Traditions?

Changing times reflect changing traditions

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Buying a brand new Easter bonnet for church, decorating eggs with a few simple drops of food coloring and giving Easter lilies as a holiday gift are traditions that for many belong only to the past.

One area pastor said his attendance is down during the Easter holiday, fancy decorating kits now embellish eggs with anything from feathers to glitter, and daffodils and tulips have replaced the lily as a sign of spring.

"Attendance has been lighter during recent years," said the Rev. Charles Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church. "Back when I was younger, Easter Sunday is when the most people were there.

"Now, it's a different program. There's a question as to whether the youth will be available. Most of them are on spring break."

Since the schools have aligned their spring breaks with the Easter holiday, most families plan trips to places such as Florida to get a jump on the warmer weather, Jacobs said.

"This is a big change, one that is difficult for us to adapt to," he added. "Easter is the highlight of the Christian year. We just don't find the large numbers that we used to have."

Most churches observe the week before Easter as Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday, symbolizes the day of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

"It's appropriate to experience the sacrament (Last Supper) leading up to Good Friday when the crucifixion happened," Jacobs explained. "It's kind of an important, silent time following Palm Sunday and its celebration to the change . . . to the (time of) the crucifixion — the highs and lows of the emotional experience."

Easter Sunday, of course, is the celebration commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

The Rev. David Grundmeier said attendance *does* increase during Easter at his church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Novi.

"This is a highlight for many Christians," he said. "A lot of people are in church when they're not in church at other times."

Area churches are in full splendor as the Easter holiday approaches. Grundmeier said palms decorated his church during Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. That is the day Christ came into Jerusalem and was hailed as the Messiah. Palms were thrown in front of him, the palms symbolizing royalty.

"The crowd went out to meet him with palms as he rode into town on a donkey," Grundmeier said.

Lilies will fill area parishes this Sunday. Mike Dinser of Dinser's Greenhouse and Flower Shop has helped fill some of those orders.

"The Easter lily has been (an Easter) tradition for as long as I can remember," said Dinser, who is the fourth generation to run the greenhouse.

Dinser said he sells most of his lilies to flower shops but sells a fair amount at retail right out of the greenhouse.

But, the Easter lily, a symbol of rebirth, is slowly being replaced, according to Dinser.

"Eight to 10 years ago it was more of a tradition with the older generation," Dinser said.

Today, flowering plants such as azaleas, chrysanthemums, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and hydrangea are becoming popular for Easter gift-giving.

"It's a rite of spring," Dinser said. "We've had people in here the

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Volunteer

MYRTLE LOCKE

Volunteer is glad to be voice for citizens

By DOROTHY NASH
Editor

If you are a senior citizen, you know there is a need to get out and be with it.

Myrtle Locke, who is one of the five-member board of the Novi Public Library—and a senior citizen herself—has something to tell you on the subject.

"I feel that I represent the citizens of Novi," she said, "and give the library administration the point of view of all citizens but especially that of seniors.

"I would like to encourage seniors to use the library's on-line catalog which will help them locate anything in the library's collection.

"In case computers are intimidating, remember that the library staff is always willing to help. In fact, the sign on the reference library's desk reads, 'Please interrupt me. I am here to help.'

"Also," Locke said, "I want seniors to know about the excellent large print section of the library which is a real boon to those of us with aging eyes.

"And there is a good collection of audio books and videos."

Locke said, furthermore, that there are programs for all ages of people—such as:

Children's story hour
Spring-break activities
Adult programs
Adult book discussion group

And for seniors, Locke said, there is a Senior Book Discussion Group, which meets at the Civic Center at 12:30 on the second Thursday of each month.

Myrtle Locke has been a member of the Novi Library Board since 1989 when she stepped in to fill a vacancy and then was appointed to serve a five-year term.

If you would like to attend a meeting of the Library Board, whether or not you'd like to fill the next vacancy, you're welcome to come—the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

It's A Fact

Oakland County

Below are various facts about Oakland County:

- Oakland County is ranked as the 28th largest county in United States, with a population of 1,083,592, according to the 1990 census.
- Oakland County is ranked first in Michigan in per capita income.
- Oakland County is ranked third in the nation in per capita income with populations over 1 million. It is ranked 27th overall out of 3,804 counties.
- The County's unemployment rate is consistently below the state and national average.

Register now for dancing, computer classes

The date of the next meeting of the Novi Adventurers is Tuesday, April 12, at Tollgate Farms. All officers, leaders and refreshment parents are asked to be there at 6:45 p.m.

The 4-H pins and certificates were passed out at the March meeting, but those who were not there can pick them up at this next meeting.

Since the last meeting, many of the 4-H children and their families went to the home of Margaret and Larry Schmidt for the 1994 Maple Syrup Festival and really enjoyed themselves as well as learning so much from the Schmidt's. At the April meeting, members are encouraged to get their camp applications in as most camps have to be registered by end of April. Also those who wish to *attend Exploration days* at MSU June 22-24, 1994 (ages 12 and up) must request registration booklets as soon as possible, and in addition those interested in attending the Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp in July 17-23 (ages 13-15) should also get their applications in.

Other opportunities include Space Camp in Jackson (ages 8-14), Michigan United Conservation Clubs Youth Camp near Ann Arbor, and will be the "Searches in Science" Hands on Science Education summer day camp program at Tollgate June 28-August 19 for ages 7-13.

The cooking group will be meeting on Thursday April 14 and special guests will include Susan Thomas and her exchange student from Japan and will be teaching everyone how to make authentic Japanese Sushi.

With the Clowning group, Mrs. Oppermann is planning a Thank You Pizza party for the very service minded clowns who donate a lot of their time and talents to community projects.

With the Sewing group, they are looking forward to the Spring Achievement program on Saturday April 9 with special meeting at the St. Clair home to plan for the program.

Novi Highlights

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March was a busy month for the folks at the church with two special programs that took place on March 20.

The Junior High Youth presented a play that was directed and written by Hugh Schulkins, called *Reflections of a Seuss.*

On the same night, Jeff Bluhm from Camp Michi-lu-ca was the guest speaker and told about camping opportunities for the entire family, and he presented a video about the camp and answered questions.

One of the highlights of the month was the third annual Hope Church Talent Extravaganza and was sponsored by the Junior High Youth with a free will offerings going to help victims of the California earthquake.

The newest adult group interested in fellowship is called "Eight for Fun" when eight people get together and plan their own activity which could be a picnic or a play at the Fox Theater. More information is available at the church office.

The church is also starting a new stewardship campaign entitled "Giving Hope to Tomorrow" with Gregg Knepley as Campaign Director. He will be joined by a committee of 14 members of the church assigned to various details with special dates coming up on April 16-23 entitled "Evenings of Support," Special Event on May 22 and Celebration Sunday on June 5.

The church is involved in a special Lenten Project of collecting material goods for Haydom Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania and includes Prescription Med, a "Wish List" as well as supplies of surgical gloves, syringes, surgical glasses and old prescription eyeglasses or reading glasses. Also church family has been asked to develop a new "habit" for 21 weeks of bringing food staples for area food pantries to church each Sunday morning. April 14 and 15 has been set for the Annual Rummage Sale with treasures and donations welcome.

CITY OF NOVI LIBRARY

Senior citizens in the area are reminded of the special section of the Novi Library that is set aside for them including large print books in a number of areas including fiction, and non-fiction including biographies, etc. In addition there is an area providing many free handouts and some of these include "Medicare: what it covers and what it doesn't;" "Caregiving," (a money management workbook); "Nursing Home Life," (a guide for residents and families); and many more. Further, the bulletin board has timely topics and this month it is on nutrition and includes a very informative list of evaluation of nutrition in fast food purchasing including a rating on all those from Arby's to Wendy's. An interesting book that is highlighted is entitled *Don't Eat Your Heart Out CookBook* and of course it is printed in large print.

Other literature includes one of reading food labels and a challenge entitled *How does your nutrition measure up.*

Any Senior who does not have transportation to the library is reminded of the Novi senior transit on which Novi residents are eligible to ride the senior van to the civic center without charge. It a short walk to the library. Also, subsidized cab transportation is available to seniors for $2 one way within the city limits.

The library also provides information about senior programs happening elsewhere in the vicinity like the one being publicized by Beaumont Hospital, called "In Your Second 50 Years" and have monthly interesting programs set up through July.

A reminder of the spring library hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday through May 22 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to stop in and pick up the new issue of Notables that contains the adult programs available and also the spring break activities for kids.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Classes are still available for those interested in learning about computers with one on keyboarding, another one for Lotus Fundamentals for IBM Compatibles starting this month.

The fourth session of Builder's License also starts this month and registration for this class can be made by calling the instructor at 887-3034 after 5 p.m.

Additional sessions for those interested in dancing will start including Ballroom Dancing, Line Dancing and Country Western Line Dancing.

The last session on Infant Feeding for those who are 3 to 8 months pregnant will start in April for two evenings.

For the Piano for Beginners, should call April 4 to find out what class times are available in session two.

One day workshops are available and they include "Dried Flower Wreath," "Learning how to put on a Road Rally Treasure Hunt," "Basic Hair Braiding and More" which includes the basic french braid, inverted ponytail, french twist, etc.

A real estate workshop for buyers is coming up with an instructor who is licensed salesperson and director of real estate professional education group.

A new class designed as a personal growth approach is entitled "Developing Healthy Eating Patterns" is not a new diet but is to help you break negative patterns which cause you to eat.

The Oakland County Health Division will be in Novi on April 26 and 27 with appointments being scheduled at 344-8330 ext. 73 for those interested in Breast Cancer Screening. The mobile unit will be at the Novi Meadows parking lot and the staff will include information on self-examination and the mammogram within 45 minute session.

Fall preschool registration is being taken by calling 344-8330 ext. 13.

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Church

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.

A noon Good Friday service has been set.

An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. to be followed by regular worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday services are scheduled for 7 p.m. at **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

A Tenebrae service will take place at 7 p.m. on Good Friday.

A sunrise service has been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday followed by an Easter breakfast. Festive services, which will include the choirs, is set for 10:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 770 Thayer, Northville, has scheduled a 7:30 p.m. service for Holy Thursday which will include a Mass of the Lord's Last Supper and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 p.m. Night prayer begins after that.

Stations of the cross will take place at 12:15 p.m. Good Friday followed by a 1 p.m. liturgy of the Lord's passion.

The blessing of the food will take place at noon on Holy Saturday. An Easter vigil begins at 8 p.m.

Masses on Easter Sunday will be held at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at **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.

Easter services will be held at 10 a.m.

Services during Holy Week will be combined with St. Ann's of Walled Lake for parishoners of **HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**, 46200 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

On Maundy Thursday, a Holy Eucharist stripping of the altar will occur at St. Ann's at 7 p.m.

The church will take part in community Good Friday services at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

A 7 p.m. liturgy has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Good Friday at Holy Cross as well as a 9 p.m. Easter vigil on Saturday.

The Easter vigil continues at 6 a.m. Sunday at St. Ann's followed by a holy Eucharist service at 8 a.m. at Holy Cross. Holy Eucharist services are again scheduled at 9 a.m. at St. Ann's and a final service at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, will host community Good Friday services at noon.

On Holy Thursday, a celebration of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7:30 p.m.

A celebration of the Lord's passion is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Good Friday.

The blessing of the food will take place at noon Saturday and an Easter vigil begins at 7:30 that evening.

Sunday masses will be held at 7:30, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m.

A Tenebrae service and sacrament of the Last Supper has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST**, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road.

Parishoners will join in the community Good Friday service at noon at Holy Family.

An Easter sunrise service has been scheduled for 7 a.m. and worship will take place at 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday services have been set for 7:30 p.m. at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 217 N. Wing.

A 7 a.m. Easter sunrise service will be followed by breakfast and worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Communion, open to anyone, will be held at 7:30 p.m Good Friday at **METROPOLITAN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**, 15585 Haggerty Road.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Sabbath school will be held with a church service to follow at 11 a.m.

Easter services have been set for 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. at **OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 145 N. Center St., Northville.

A 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service has been scheduled at **ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 201 Elm. Good Friday services have been set for 1 and 7:30 p.m.

A sunrise Easter Sunday service has been scheduled for 6 a.m. and regular worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m.s

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at **Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church**, 40700 Ten Mile Road, Novi.

A sunrise service has been set for 7:30 a.m. Easter. A breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and the regular worship service will be held at 10:45 a.m.

An annual women's retreat has been scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 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 also will be available. Babysitting will be provided.

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

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road, begins a divorce recovery seminar Friday, April 8. Meetings times are 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Call the church at 348-9030 for more information.

Holy Week services include a noon service on Good Friday in the church's sanctuary and a celebration of resurrection at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday.

Special services have been set for Easter Sunday at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI**. The morning will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a complimentary breakfast followed by a first person enactment in the Garden of Gethsemane. RSVP by April 2 by calling the church at 349-3477.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., the choir will present an Easter Cantata followed by an Easter message by Pastor Gary Elfner.

The church is located at the corner of Taft and Eleven Mile roads, one block south of Grand River.

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.

Holy Week services include a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, the congregation will join members of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for a 1:30 p.m. service at First United Methodist Church. The service will combine clergy and choirs from both churches.

A sunrise Easter service has been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. An 8 a.m. pancake breakfast will follow.

Festive Easter services are scheduled for 9 and 11 a.m. and will include about 100 participants in the youth and adult choirs joining brass players. The pastor's sermon is entitled: "The End of the Beginning, or the . . .?

Special 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 Boll Hall. Tickets are $6.75 a person. Reserve them in the office.

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

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

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46235 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, will celebrate Mass at 7:30 p.m. in observance of Holy Thursday

At 1 p.m. Good Friday, a liturgy of the Lord's passion and death will be held.

The blessing of the food will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday and an Easter vigil will begin at 8 that evening.

Easter Sunday Masses are scheduled for 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

Call the church for more information, 347-7778.

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

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The Rev. Neil Hunt of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi said the congregationalist religion is alive and well.

Pastor envisions new church

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

The Congregational church is alive and well and the Rev. Neil Hunt is more than happy to affirm it.

Once a dominant religion in the United States, the Congregationalists were the center of controversy when parishoners merged with the United Church of Christ. A large number opted not to merge, however, and formed the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, a foundation which was built in the Fort-Shelby Hotel in Detroit in 1958.

The latter is the philosophy Hunt's church, Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, subscribes to.

"Historically, we go back to what we called the pilgrims in 1620," Hunt said of the religion's origin. "It was a separation from the Church of England prior to 1620 that ultimately came to the United States. Since that time, we've undergone lots of changes."

Hunt came to the Meadowbrook Road church in August 1986. Previously he had served as an associate pastor for the North Congregational Church in Southfield.

A native of Jackson, Hunt resigned from his job at Consumers Power Company in 1979 to pursue a career in ministry.

He commuted from his home in Lansing to the Chicago Theology Seminary for three years.

"Fortunately, the train went back and forth (from Lansing to Chicago)," Hunt said. "It was five hours each way to try to do homework."

His last year in the seminary, Hunt and his family moved to Chicago.

"I spent half the time looking for a place to live and discovering how expensive it was there," he said.

His first assignment was as a youth minister for a church in Willmett, near Chicago.

Today, he is leading a 325-member congregation — a medium size — he said. The church offers two Bible study classes for adults, a confirmation class and an active youth program.

A full church-school program is in place for 110 students, nursery through high school age.

A Women's Service Club also meets monthly and plans rummage sales and church bazaars.

An addition, completed about 18 months ago, provided the church will more worship space. Hunt would like to see the congregation grow to fill that space, adding that he would like to see about 600 members fill his "meeting house."

Another goal of Hunt's is his neighborhood concept. He has divided the congregation into 18-20 small groups.

"Each group decides for themselves the things they want to do in their group," Hunt explained. "Some have individual Bible studies in people's homes. It's just one thing to get to know each other better."

The "neighborhoods" also help to establish a telephone tree. It's much easier for a person to call 18 to 20 people, rather than 325, to let someone know a church member has been hospitalized or needs help, said Hunt.

Another vision of Hunt's is to plan for a new church building, to be built on a site not too far away from its current location.

"One thing we haven't done a good job at is planning a new church," he admitted.

The current church was started by 46 individuals who separated from a church in Detroit located on Grand River.

"They laid the cornerstone for us," Hunt said. "From that time, we've grown to where we are now due to the commitment and hard work from that group of folks."

Worship services are held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Hunt said he will probably add a second service sometime in the future.

For more information about the church, call 348-7757.

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Holiday traditions fall by wayside

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past few weeks chomping at the bit to take a look at the flowers. It kicks off spring."

There are also different varieties to the traditional white Easter lily. Hybrid lilies, originating from the Orient, are growing in popularity, offering colors in yellow, orange, pink, dark red and burgandy.

"They're called enchantment lilies," Dinser said. "There are hundreds of varieties. They've become popular over the last seven to eight years."

Dinser suggested buying lilies as they're budding. If the plant is kept watered, it should last a couple weeks, he said.

Easter is the third biggest holiday for Dinser, following Mother's Day as the most popular and Christmas for flowering plants.

"This is a good holiday for greenhouses," he said.

Bunnies and baby chicks are also signs of spring and Easter, but they don't necessarily make good Easter presents.

"I don't think it would be a good idea—pets like that are usually forgotten once Easter is over," said Sgt. Al Arnold of the Oakland County Animal Control.

The county-operated center doesn't adopt out such animals, and Arnold suggested potential chicken owners check with their local city ordinances to see if they're allowed before purchasing a chick.

Rabbits, on the other hand, would probably make good pets as long as they're taken care of, Arnold said.

Speaking of rabbits, Peter Rabbit is visiting Twelve Oaks Mall until this Saturday. Youngsters visiting Mr. Rabbit will find larger-than-life Beatrix Potter books, about 10-feet wide and 8-feet tall, with three dimensional objects, like 5-foot carrot tops and oversized onions, literally spilling from the pages.

Off to one side is Mr. McGregor's garden, a colorful re-creation of an English garden.

Elaine Kah, marketing director for Twelve Oaks, said Peter Rabbit was invited to hop into the mall instead of the Easter Bunny because of the Beatrix Potter theme.

"It ties into the whole display," Kah said.

Plus, Peter Rabbit is not specifically associated with anything religious which allows any youngster to visit with him, Kah added.

Fortunately, some traditions will never change, though. What would Easter be without chocolate?

Pre-schoolers at Novi Woods will never know as Chef Marcus Haight helped them make and decorate their own chocolate eggs Tuesday.

Haight, who has been a chef with The Lark in West Bloomfield for seven years, will show the children how to mold the chocolate egg, and how to fill it with green Easter grass, jellybeans and marshmallow bunnies, and put a chocolate top on it. Haight has also made chocolate flowers and leaves to decorate the outside of the eggs.

"The whole thing is edible but the green grass," Haight, whose son Justin is in the class, said.

On Monday, Haight was making preparations for the 30 eggs to be made. He was making extra chocolate leaves in anticipation of a few hungry mouths.

"It will probably get kind of messy," he said. "I told them to wear clothes that the kids can get dirty."

One word of caution, though, during the Easter holidays. Don't eat the grass.

Thirteen-year-old Shannon Rose called to let *The Record* know that her cat ate some of that fake Easter grass and got really sick.

Rose said one veterinarian she talked to said a lot of pets have died from injesting the Easter grass.

Baskets, fake grass, eggs and chocolate bunnies are all sure signs of Easter.

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 morning. Bob Allwine will be the speaker.

A divorce recovery shop is scheduled for seven Thursday evenings through April 28. 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 more than 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. Wednesdays.

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

Send Singles information to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

On campus

MATTHEW RAY TAULBEE received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall semester of 1993-94 school year. Matthew is the son of A. Ray and Suzanne E. Taulbee.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at their school for the fall semester:

DAVID TOWNE, Albion College; **ALEXIS A. JOHNSON**, Northern Michigan University; and **RAECHEL A. STREIT**, Boston University.

JENNIFER CRAWFORD has joined the 1993 Union Board at Albion College. She is also spending the spring semester studying in Philadelphia, Penn. as part of Albion's off-campus programs. The Philadelphia internship program allows students to study, through experience and academics, all aspects of urban society. Jennifer is an economics major and the daughter of John and Linda Crawford.

Grand Valley State University has announced the following individuals have been placed on the dean's list for the fall semester after maintaining a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits: **MATTHEW B. BERGSTROM, MARY E. CLARK, AMY E. LEWIS,** and **ERASMUS G. MORPE.**

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STEFFANY A. DROZDO, has been named to the Dean's List at Miami State University for the first semester 1993-94 after achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

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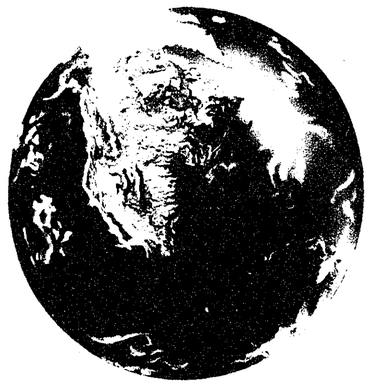

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Engagements

Todd Boucher/Heather Morgan

Jerry and Marlene Morgan announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lynn, to Todd Matthew Boucher, son of Pat and Jerry Boucher.

Heather, of Columbia S.C., is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a human resource assistant at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital. The Morgan's are former Novi residents now residing in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Todd, of Columbia, S.C., is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a memory products buyer for AT&T Global Information Solutions Division. His parents reside in Canton.

A June 25, 1994, wedding date has been set.

Lisa Cipicchio/Chad Moody

Anthony and Susan Cipicchio of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Chad Christian Moody, son of Sylvia and Skip Moody of Walled Lake.

The bride-elect graduated from Northville High School in 1986 and from Michigan State University in 1990. She is employed as a special education teacher in the Holly Area Schools.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1985 graduate of Walled Lake Western and a 1989 graduate of the University of Michigan. He plans to complete an MBA from Michigan State University in May 1994.

A June 4 wedding has been planned.

Jennifer Siebert/Chris Putz

Dr. and Mrs. William Siebert of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Robin, to Christopher Allan Putz of Trenton, son of Nancy and Robert Chambo of Trenton, and William and Toshiko Putz of Dearborn.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1993 with a degree in business finance. Jennifer is currently employed at the General Motors Acceptance Corporation Executive Office.

The groom-elect is a 1986 graduate of Riverview Community High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. Chris is currently employed at Hayes Wheels International as a product engineer.

A May 1995 wedding is planned.

Club News

NOVI JAYCEES

DIANE DEMPSEY and **MIKE DINGMAN** have renewed their membership in the Novi Jaycees.

DAN McNAMARA is the group's newest member.

The eighth annual co-ed charity Snoball Tournament, co-sponsored with Mr. B's Farm and McHish's Feb. 4-6, was the biggest and best ever with a record 14 teams participating. The Mavericks won the tournament.

Proceeds from the auctions and tournament benefitted the Oakland County Food Bank and Hickory Woods Elementary School's Reading Is Fundamental program.

The 16th annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Novi Jaycees and Novi Parks and Recreation, will be held Saturday, April 2, on the Power Park softball fields behind the Novi Civic Center. An Easter Bunny look-alike contest for the kids and an Easter bonnet contest for the adults will be held at 1 p.m. with the Easter egg hunt following at 2 p.m. Of course, the Easter Bunny is scheduled to make an appearance.

At 7 p.m. Monday, April 25, the Novi Jaycees will join the city in celebrating Arbor Day at the Novi Civic Center. The group will sponsor the planting of a tree and will also distribute tree seedlings to those Novi residents and friends joining in the celebration.

BETH MURPHY was recognized as the Jaycee of the Month for January. She has been an active participant in many Jaycee activities since joining the chapter last September.

In January, Murphy participated in the Family Bowling Outing, hosted the main course of the International Progressive Dinner and brought two prospective members to the Super Bowl Membership Night Party.

KAREN LEPPANEN was awarded the Officer of the Month honor for January. She worked on and completed the Community Development Programming book and submitted the third quarter judging and evaluation.

Leppanen also participated in the Needy Family Wrap Up/Thank You meeting and also made sure the necessary arrangements for the Sno-Ball Tournament were on track. In addition, she hosted part of the International Progressive Dinner at her home.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual charity auction, "A Night to Remember," April 16 at the Novi Expo Center.

More than 400 people are expected to attend the benefit for the American Heart Association of Michigan.

There will be silent auctions and raffles featuring a vast array of interesting items.

Ticket prices are $25 and include dinner provided by Maisano's Italian Restaurant, DaVinci's Market in the Novi Hilton, Matt Brady's in the Holiday Inn/Farmington Hills, Genitti's and Great Harvest Bread, both of Northville, and Home Sweet Home.

There will also be dancing to the musical sounds of Big Band Express.

Tickets are available from the chamber office in person, or by mail. 43700 Expo Center Drive, No. 100, Novi, Mich. 48375.

If you would like to donate items for the event, contact the Novi Chamber office at (810)349-3743.

Plenty of programs on tap at Library

The following adult and children's programs have been scheduled at Novi Public Library. For more information and registration, call the library, 349-0720.

"The Three Season Perennial Garden" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

David Hewson, a master gardener, will explain how to plan a perennial garden. He will also talk about opening the garden in late winter, closing it in late fall and the work involved in between.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, "Born to Write: For Parents Only" will be presented by Beth Katz, scriptwriter, puppeteer and motivational specialist.

Katz will give parents an evening full of practical tips. Children have a lot of creativity and parents can help them develop that creativity, learning the joys of writing and other wholesome activities.

Spring break activities for kids include "Wild Things!" at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Observe first-hand a variety of wild animals and birds of prey, including owls that will visit from the Howell Nature Center. The program is 50 minutes long and is geared toward children ages kindergarten and up. No registration is required.

"Music and Fun, The Old-Fashioned Way!" will be presented at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 6. Kazoos, noseflutes and spoons will be part of the festivities in the 45-minute program. Class size is limited. Registration begins March 28.

Children ages kindergarten can learn and explore the amazing world of insects and why they are important in our lives at "Incredible Insects," to be presented at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 7. No registration is needed.

NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Murray's Car Audio is requesting a temporary use permit to allow a sidewalk sale at 41843 Grand River Avenue, for the period April 29 and 30, and May 5, 6 and 7, 1994.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 1994, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 6, 1994.
(3-31-94 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council is taking applications for appointment to the Housing & Community Development Committee and the Cable Access Committee. Persons interested in appointment should contact the City Clerk at 347-0456 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is April 11th. Please contact the City Clerk should you not be able to meet that deadline of if you would like additional information about the above committees.
(3-31-94 NR, NN) GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Novi Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project:

Carpeting and Painting
Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Novi Woods Elementary Schools, Release Date March 24, 1994, Pre Bid Meeting March 31, 1994 and Novi Woods Elementary at 1:00 p.m., Bid Due Date April 14, 1994 and Award Date April 21, 1994.

Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after March 24, 1994:
Barton Malow Company
C/O Novi High School
24062 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374
(810) 348-0293

All proposals must be submitted on Bid Date before 2:00 p.m., local time, on the approved bid proposal forms to:
James Koster
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations
25345 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Novi Community School District.
JAMES KOSTER,
(3-24 & 3-31-94 NN) ASSOC. SUPERINTENDENT

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

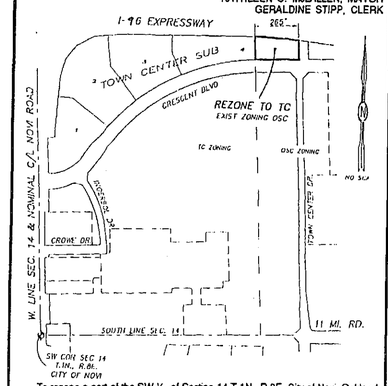
PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 518, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is April 5, 1994.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 21st day of March, 1994. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

KATHLEEN S. McLALLEN, MAYOR
GERALDINE STIPP, CLERK



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The easterly 265 feet of Lot 4 of Town Center Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 215 Pages 21-22 of Plats, Oakland County Records. This description being the limits of the existing OSC zoning within the subject parcel.

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TO: TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18.518
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 518
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I, Geraldine Stipp, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 21st day of March 1994, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.
(3-31-94 NR, NN) GERALDINE STIPP, CLERK

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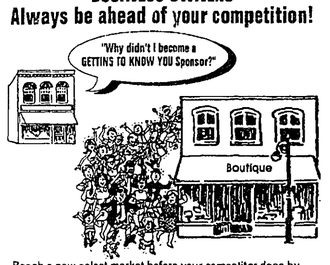

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Novi student will appear in Paper Bag Productions last performance of this season.

Novi student plays king in production

A Novi Middle School student is performing in Paper Bag Productions' performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.

The production will run on Saturdays and Sundays through May 29 at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit (across from Harbortown).

On Saturdays, lunch begins at noon and the show begins at 1 p.m. On Sundays, lunch is served at 1 p.m. and the show begins at 2 p.m. A special performance has been scheduled for May 30.

Featuring 40 outstanding performers ages 7 through 17, the Sunday cast includes David Langham of Novi. He will portray the King.

A seventh grader, this is Langham's fourth show with Paper Bag Productions. He previously was seen in *Babes in Toyland*, *The Wizard of Oz* and played Linus in *Snoopy*.

Langham has performed with Nancy Gurwin Productions as Oliver and as Louis in *The King and I*. He has also performed at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

This spring, he will be performing in *Turandot* with the Michigan Opera Theatre.

When the Novi student isn't acting, he dances competitively and plays the trombone and organ.

This is the third season for Paper Bag Productions, a company which was started in 1991 by C.J. Nodus to fill the void in children's luncheon theater created by the disbanding of the Peanut Butter Players in spring 1991. The group ceased operations when its founder and artistic director, JoAnn Lamun, returned to her home state of Colorado.

Nodus had served as music director for six seasons with the Peanut Butter Players.

Cinderella will conclude the 1993-94 season.

Plans for the company's fourth season are to stage an original adaptation of Rip Van Winkle with book and music by Nodus, and the ever-popular *Peter Pan*.

Tickets for *Cinderella* are $6.50 per person, which includes lunch. Reservations must be confirmed by calling 1-800-824-8314. Group rates are available.

Intown

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

Special events

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL: Ernest Dumouchelle and his associates of Dumouchelle Art Galleries will appraise antiques and collectibles from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth.

The cost is $5 per hand-held item. There is a limit of five items.

Appraisals will be made by appointment only. Call (313) 455-8940.

All proceeds from the event will be used to further restoration and preservation work of the museum.

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

DINNER THEATRE: The Golden Mushroom in Farmington Hills and Theatre Arts Production have extended their running production of ". . . From Flappers to Phantom." Due to the response, the production, originally scheduled to run through March, will run through the end of April.

"Come Follow the Band," an original spring and summertime musical revue, will now open in May and run through July.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and showtime is 9 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call the Golden Mushroom at 559-4230.

SCHOOLCRAFT THEATRE: Schoolcraft College's 1994 Winter Theatre will perform Tom Jones' and Harvey Schmidt's musical *The Fantasticks*.

The dinner theater will take place 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.

Dinner theater tickets are $15.50 per person. A theater-only show will be held on April 1. Theater only tickets are $6.

Reservations can be made by calling 462-4409.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are $25.95 per person.

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

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows.

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

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

"Nautical Nonsense" will play through July.

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

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

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

BRADY'S MURDER MYSTERY: Matt Brady's, located in the Holiday Inn, West Ten Mile Road in Farmington Hills, offers a murder mystery package for guests which includes dinner, overnight accomodations and breakfast.

Show dates are April 8, May 6, 13 and 20 and July 8, 22 and 29. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Call (810) 477-4000 for reservations or more information.

Music

JAZZ IN THE PARK: Laurel Park Place ignites with the hot sounds of jazz and the latest in fashions featured during the "Jazz in the Park" concert series.

The free monthly series will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 in the Partsian court. Fashions from mall stores will be modeled informally during the concerts.

Janet Tenaj and Classic Trio will perform April 24.

SOUNDS OF JAZZ: Outback Cappucino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays featuring the work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield.

Cooper is a versatile musician, playing flute, trumpet, sax and flugel horn while Lester plays keyboards with midi bass and rhythms.

Call 455-0445 for more information.

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

CAFFE BRAVO: Singer/guitarist will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 1 and singer/guitarist Mark Reit is scheduled from 9 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, April 2, Ed Goldsworthy, folk singer/guitarist, will perform from 3 to 5 p.m.; Michael Fracassi, blues/jazz guitarist, takes the stage from 7 to 9 p.m.; and contemporary folk guitar trio Color Wheel plays from 9 to 11 p.m.

The coffee house is in the MainCentre in downtown Northville.

For information, call 344-0220.

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

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

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

RIFFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Riffles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

Riffles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The music is Top 40.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi.

Local group Montage will play contemporary and oldies hits April 1 and 2 beginning at 9:30 p.m. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

Art

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Featured through April 24 is Annette Bernholz's "Creating Jewelry . . . A sensual experience."

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Also, April is Glass month. Marie Snell, Joyce Gotlieb, Bernie Merritt and other guest artists will display glass jewelry from around the United States.

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'Greedy' pits family in battle for inheritance

Meet the McTeagues — just an average, hardworking family trying to get rich the old-fashioned way: flattering, fawning, groveling.

Each one will do anything to convince their manipulative — er, beloved — Uncle Joe that they deserve his millions more than the rest of the clan.

And Uncle Joe loves to be convinced.

The sparkling ensemble cast of "Greedy" stars Kirk Douglas as crafty Uncle Joe McTeague and Michael J. Fox as his long-lost nephew, Danny.

Also featured are Phil Hartman, Jere Burns, Nancy Travis, Ed Begley, Jr., Olivia d'Abo, Colleen Camp, Siobhan Fallon, Bob Balaban, Joyce Huser and Mary Ellen Trainor.

The film is directed by Jonathan Lynn ("My Cousin Vinnie"), who also plays a supporting role as Uncle Joe's acerbic butler, Douglas.

"The movie asks the question, 'How far will you humiliate yourself to get your hands on $25 million,' said Lynn, whose hit comedies have revolved around desperate people under pressure ("My Cousin Vinnie") and big-buck corruption ("The Distinguished Gentleman").

" 'Greedy' is a movie for anyone who's ever wanted more money or isn't too fond of their relatives."

What would you sacrifice for $20 million? Loyalty? Honesty? Self-respect? After a lifetime of squabbling to be first piglet at Uncle Joe's golden trough, the McTeague cousins have come to embrace a simple motto — *to* the vicious belong the spoils.

As they wait for Uncle Joe to sign the will and conveniently keel over, the cousins — sneaky Carl (Ed Begley, Jr.), slippery Frank (Phil Hartman), sleazy Glen (Jere Burns) and *snake-eyed* Patty (Colleen Camp) — go through the motions of family togetherness, employing an array of dirty tricks that would make G. Gordon Liddy blush.

Over brunches and birthday cakes, they strain to ingratiate themselves with Uncle Joe by exposing each others' most embarrassing secrets and dirtiest scandals, using information obtained by competing detectives.

Unfortunately, Uncle Joe — a self-made scrap metal tycoon — doesn't seem to be in any hurry to die. He's having too much fun watching his nieces and nephews sharpen their claws on each other.

Besides, there are better reasons to stick around. Molly (Olivia d'Abo), a pretty young pizza delivery girl, has recently been taken into the house by Uncle Joe as his "nurse." The relatives can't help but guess that the old boy's planning to leave her his fortune — and leave them out in the cold.

Fortunately, the cousins have one ace left — long-lost nephew Danny (Michael J. Fox), once the apple of his Uncle Joe's eye, now a luckless pro bowler seeking greener pastures with his girlfriend Nancy Travis. In a panic, the cousins send for Danny to help cope with the seductive new rival.

"Greedy" was born in the minds of screenwriters Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, employing the same gift for delightful comic madness that resulted in "Parenthood" and "City Slickers."

The writers were partly inspired by a tale from an obscure satirist Charles Dickens. "The storyline was suggested by his novel 'Martin Chuzziewitt,' about an entire family who waits around for a wealthy relative to die," said Ganz. "Fortunately, Dickens isn't alive to ask any questions, so we were free to take the story and make it completely our own."

Ganz and Mandel found that, while greed may be a deadly sin, it also happens to be a ripe subject for humor. "It's our feeling that, in the presence of vast amounts of money, people tend to abandon any principles they've ever had," said Ganz. "This is a pretty sad fact in real life, but in comedy it'sa gold mine."

Producer Brian Grazer, who earlier worked with Ganz and Mandel on "Splash" and "Parenthood," became the driving force behind "Greedy," once again demonstrating his flair for spirited ensemble comedies.

Together with director Jonathan Lynn, Grazer turned to the rewarding task of assembling the baker's dozens of actors who would play the avaricious McTeagues.

"Within the McTeague clan, there are several different families — factions that are constantly shifting alliances," said Grazer. "We wanted actors who could play off each other and keep the rhythm going. I think we've succeeded in matching a superb cast to these very colorful and dynamic characters."

"Total pandemonium" is how Jere Bruns describes the experience of playing within "Greedy's" versatile acting ensemble.

Saturday Night Live star Phil Hartman gets his biggest and juiciest film role to date as super-slick cousin Frank, the most ruthless relative in this dysfunctional family. Hartman describes Frank as "the leader of the pack of vultures — unequivocally and unapologetically greedy."

Another Saturday Night Live veteran, Siobhan Fallon, plays Frank's spaced-out wife Tina. "She's become alcoholic as a direct result of marrying into this family," said Fallon of her character.

Number two — and trying harder — is the eldest of the cousins, Carl, played by Ed Begley, Jr. "Carl has the most years invested in sucking up to Uncle Joe, and he's best at it," said Begley. "Meanwhile, he and his wife have trashed their lives waiting around for the old man to die."

The third cousin, blunt and fiercely determined Patti, is played by comedy veteran Collen Camp. "There is a line below which Patti will not go, but she hasn't found it yet," said Camp. Patti is an accountant at Uncle Joe's company, so she knows how much he's got and wants every penny of it.

Kirk Douglas is paired with Michael J. Fox in Imagine Entertainment's wickedly funny comedy 'Greedy.' Douglas plays rich uncle Joe McTeague who is pursued by an ensemble cast of nieces and nephews, all after his money. In the scene at the left, Uncle Joe McTeague and his eager-to-please nephew Danny join in a heartfelt rendition of 'Inka Dinka Doo.'

'Gettysburg deserves our attention'

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

GETTYSBURG
By Richard Allen Russell
Milford

General Norman Schwartzkopf rated "The Killer Angels" as one of the best war novels ever written.

Because I agree with his assessment, I was dubious that the recently released (on VCR) movie "Gettysburg" would fall short of the novel upon which it was based.

I was, however, pleasantly surprised that the four-hour epic stuck close to the book.

The movie was filmed, in part, at the actual battlefield and included many thousand authentically-clad re-enactors as well as Hollywood stars.

Particular standouts are Michigan native Jeff Daniels as Joshua Chamberlain and the late Richard Jordan as General Lo Armisted.

The scenery, attention to detail and moving musical score combine to recreate a wonderful and terrible era of our history. A three-day event that changed our country forever and cost the lives of over 53,000 Americans.

"Gettysburg" is an important and well-done film that deserves our attention and respect.

MY GIRL 2
By Heather Wadowski
Northville

Can Anna Chlumsky carry on a starring role without Macauley Culkin on her side?

This question was asked a lot when "My Girl 2" was advertised back in February. But after seeing this movie, I discovered the answer calling out loud and clear.

Yes.

This time Anna returns as Vada Sultinfuss, in search for the truth about her deceased mother. The search leads her back to her mother's hometown, Los Angeles, where her uncle Phil now lives with his girlfriend and her son (Austin O'Brien).

But during this search, Vada learns a lot about her own life . . . including the fact she may be someone else's daughter.

This is a wonderful movie, but it could have focused more on what was happening back at Vada's home, like Shelly's (Jamie Lee Curtis) pregnancy.

I give the movie three and one-half stars. It's based on real life, not fiction. So parents, if you don't think your kids will understand the movie on their own, see it with them.

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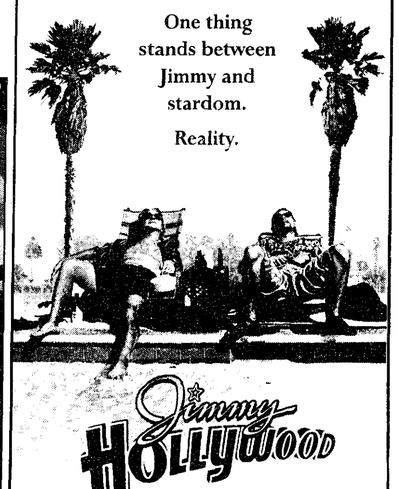

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EGG-cellent

Some ideas for EGGstra food

By DESIREE VIVEA
Copley News Service

Eggs have long been symbolic of spring, a food associated with new beginnings and rebirth.

Many centuries before the Christian era, people decorated and exchanged eggs as one of the annual rites of spring.

Nowadays, many kids love to color hard-cooked eggs as part of the yearly Easter ritual. It's lots of fun to dip them into bowls of food coloring, draw on them with crayons or paste paper bunny faces onto them.

But while they're eager to find as many eggs as they can in the annual Easter egg hunt and delight in piling them into colorful Easter baskets, the only "eggs" most kids can be bothered to actually eat are of the chocolate variety.

So, what to do with all those leftover purple-pink streaked hard-cooked eggs with the paper bunny ears? Here are some ideas:

Make hard-cooked eggs into deviled eggs, or use chopped hard-cooked eggs as a garnish for microwaved vegetables (like asparagus or broccoli), soups and casseroles. Use in a potato salad or slice atop a tossed green salad. And, of course, they make tasty egg salad sandwiches.

There are also many creative ways you can make use of those extra Easter eggs in microwave recipes.

Don't worry if hard-cooked eggs have a greenish or grayish ring where yolk and white meet. The color is due to a chemical reaction during cooking and does not indicate spoilage.

RICH TOMATO HALVES

2 large, ripe tomatoes
2 tsp. granulated sugar
2 tsp. dried basil
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 tsp. dried chopped chives
¼ cup crushed potato chips
¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Yield four servings.
Preparation time: five to 10 minutes.
Cooking time: three to five minutes (plus three minutes standing time).
Oven setting: Medium-high (70 percent power).

Wash tomatoes and remove stems; slice each in half crosswise. Arrange, cut side up, on microwave-safe plate.

Sprinkle each tomato half with ½ tsp. sugar and ½ tsp. basil. Add ¼ of egg slices, then sprinkle with ¼ tsp. dried chives. Top with 1 tbsp. each crushed potato chips and shredded cheese.

Microwave, uncovered, three to five minutes, or until tomatoes are tender and cheese bubbles. Let stand three minutes before serving.

SUNDAY BRUNCH CASSEROLE

1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 cup chopped cooked ham
1 dozen hard-cooked eggs, sliced
⅓ cup chopped green onion
1 (10¾ -ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
¾ cup milk
1 (2-ounce) jar chopped pimento, drained
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley OR 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
¼ tsp. dried basil
⅓ cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
⅓ cup shredded cheddar cheese
Paprika
Yields six to 10 servings.
Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes.
Cooking time: 10 to 16 minutes (plus five minutes standing time).
Oven setting: High.

Turn broccoli into colander and rinse under cold water to separate; drain well. Spread evenly in 11x17-inch microwave-safe baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Spread cubed ham over broccoli, then arrange egg slices over ham. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

In small microwave-safe mixing bowl, combine cream of mushroom soup, milk, pimento, parsley and basil. Stir well. Microwave 2½ to four minutes, or just until mixture boils, stirring halfway through cooking time. Pour over ingredients in casserole.

Cover with vented plastic wrap and microwave five to seven minutes. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, then top with cheese and dust with paprika.

Microwave, uncovered, three to five minutes longer, or until cheese is melted and casserole is heated through and bubbly. Let stand five minutes before serving.

SAVORY CRAB CASSEROLE

3 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 large clove garlic, minced
12 oz. shredded crab meat (thawed or canned)
4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
¾ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sour cream
1 tsp. prepared mustard
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
2 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
Paprika
Yields four to six servings.
Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes.
Cooking time: 17 to 26¼ minutes (plus five minutes standing time).
Oven settings: High and low/defrost (30 percent power).

Place butter or margarine in 2-quart microwave-safe casserole; microwave at high setting one to 1½ minutes to melt. Add onion, celery, green pepper and garlic. Microwave at high setting four to seven minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

Add crab meat and eggs; toss gently. In small mixing bowl combine mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, salt and pepper. Stir well to blend, then add to casserole; toss.

Cover with vented plastic wrap and microwave at low/defrost setting or 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through and bubbly, stirring every five minutes.

Place remaining butter or margarine in small mixing bowl. Microwave about one minute to melt. Add bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese; toss. Sprinkle over casserole.

Dust lightly with paprika and microwave, uncovered, at high setting one to two minutes longer. Let stand on heat-proof surface five minutes before serving.

SPINACH SALAD

5 cups torn, clean spinach leaves
2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
⅓ cup sliced green onion
3 slices bacon
⅓ cup mayonnaise
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
¼ tsp. dried tarragon
Yields six servings.
Preparation time: 10 minutes.
Cooking time: three to six minutes.
Oven setting: High

In salad bowl, combine spinach, mushrooms, eggs and green onion; toss.

Microwave bacon between double slices of paper towel at high setting for two to four minutes, until crisp. Set aside.

In 1-cup measure, combine mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar and tarragon; stir to blend. Microwave at high setting for one to two minutes, or until dressing boils.

Pour over salad; toss. Top with crumbled bacon and serve immediately.

Recipes in this column are tested in 625-700 watt microwave ovens.

Tip of the week: Don't attempt to microwave eggs in the shell. Pressure will build up inside of the shell and the egg will explode all over the inside of your microwave.

Don't chance food poisoning

Decorated eggs need to be treated carefully if they are to be eaten afterwards, cautions Sylvia Tretman, home economist for the Michigan State University Extension Service-Oakland University.

Hard-cooked eggs should be stored in the refrigerator before decorating, after decorating and after the Easter egg hunt.

When hiding eggs, a two-hour time limit is the safest recommendation to avoid food poisoning.

"It is also a good idea to make yourself a map of where eggs are hidden," said Tretman. "It is easy to forget the whereabouts of a couple of eggs until it's too late to use them safely."

If you find that the Easter egg hunt will take more than two hours, it's best not to consume the eggs.

Some simple tips to help have a safe Easter egg hunt:

1. Wash hands before handling and coloring eggs.
2. Use only clean, uncracked eggs. Do not color, hide or eat cracked eggs.
3. Cook eggs by putting in cold water in a single layer. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and keep water at a low simmer for 15 to 17 minutes. Cool immediately in refrigerator (not in water).
4. Refrigerate decorated eggs after two hours and consume within 2 to 3 days.
5. Use pure food coloring or dyes formulated with food grade colorants.
6. Handle eggs, raw or cooked, as little as possible to avoid bacteria entering the shell.

For questions on using eggs safely or other food and nutrition related questions, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline at 858-0904.

Minimal cooking key to terrific tasting seafood

Chef Dean George

Today's question for the chef comes from Mary W. of Plymouth.

Dear Chef George: I am a seafood lover. But I'm often reluctant to cook my favorite, scampi, because in the past when I sauteed them, they turned out rather tough and dry (I think I overcooked them a bit). I'd love to be able to fix this great seafood the correct way at home. Hope you can help me.

Rest easy, Mary. You are not alone.

Scampi, the Italian word for shrimp, is a perennial favorite of seafood lovers around the world. Here in the states, however, what we call scampi are usually large prawns.

Although cooking this tasty seafood is not difficult, quite a few seafood lovers have had the same problem you're having. They're afraid they are going to undercook it, and they keep it on the heat too long.

So, the scampi that should be succulent, tender and delectable, comes out tough, dry and detestable whether it is being quickly sauteed alone or combined with other foods.

It is not an incurable problem. You just need to follow a few guidelines that apply to all sorts of delicacies that swim.

Seafood usually does not take long to cook. It is unusual for a seafood to take more than nine or 10 minutes to cook, unless it is a large whole fish, or fish steak. Regarding the scampi, the average good-sized scampi weighs only about 1½ ounces and a serving for two people weighs about 10-12 ounces.

That's really not much to cook. For sauteing, use a medium high heat and a wok or heavy skillet. A serving that size should only take about four to five minutes.

Don't cook large pieces of seafood for sauteing. Items like large sea scallops or large pieces of lobster will cook too quickly on the outside and be undercooked internally. If you try to even out the cooking, the seafood will end up dry and tasteless. Large pieces of seafood are best cooked by boiling, grilling or in the oven.

Mussels are best sauteed. Place them in a large, preheated saute pan. Add a little garlic, parsley and a white wine. When the shells open, they're done. Any that remained closed should be tossed out.

Regarding scampi, most people can't resist the classic combination of sauteed scampi with garlic and lemon. For a serving or two, use about a ¼ stick of butter, juice from ¼ to ½ lemon, and minced garlic to taste.

Keep the scampi moving in the pan. When the flesh turns pink and the tails curl, they're done.

Then quickly remove them from the heat. The color change is also a good indicator when you're boiling lobster (whole or just the tail). The lobster will turn bright red and the tail will begin to curl when it's done. They're especially good with herbs and a little red wine added to the water.

Today's recipe came to me from the general manager of the Novi Hilton, Alan Cristantiello. It was passed on to him by his father Angelo, who loves cooking and has created many, many delicious masterpieces l'Italiano.

I call this one **Presto Scampi** because it only takes about six minutes to prepare.

You'll need:

1 lb. of scampi (peeled and deveined)
1 tbsp. olive oil
12 oz. can of artichoke hearts (drained and halved)
3 oz. package of sun-dried tomatoes (re-hydrated and drained)
1¼ tsp. fresh minced garlic
1 tsp. fresh minced shallots
2 oz. dry Sherry juice from one lemon
1 tbsp. fresh minced parsley
2 tbsp. unsalted butter or fat free margarine
Salt and pepper

Heat a large, non-stick saute pan over a medium high heat. Wash and dry the shrimp and season with salt and pepper.

Add the oil and shrimp to the pan. Keep the heat up to quickly sear the shrimp and keep the juices inside. Cook for two minutes.

Add the artichoke hearts and tomatoes and cook for another two minutes. Quickly add the garlic and shallots but don't let them brown.

Then add the Sherry, reduce the heat to medium low and cook for 1½ minutes. Add the lemon juice and parsley. Stir in the butter but don't let the mixture boil.

Add more seasoning if necessary and serve with potatoes, pasta or polenta (the last steps take 30 seconds).

Finish the delicious meal with a light and tasty dessert of a Bosc pear half, with fresh lime juice, drizzled with can syrup, laced with Frangelico and topped with a tiny scoop of Italian raspberry ice. Bon appetit.

Chef Dean George is the executive chef of DaVinci's Restaurant and Market at the Novi Hilton Hotel.

All-Area hoop team features Novi's Pierman

Size, quickness and versatility are just a few of the attributes Hometown Newspapers' East All Area Basketball first team possesses.

Led by Player of the Year Bob Kofahl of Milford, our dream teamers did it all in 1994. Kofahl was potent outside with his smooth jump shot while fellow Redskin Dan Blue got the job done down low.

Speaking of the post, Northville's 6-foot-11 Josh Williams made life difficult for the Mustangs' Western Lakes rivals. Greg Pierman joins our first squad in the backcourt with Kofahl while Scott Belsley of South Lyon and Lakeland's Tom Hartley round out our selections.

All in all, Hometown Newspapers' East All Area team is as tough as any we've picked over the years. Let's take a closer look:

BOB KOFAHL
Milford, guard

The most improved player in the Kensington Valley Conference and also the league's MVP, Kofahl led a talented starting group to a conference title with his all-around play.

"He can pretty much do anything you ask of him on the basketball court," said Milford coach Don Palmer. "He's a polished kid."

At 6-foot-4, Kofahl was too much to handle for most guards. Palmer said he posted over shorter opponents and drove by taller ones.

"He made great strides from his freshman and sophomore years," Palmer added.

Kofahl averaged about 15 points per game and led the team in assists. Palmer said opposing teams will focus on the junior more next season.

"He had a great supporting cast this year," he said. "We're going to be young next season so he'll have to carry us."

DAN BLUE
Milford, forward

The 6-foot-5 player was the Redskins' defensive glue.

"He's a kid that could dominate games," said Palmer. "He intimidated kids with his shot-blocking ability."

Blue, a first team all-KVC pick, could also get it done on the offensive end. He was second on the team in scoring at 10.5 per game and snared about eight rebounds per game.

"He was an outstanding help defender," said Palmer.

A captain of the Milford ballclub, Blue played three years of varsity ball.

"He's a kid that got better and better," said Palmer.

JOSH WILLIAMS
Northville, center

The senior's game came a long way this season.

Williams improved his scoring to nearly 12 points per game on .567 percent field goal shooting. He also averaged 8.5 rebounds pergame and blocked 76 shots.

"Josh really started to play outstanding around the middle of the season," said Northville coach Larry Taylor. "I thought he had a very good year for us."

Williams made the all Western Division team. He'll likely land in a Division I program next fall.

SCOTT BELSLEY
South Lyon, guard

Unquestionably, Belsley was the key in South Lyon's state tournament run.

A 5-foot-10 point guard, he averaged 19 points and seven assists in the Lions' district championship. It came as no surprise to coach Rex Stanazak.

"He's a crunch-time player," he said.

For the regular season, Belsley averaged 10.5 points per game and 4.8 assists. He also nailed 21 three-pointers. Stanazak said a bad ankle early in the season slowed his production.

Belsley will play at Kalamazoo College next year.

"He's an all-around guard," said Stanazak.

GREG PIERMAN
Novi, guard

Talk about improvements, the Wildcat senior came out of nowhere to lead the KVC in scoring this season.

Pierman averaged 16 points per game — about 14 more points per game than last year. He was Novi's offensive leader on the floor taking the big shots when they needed to be taken.

Coach Pat Schluter said the senior was at his best when he could be creative with the offense.

"If there's too much structure," he added, "he can't play. He's got to play a little wild, that's how his game is."

Pierman, a first team all-KVC pick, also averaged nearly three assists and steals per game.

TOM HARTLEY
Lakeland, forward

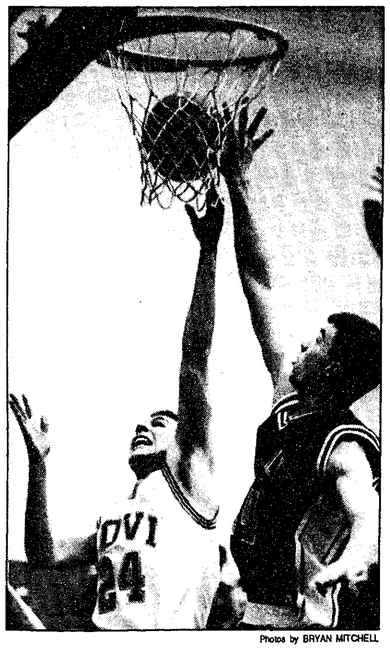
Our first team's second junior, Hartley had a solid season for the Eagles.

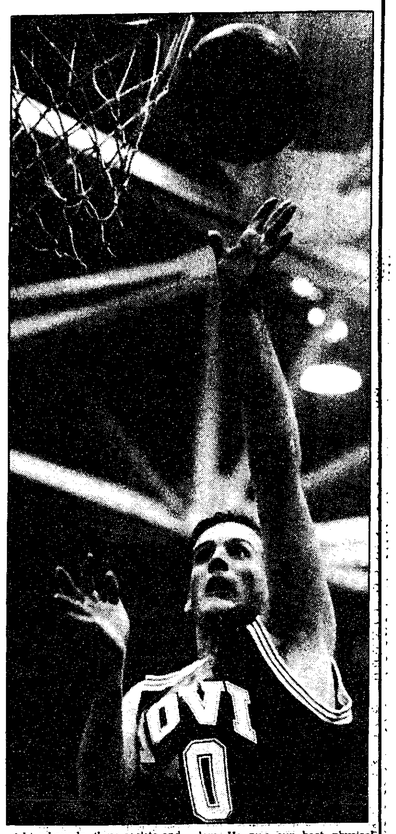
The forward low post player averaged 11.2 points per game with eight rebounds, three assists and two steals. Hartley blocked 26 shots as well and shot 64 percent from the floor.

"He was a real good inside player," said coach Randy Wilkins. "He was probably our power player, the player that we looked to down low. He was our best physical presence."

Hartley was voted second team all-KVC.

"I thought he had and outstanding year for a first-year varsity player," said Wilkins.





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Shawn Kelly (above) and Rocky Dunlap earned honorable mention awards for their play with the Wildcats this season. Kelly, a junior forward, averaged about 10 points per game for Novi while Dunlap, a senior, was the 'Cats main force down low. Starting guards Greg Pierman and Jason Fannon made our first and second all-area teams, respectively.

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	YEAR	SCHOOL
BOB KOFAHL	JR	MILFORD
DAN BLUE	SR	MILFORD
GREG PIERMAN	SR	NOVI
JOSH WILLIAMS	SR	NORTHVILLE
SCOTT BELSLEY	SR	SOUTH LYON
TOM HARTLEY	JR	LAKELAND

SECOND TEAM

RANDY HORST	SR	MILFORD
JASON FANNON	JR	NOVI
JOHN BUSER	SR	NORTHVILLE
JOHN FRAZER	SR	SOUTH LYON
JASON VANBUREN	SR	LAKELAND
JOHN FARRAR	SR	NORTHVILLE

HONORABLE MENTION

NOVI: Shawn Kelly, Chad Dickena, Rocky Dunlap, John Rowe
NORTHVILLE: Neil Yaekle, Marc Chiasson, George Lemmon, Kieran Williams
SOUTH LYON: Will White, Mitch Anderson, Don Levoska
LAKELAND: Chris DeMar, Dave Wilkins
MILFORD: Scott Wigton

Fannon makes second team in '94

One thing is for sure, Hometown Newspapers' East All Area Basketball second team can find the basket.

All of our selections averaged near or in double figures and would've, no doubt, done even better if they had been the main offensive option for their teams. Take, for example, Northville's John Farrar.

While the senior guard tossed in 11 points every game, he could've scored more. Mustang teammate John Buser as well as Novi's Jason Fannon, Lakeland's Jason VanBuren and Milford's Randy Horst were capable scorers, too.

That's not to say our second squad couldn't play tough defense as well. South Lyon's John Frazer was as tough as they come.

Here's a quick glance at Hometown Newspapers' 1994 team:

RANDY HORST
Milford, forward

A second team all-KVC choice, Horst had a solid season for the Redskins.

The senior averaged eight points and five rebounds for Milford. Coach Don Palmer said Horst did a lot of the dirty work for his team under the backboards.

"He caused a lot of chaos inside," he added. "He could post very well. He's not (tall) but is very strong."

Horst will likely go on to play college football, Palmer said.

JOHN BUSER
Northville, forward

The senior rose from bench player a year ago to starter this season and didn't miss a beat.

Buser scored 10.7 points per game but dominated offensively at times. He used a deadly jump hook, with either hand, as his main weapon.

"At the beginning of the season, he was scoring like crazy on the inside," said coach Larry Taylor. "He was virtually unstoppable."

Buser also grabbed seven rebounds a game and was second on the team in steals. He was named all Western Division for the Western Lakes conference.

JOHN FARRAR
Northville, guard

Farrar was a steady force for the Mustangs from his shooting guard slot.

The senior scored 11.1 points per game connecting on 35 percent of his three-pointers and better than 40 percent overall from the floor.

"He was our best shooter," said Taylor. "He played consistent all year. He didn't have a lot of bad games or great games. He was just good all the time."

Northville frequently had three or four players in double figures. Taylor said the senior could've scored more in a different system where the basketball wasn't spread around.

JOHN FRAZER
South Lyon, forward

The senior was mister versatility for the Lions as he played three positions at times.

South Lyon coach Rex Stanazak said Frazer is an excellent offensive player.

"He's a great slasher to the basket," he said. "He could really take guys off the dribble."

Frazer, a second all-KVC choice, averaged 11 points per game and four rebounds. Stanazak said the 6-foot player could be tough on defense, too.

"John was our best defensive player every game," he added. "To still average 10 points was outstanding."

JASON VANBUREN
Lakeland, forward

At small forward for the Eagles, VanBuren played solid all season.

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Schluter: Wildcats on the way up

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Although winning a conference championship is every basketball team's goal, sometimes it just isn't realistic.

Novi High coach Pat Schluter knew he had a scrappy group of players to take into the Kensington Valley Conference battle. But lacking size and experience, the first-year coach set more achievable goals for the Wildcats.

To that end, 1993-94 was a success.

"Overall, it was a great year for the program," said Schluter. "The kids learned a lot."

The Wildcats went 8-14 and placed third in the KVC. Schluter pointed out that as a program, including freshman and junior varsity, Novi won 33 games this winter — nearly double last year's total.

"The big thing is that they are learning how to win," he said of the Wildcat prospects.

Schluter said his team finished just about where he thought they would.

"We thought we'd by happy with seven wins," he commented.

While it was nice to exceed that projection, the coach said his team's biggest highlight was the state tournament. Novi won its first district game in years by beating Livonia Stevenson in early March.

"I thought we were totally overachievers," Schluter said.

That's an accurate statement considering the Wildcats' experience heading into the season.

Only a handfull of 'Cats, Rocky Dunlap, Jason Fannon and Shawn Kelly, had seen significant minutes the year before. Others like Peter Kronsbein, Jason Stevens and Jason McAleer hadn't played varsity at all. So even though Novi had three seniors and several juniors, experience wasn't a strong suit for the club.

"We were younger than we actually were," Schluter said.

Several players emerged as leaders.

Greg Pierman, a senior, turned out to be the "go-to" guy. Playing at shooting guard, he led Novi and the KVC in scoring at 16 points per game.

Pierman got off to a hot start and dominated at times with his slashing moves to the baskets and long-range shooting. The Wildcats looked to their other seniors for help, too.

Dunlap was looked at to be the inside force. He delivered at times but was slowed much of the season by knee problems.

McAleer helped off the bench in his lone varsity campaign. Schluter said all three will be missed.

"We are loosing a lot of scoring and rebounding with them," he added.

The Wildcats will fill the void with more seasoned players next winter.

Fannon should return as the starting point guard. The lanky junior has already hit the weightroom in preparation for next year, Schluter said.

Getting stronger is something the entire team must do, he added.

"We looked like a freshman team against the varsity a lot of times," Schluter said. "We've got to be bigger, stronger and faster."

John Wroe will also play in the backcourt. A junior, he came on strong towards the end of the season with his brand of hustling basketball.

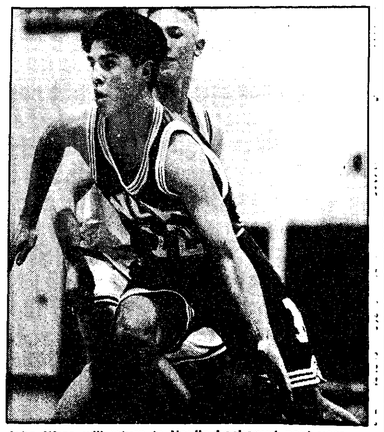
Kronsbein will see time at forward. Schluter said the junior was a pleasant surprise this year.

"He was our most improved player," he said.

Chad Dicken and Kelly will be back at forward. A sophomore and junior, respectively, both started many games for Novi this year.

Several players will also move up from JV. Tim Davis, Dave Hart, Brian Cody, Ben Johnson and Rob Stawski are others to watch for.

"I think overall next year," Schluter said, "we'll be better at every spot."



John Wroe will return to Novi's backcourt next year.

Rec Briefs

Easter Egg Hunt: Novi's 16th annual Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by the Novi Jaycees will be held Saturday, April 2nd at 2 p.m. outside in the Power park Softball complex. Children ages 3 and under, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 (each group has its own softball field). The cost is $1 per child. Bring a bag or basket for all your goodies. Register now at Novi Parks and Recreation Office.

Providence Run: On Sunday, May 1st the 14th annual Providence Novi Run at the Novi Civic Center will be held at 12:30 p.m. with one and two mile fun walks, and 1:30 p.m. for the 5K and 10K runs. Pre-registration required by April 20. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for more details.

Golf: Looking for a little relief from high green's fees? The Michigan Golfers Map & Guide can help. Over the past 14 years the guide has earned the reputation as an indispensable source of golf and travel information. Not only are there over 350 golf facilities participating in a two play for one discount program, but the guide also provides golfers with a complete directory to over 800 public courses in Michigan, southwest Ontario and northwest Ohio. The guide names each course, their address, directions, phone, par yards and more. The cost of the guide can be recovered by using only one of the discount offers, after that it keeps on paying for itself over and over again. The 1994 Michigan Golfers Map & Guide is on sale at selected golf shops throughout Michigan at $17.95. For more information call 1-800-223-5877.

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-larger and 3x-large).

Senior Golf League: Novi residents may register now for the league which plays at Pebble Creek (Ten Mile and Currie roads). Divisions include: Monday men's and women's, Thursday mixed. The cost is $10. Call 347-0400 for more information.

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Picnic 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 though Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays.

SCOREBOARD

Wrestling

KVC STANDINGS
(Final 1993-94)

1. Howell	6-0
(tie) Brighton	5-1
3. South Lyon	4-2
4. Hartland	3-3
(tie) Novi	2-4
6. Lakeland	1-5
(tie) Milford	0-6

AREA LEADERS
(through March 6)

275 Pounds
Mann (Howell) 42-3
Firby (South Lyon) 33-5
Niles (Brighton) 21-4
Tyle (Fowlerville) 25-10
T. Harvey (Fowlerville) 11-5

103 Pounds
Williams (Fowlerville) 41-5
Deane (Brighton) 39-6
Trierweiler (Howell) 38-7
Kaltz (Milford) 29-8
White (Fowlerville) 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 (Fowlerville) 10-8
Ferich (Fowlerville) 14-6
Rosen (Howell) 20-20

119 Pounds
Dias (Brighton) 38-0
Testerman (Fowlerville) 43-1
Cheyne (Milford) 35-4
Wendel (Howell) 31-10
Hultberg (Hartland) 33-12
Finch (Fowlerville) 17-10

125 Pounds
Wehner (Hartland) 31-5
Brown (South Lyon) 16-3
Griffin (Brighton) 28-10
Esper (Howell) 34-14
Richmond (Fowlerville) 27-13
Barrons (Novi) 15-15

130 Pounds
Palumbo (Pinckney) 38-10
Schroeder (Howell) 30-12
Watanabe (Novi) 28-12
Connelly (South Lyon) 26-8
Wayne (Lakeland) 21-15
Burnie (Fowlerville) 13-6
Pogmirch (Hartland) 16-13
Gaetz (Brighton) 23-23

135 Pounds
Addy (South Lyon) 29-9
Macbeth (Lakeland) 27-9
Daniels (Pinckney) 36-13
Deluca (Brighton) 23-21
Young (Novi) 17-16

140 Pounds
Veby (Lakeland) 37-3
Richardson (South Lyon) 33-11
Caldie (Pinckney) 31-11
Bennett (Hartland) 29-12
LeChevelier (Howell) 28-16

145 Pounds
Dinning (Fowlerville) 37-3
McDaniels (South Lyon) 31-8
Citti (Novi) 28-17
B. Kuzinski (Hartland) 26-7
A. Arnold (Howell) 32-10
Showerman (Fowlerville) 13-6

152 Pounds
Olson (Brighton) 40-4
Barron (Howell) 42-6
Basch (Fowlerville) 40-5
C. Kuzinski (Hartland) 33-5
Duncan (South Lyon) 33-7
Scheck (Milford) 26-13
DeCare (Pinckney) 24-14

160 Pounds
Philburn (Fowlerville) 43-0
McKenney (Howell) 39-5
McBride (Novi) 29-12
Sample (Pinckney) 30-10
Beurman (Brighton) 24-12
Kern (Lakeland) 22-16
Gyorkos (Hartland) 20-20

171 Pounds
Shrader (Fowlerville) 26-4
Archey (South Lyon) 32-4
Lavin (Pinckney) 41-8
Scheffler (Hartland) 17-16
Hubert (Brighton) 14-13
Buck (Novi) 12-12

189 Pounds
Wendt (Novi) 37-8
Call (Fowlerville) 15-1
Mabe (Howell) 15-4
White (Pinckney) 38-10
Wellman (Fowlerville) 39-11
James (South Lyon) 19-10
R. Arnold (Howell) 15-12

Basketball

KVC STANDINGS
(through March 6)

	league/overall
Brighton	10-2/15-3
Milford	10-2/16-3
Howell	8-3/11-8
Novi	5-7/8-13
South Lyon	3-8/7-12
Lakeland	3-8/5-14
Hartland	1-10/5-14

AREA LEADERS

Points-per-game
Perman (Novi) 16.5
Kofahl (Milford) 15.9
Fetig (Fowlerville) 18.3
Sexton (Howell) 15.7
Stefureac (Brighton) 15.5
Coleman (Hartland) 14.2
Klein (Howell) 13.6
Ettig (Brighton) 12.7
Dixon (Howell) 12.6
Clayton (South Lyon) 13.1
Micunek (Brighton) 13.0
Williams (Fowlerville) 10.6
Frazer (South Lyon) 10.5
Copenhaver (Brighton) 10.4
VanBuren (Lakeland) 10.3
Wilson (Pinckney) 10.3
Kelly (Novi) 10.0

Rebounds
Sexton (Howell) 12.8
Clayton (South Lyon) 8.6
Blue (Milford) 8.1
Wilson (Pinckney) 7.2
Karell (Lakeland) 6.7
Dell (Howell) 6.1
Hartley (Lakeland) 6.0
Micunek (Brighton) 6.0
Anderson (South Lyon) 5.8
Coleman (Hartland) 5.8

Assists
Wilkins (Lakeland) 4.8
Belsley (South Lyon) 4.6
Klein (Howell) 4.3
Fannon (Novi) 4.2
Ettig (Brighton) 3.7
Levoska (South Lyon) 3.1
Dell (Howell) 3.0
Demar (Lakeland) 2.9
Gaines (Brighton) 2.8
Spence (Pinckney) 2.5

Three-pointers
Stefureac (Brighton) 50
Dixon (Howell) 47
Kofahl (Milford) 37
Klein (Howell) 24
Lancaster (Milford) 24
Nixon (Howell) 19
VanBurn 19
Belsley (South Lyon) 16
Frazer (South Lyon) 16
Sargent (South Lyon) 16
Williams (Fowlerville) 16

Steals
Ettig (Brighton) 3.3
Fannon (Novi) 3.0
Pierman (Novi) 2.7
Levoska (South Lyon) 2.4
Klein (Howell) 2.3
Wilkins (Lakeland) 2.3
Fetig (Fowlerville) 2.0
Belsley (South Lyon) 1.9
Wagner (Howell) 1.7

Field-goal percent
Hartley (Lakeland) 620
Karell (Lakeland) 594
Scharman (Fowlerville) 580
Clayton (South Lyon) 540
Copenhaver (Brighton) 510
Lancaster (Milford) 500
White (South Lyon) 500
Sexton (Howell) 459
Blue (Milford) 470
Fetig (Fowlerville) 470

Free-throw percent
Demar (Lakeland) 860
Funke (Howell) 742
Belsley (South Lyon) 770
Williams (Fowlerville) 730
Coleman (Hartland) 730
Klein (Howell) 720
Stefureac (Brighton) 710
Dixon (Howell) 700
Blue (Milford) 690
Levoska (South Lyon) 680
Wroe (Novi) 666
Horst (Milford) 660

Team offense
Howell 62.7
Milford 56.8
Novi 56.5
Brighton 55.4
Lakeland 55.2
Hartland 50.6
South Lyon 50.0

Fannon makes all-area team

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He led Lakeland in steals as well as being the team's third leading rebounder. VanBuren scored just more than 10 points per game and netted 26 three-pointers along the way.

"His game was from the perimeter," said coach Randy Wilkins. "He was also a tremendous defensive player."

The coach said VanBuren came on strong in the second half of the season.

"He improved a lot in the second half offensively," he commented.

JASON FANNON
Novi, guard

The junior was a jack-of-all-trades for the Wildcats.

While he stuck at starting point guard, Fannon took the lead on offense at times and was the team's "defensive stopper," according to coach Pat Schluter. Averaging four steals per game, it's easy to see how he got that title.

"He made some big improvements this year," Schluter said.

Fannon also contributed on offense. He scored just under 10 points per game while handing out 4.5 assists.

Schluter said Novi will rely on Fannon next season even more.

"He's one of the top players coming back," he said.

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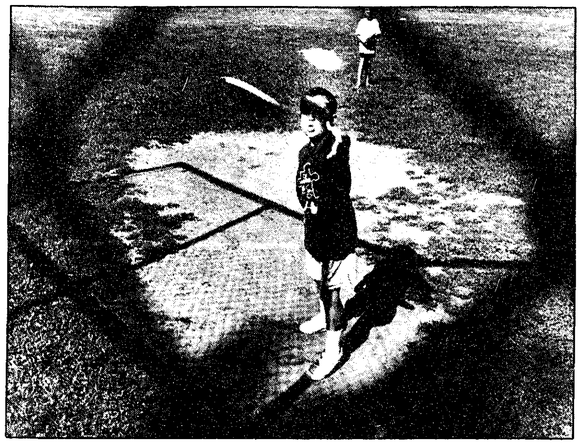
Activities being planned by city

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer



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Youngsters have many activities to choose from in Novi's parks and recreation program.

Spring is in the air. April showers, May flowers, warmer weather and kids looking forward to summer vacation. It's never too early to start making plans for our children after school ends.

The Novi Parks and Recreation staff worked year around planning activities and programs to keep our community busy.

In less than two months it will be time to register for Camp Lakeshore, everyone's favorite summer day camp. But before you come out to the Novi Civic Center, get your children in the mood for summer camp by suggesting they enter the Camp Lakeshore T-Shirt Design Contest.

"Imagine your design on a T-shirt worn by you and over 250 other kids and the Camp Lakeshore staff," said Marilyn Troshak, Recreation Coordinator and Camp Lakeshore Director. "Kids can use their imagination to draw any creative design that will be printed on all of the T-shirts. Think of anything that applies to Camp Lakeshore and all of the fun activities. It's exciting for the winner to see their drawing everywhere around the camp."

The contest deadline is Wednesday, May 6 at 5 p.m. The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will judge the entries on Thursday, May 12 at their commission meeting. The winner receives one free camp session ($100 value) and two free T-shirts.

Last year's T-shirt design winners were Steven and Danny Horn. They decided to enter the contest because they liked the idea of the counselors and other campers wearing a shirt with their original design on the front and they liked the nature theme of the contest.

"I don't know who was more excited, me or the boys," said their mom, Patty. "The day of the deadline they sat down and started throwing out ideas. Ten-year-old Steven drew an octopus and Danny suggested listing camp activities in its arms. They both agreed on a theme of "Welcoming you with open arms. I hope they try again this year."

Camp Lakeshore is so popular with residents that they will stand in line on Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Novi Civic Center to register their children for one of four sessions throughout the summer, from June 20 to August 11. This is for residents only, regular registration begins Monday, May 23 at 8 a.m. This year promises swimming, games and sports, arts and crafts, and back by popular demand . . . the trip to Oakland County Wave Pool.

Marilyn Troshak has worked hard over the years developing Camp Lakeshore into a "Number One, Top Notch" Day Camp Program. She is always searching for innovative programming ideas to make the experience an enjoyable one for each and every child.

Three years ago, Troshak thought about all the 14- to 16-year-olds who have the desire to work, but may not have the experience or be old enough for many jobs and implemented day camp junior leader positions. She wanted teens who loved children and maybe had childcare experience.

"The program was instituted primarily to decrease the child to staff ratio in the day camp and mobile recreation programs," said Marilyn. "It is also the best way to give younger teenagers job experience. It's always hard to get that first job."

Jim Rose is a great example of what Marilyn Troshak was looking for in a junior leader. Novi resident Jim Rose started out as a Camp Lakeshore camper when he was 8 years old. He loved Camp Lakeshore and told the counselors that when he got older he wanted to work there. He even won the award for Camp Lakeshore T-Shirt Design one year.

Kids: start planning for lots of fun this summer at Camp Lakeshore and put together your great T-shirt design now. Hurry, the deadline is Wednesday, May 6. Be sure and put your name and phone number on the back of the entry. Submit entries on 8½ - by 11-inch white paper and use black markers or ink and pencil (stay away from thin lines).

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

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Pregnancy can affect dental health

Dr. Kathryn Hoppe, D.D.S.

Health tips

Many pregnant women do not realize that the chemical and behavioral changes taking place during pregnancy can affect their dental health, sometimes permanently.

Good dental care at home becomes more important than ever during pregnancy because of the increased hormones exaggerate the way gum tissues react to irritants in plaque, the sticky layer of bacteria that constantly forms on the teeth. The gums, as a result, can become red and tender and may bleed easily during brushing or flossing.

We have often heard the story that a woman loses a tooth for every child she bears. This is nothing more than an "old wives' tale." Tooth loss may occur during pregnancy, but not because it is a natural outcome of being pregnant.

Gingivitis (gum disease or infection) may occur more frequently during pregnancy due to a rise in the body's hormone levels.

To prevent this, a pregnant woman should be especially careful about keeping her teeth clean with thorough brushing or flossing.

Eating a balanced diet during pregnancy also is important for healthy teeth and gums. The developing baby needs 400 milligrams of calcium per day which is supplied by the mother's diet. But if the calcium in the mother's diet is inadequate, the calcium will be depleted or used from her bones.

Pregnant women tend to snack; at the same time, their stomach capacity decreases during the third trimester. This means that pregnant women will often eat smaller amounts but more frequently. Each time a sugary snack is consumed, the sugar combines with certain bacteria in the mouth to form acids. These acids attack the tooth enamel for at least 20 minutes. Enough of these acid attacks can lead to cavities. Therefore, sugary snacks are best eaten with meals and not between meals. Between-meal snacks could consist of foods such as raw vegetables, yogurt, popcorn or nuts.

A frequent side effect of pregnancy is vomiting. This can cause erosion of tooth enamel because of the acid content. Brushing the teeth right after vomiting is the worst thing a woman can do. Because vomit contains strong stomach acids that weaken tooth enamel, brushing after vomiting actually removes the white, protective layer of teeth. It is better to rinse the mouth with plain water.

A woman should continue regular dental visits throughout her pregnancy, but the best time for dental treatments such as fillings, is during the fourth through sixth months. After the sixth month, some women find it uncomfortable to sit in the dental chair for long periods.

Dr. Kathryn Hoppe has a dental practice in the Novi Professional Village, 23985 Novi Road, Suite B103. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and the staff at the U-M Health Centers.

Poor eating habits can be deadly

Barry Franklin

While watching a murder movie the other day, a familiar plot began to unfold. A young woman in her mid-20s had married a wealthy middle-aged man, knowing that his fortune would someday be hers.

The years slowly passed, and she found her marriage increasingly unbearable.

As she began to explore several unorthodox ways to hasten her widowhood, it struck me that there are many socially approved methods to "naturally" accomplish this end.

My suggestions to her would be as follows:

1. Fatten him up. Studies have shown that the life expectancy may be shorter for people who are markedly overweight. Obesity increases the death rate from heart and other circulatory diseases, diabetes, liver and kidney disease. High calorie foods with each meal and for between-meal snacks will accomplish this goal.

Alcohol is an excellent way to camouflage calories, since each drink contains 150 to 200 calories.

2. Increase the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol in his diet. Select meats (heavily marbled with fat) and whole milk dairy products that are high in saturated fat. These foods increase the level of cholesterol in the blood and may increase the risk of coronary heart disease.

Some specific suggestions:

- Never bake or broil when you can fry foods.
- Seldom serve fish or poultry since these foods contain less saturated fat than red meat.
- Avoid cooking with vegetable oils and polyunsaturated shortenings; use butter of hydrogenated fats instead.
- And, finally, serve cholesterol-rich egg yolks as often as possible.

3. Get him accustomed to more and more salted food. Placing the salt shaker in front of him at every meal may allow him to do his own dirty work.

There is strong scientific evidence that excess dietary salt may raise the blood pressure. Elevated blood pressure appears to increase the chances of heart attack if it goes undetected and untreated.

To this end, discourage the importance of regular medical checkups to detect and treat conditions that lead to heart attacks.

However, for those women who want their husbands around for some time, take the opposite courses of action to this advice. It may postpone his departure by many years, give you a vigorous and grateful companion into the retirement years and provide your children's children with a grandfather they will appreciate.

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MHSAA may stiffen penalties for 'trash talking'

The following article on rising expectations of young athletes is reprinted from the Michigan High School Athletic Association's March 1994 Bulletin. It was written by MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts.

If you examine the standards of conduct required in high school athletics compared to the major college and professional levels, you will conclude that the older the athlete is, the more immature that person is allowed to behave.

Routinely, high school athletics will be penalized and ejected from contests for antics that are praised and emulated at higher levels.

This is to the everlasting credit of those who lead, coach, officiate, participate in and watch interscholastic athletics. And it is their challenge that the contrast between educational athletics and so-called higher levels becomes even more obvious in the future as we raise the standards of what is expected and lower the standards of what will be tolerated in school sportsmanship.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been involved for seven years in a comprehensive program to improve sportsmanship.

■ There has been an *education* component, featuring a sportsmanship kit sent to every school and the media every year.

■ There has been an *encouragement* component, featuring the "Good Sports Are Winners!" awards program at district, regional and final tournaments of 10 sports.

■ There has been an *enforcement* component, including the next-game disqualification rule for all sports.

This May, the MHSAA Representative Council may act on a recommendation of the MHSAA Athletic Equity Committee to broaden the definition of "taunting" and make it a disqualifying foul in all sports. If the proposal is adopted, officials will be expected to eject players and bench personnel (including coaches) for taunting; and MHSAA tournament managers will be expected to eject from venues any spectator who engages in taunting.

The preliminary definition of taunting is this:

"Any actions or comments by coaches, players or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Included is conduct that berates, needles, intimidates or threatens based on gender, ethnic origin or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters."

Examples of taunting would include:

■ "Trash talk".

■ Physical intimidation outside the spirit of the game.

■ References to sexual orientation.

■ "In the face" confrontation by one player to another.

■ Standing over/straddling a tackled or fallen player.

Good sports don't need to wait for the representative council's action. Good sports know already what is offensive, and what has no more place in school sports than it would have in a school classroom.

This is educational athletics. We must maintain the highest education standards in all facets of the athletic arena.

Novi middle competes at meet

The Wildcats aren't the only Novi team to have wrestling success in 1994.

Novi Middle School recently competed in its league meet with 15 grapplers placing near the top of their weight divisions. The squad competed against teams from Walled Lake, Brighton, Howell, Milford and South Lyon.

"We always seem to peak at the league meet," coach Pete Cemate said. "League meet is always our day."

Middle school wrestling is set up a little differently than high school.

Instead of 13 weight classes, seventh and eighth graders compete in 19 divisions from 70 pounds up to super heavyweight. Teams are allowed to enter two wrestlers in each division instead of one.

The "Live Oaks" league meet was held at Hartland High. Novi crowned three league champs.

At 90 pounds, Mark Churella took second place. Chris Christoff took the title at 95 pounds.

Mike Alberty was a second place finisher at 100 pounds. Aaron Savola was third at 105.

Also finishing third was 110-pounder Joe Young. Chris Jettie placed fourth at 115.

Two Novi wrestlers placed at 120 pounds. Phil Hart was third and Bob Gatt fourth.

Ryan Reiter was third in the 125-pound division. Jeff O'Sullivan took second and Brian Theisen third at 145 pounds.

At 167, John Uglow finished fourth. Matt Linder was the winner of the 155-pound weight class.

Heavyweight Nate Pleoha was also crowned champion. Superheavyweight Bryant Hughes took third.

While Cemate was pleased with the performance he said the focus of the middle school program isn't on winning or losing. He said it is an introduction to the sport, a chance for youngsters to get their feet wet before high school.

"It's their first experience with wrestling for most," Cemate added.

Graduation leaves Mustangs short

By SCOTT DANIEL
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Expectations were high for the Mustang basketball team heading into the 1993-94 season.

Loads of depth, experience and size made Northville High a legitimate threat for Western Lakes Activities Association title in the eyes of many. While the squad fell short of winning a league title, coach Larry Taylor said other goals were attained.

"We accomplished one goal," he said, "by winning the division championship."

Northville did indeed split the Western Division title with Plymouth Canton and placed fourth overall in the conference race. The Mustangs went 12-9 in the process — down from a 15-win campaign a year ago.

"We wanted to win more games than last year," said Taylor.

It didn't come as any shock to the coach that his team didn't do quite as well as the "experts" thought. The WLAA was much stronger than most gave it credit for with the likes of Westland John Glenn, Canton, Salem, Farmington, Walled Lake Central and North Farmington fielding solid teams.

"Our (league) season paralleled the NCAA tournament," Taylor said. "Anybody could beat anybody else on a given night. Nobody rolled over and played dead."

Taylor's pre-season prediction turned out to accurate.

"I picked us fourth," he said. "We had enough height but not enough team speed to compete with Canton and John Glenn. They were much faster than we were."

Northville's limitations forced Taylor away from his preferred style of up-tempo basketball.

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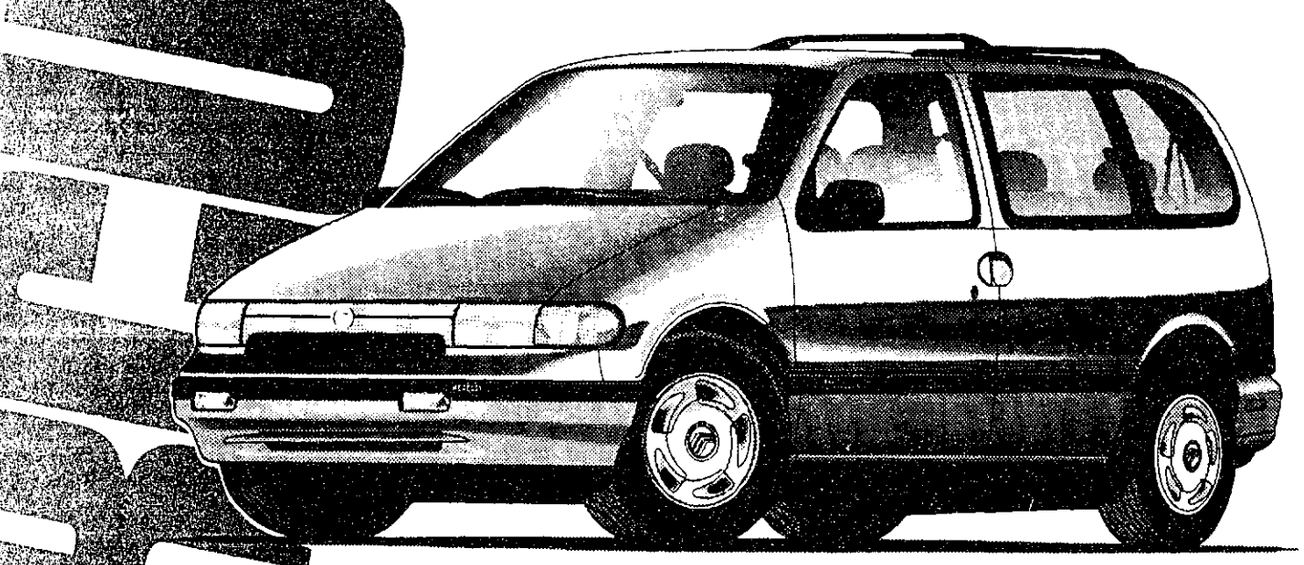

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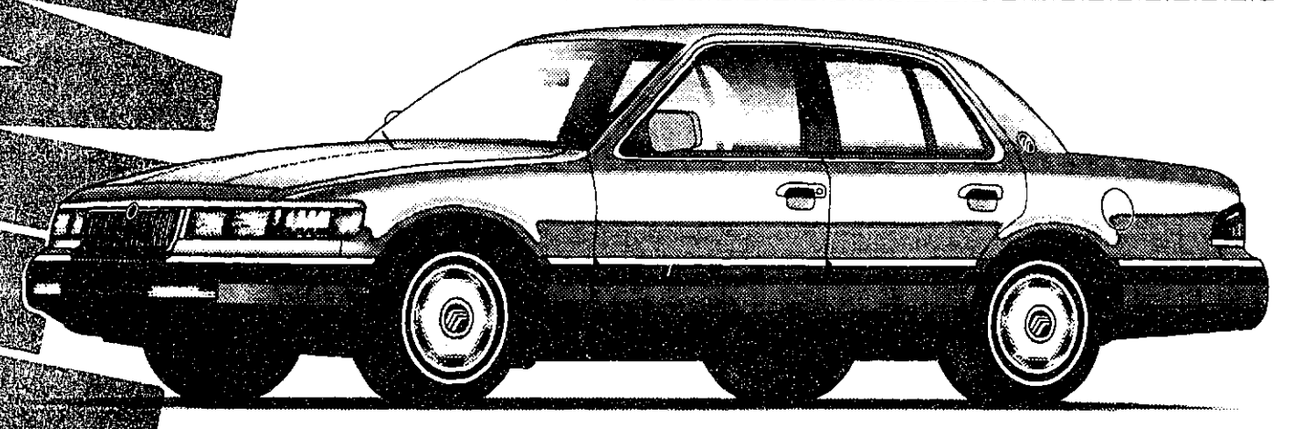

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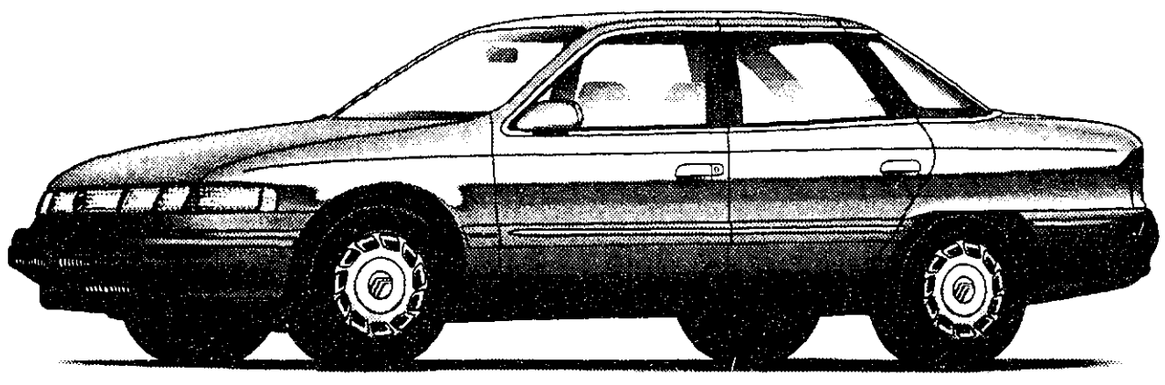

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