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# Novi's new court nears completion

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

As the culmination of a three city tug-of-war, court will be in session here in March.

The last day of operations of the 52-1 District Court, located on Maple Road in Walled Lake, is set for Friday, March 17. That weekend, the staff will scramble to haul all their equipment and records from the Maple Road address to the not-yet-completed, 25,800 square foot courthouse on Grand River Avenue in Novi.

They'll be ready for business on March 20.

But not officially. The opening day ceremonies are set for May 1, Law Day.

Monday, District Court Judges Michael Batchik, Harold Bulgarelli and Brian MacKenzie took Oakland County Commissioners Kay Schmid, R-Nowi, and Nancy Dingeldey, R-Wixom, on a guided tour of their new digs, just west of Beck Road.

"We're finally getting into the 1990s," Batchik bragged.

Oakland County is leasing the

facility for five years, at \$360,000 annually, with an option to extend. Beyond that, the county spent about \$500,000 on furnishings like jury boxes and judges' benches. Paul Hunter, the county's manager of facilities engineering division said.

The spacious white building is designed not just to make more room for the currently-cramped 52-1 District Court and its operations, but to provide greater security for both the court's staff, the judges and the public. It also meets standards for handicapped accessibility, as mandated by the state and federal governments.

In an October 1991, a state court administrative office report found that the Walled Lake court's was an "extreme security hazard." Overcrowding in the hallway violated the state fire code and the building offered no privacy for hearings and conferences. Due to the cramped quarters, the report found, the clerical staff could not efficiently process cases and had difficulty locating

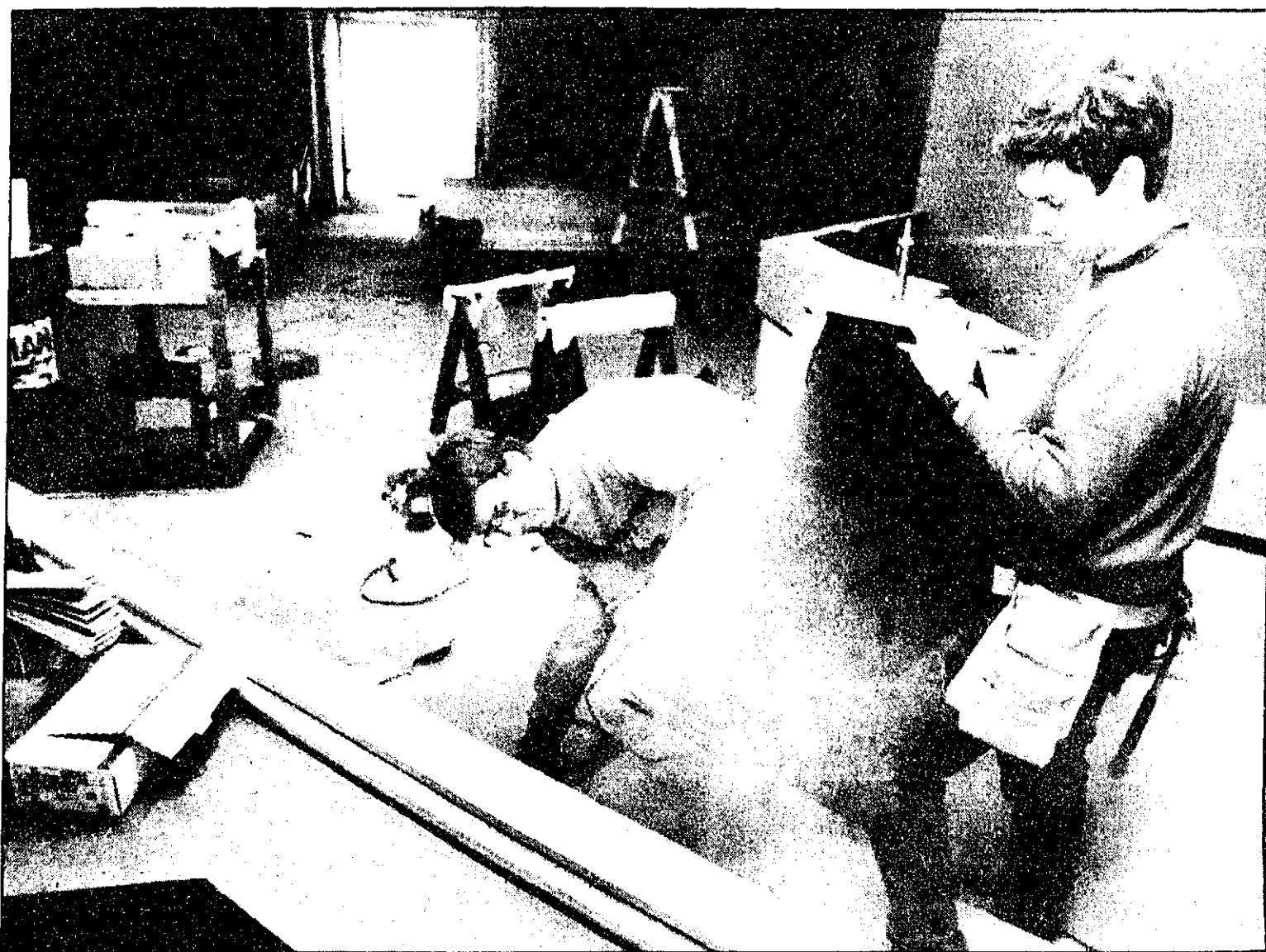


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City and county officials got their first look inside the 52-1 District Court building in Novi during a tour Monday. Above, construction workers Bill Petty, left, and Dan Jasinski of Jasman Construction build the witness stand in one of the courtrooms.

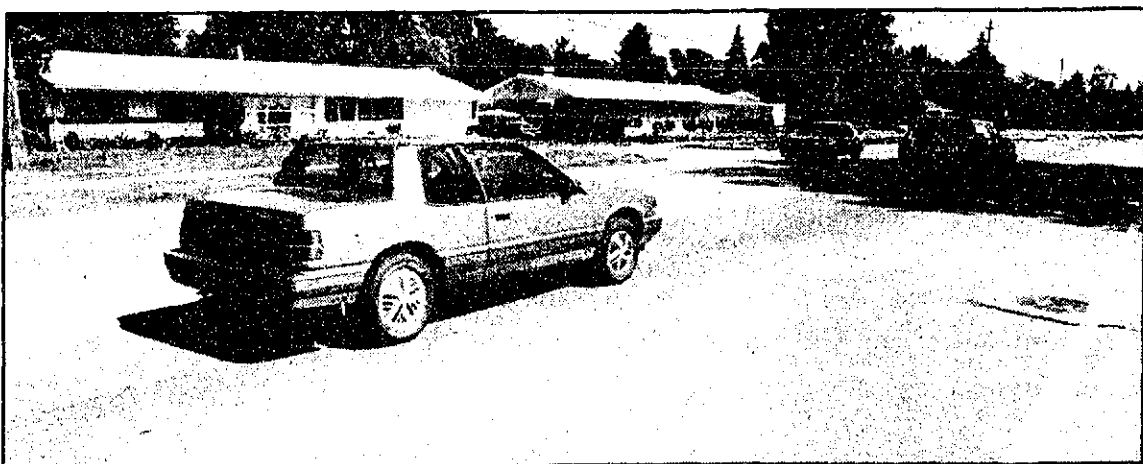
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## City moves on Ten Mile plan despite the objections

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A \$7 million, five-lane highway plowing through their front yards is the last thing Ten Mile Road residents want, according to a contingent which turned out at the Novi City Council meeting Monday.

But the council agreed to go ahead with a \$284,000 preliminary engineering study which will be funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the federal government



Debate continues over the widening of Ten Mile, but most agree 'something must be done.'

and the city.

"The most important thing is everybody agrees something must be done. Even the residents who live there agree that there must

be a solution," Council Member Tim Pope said.

If the city opted for the five lanes, Novi taxpayers would be assessed \$1.4 million towards the

construction. That money would need to be raised by a new road issue, requiring voter approval.

However, rather than waiting

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## Forum added to focus groups due to weather

Foul weather and icy road conditions reduced attendance Monday at the Novi Community School District's focus group sessions, run by consultant Kathy Feaster.

As a result, an open forum has been scheduled for Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building to take more public input on the questions that should be asked in the district's upcoming survey.

A second open forum will be held Monday, March 13, in the Instructional Technology Center to allow Feaster to get feedback on her preliminary draft of questions to be asked in the survey. Superintendent Emmett Lippe said. While board of education members will be present, he explained, she'll be seeking feedback primarily from the public. "It's her show," he said.

Lippe said Tuesday that snow and icy roads on Monday reduced attendance in those focus groups

■ A decision to meet at a local eatery for a school board focus group was called 'questionable' by an attorney. The story appears on page 8A.

from the anticipated 80 or 90 residents to about 50. The purpose of the focus groups is for the consultant to take suggestions from residents on the type of questions that should be asked in the survey, Lippe explained.

The school board hired the consultant to conduct the survey in the wake of the defeat of the school bond issue in December, but Lippe said he hopes the results will give the district additional information on the public's perception of needs in the schools and its perception of how well the district is being run.

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## One more season at Bosco field

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The 700 kids of Novi Youth Baseball will once again play ball at Bosco Field.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to the terms laid down by the Beck Road property's owner, Paul Bosco, who has allowed the little leaguers to use his land without charge for about 30 years.

"We provide numerous and very costly services to permit Novi Youth Baseball to operate on Bosco Field. It's a benefit that is worth the expenditure," Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis told the city council.

Davis said he tried to persuade Bosco in

December to let Novi Youth Baseball, a private organization, use the fields for one more year. Bosco aims to develop the land. However, ball fields planned for a new city park will not be ready in time for this year's baseball season.

Novi Youth Baseball Treasurer Dolores Vedro then contacted Bosco and procured the contract which was approved by the council.

Vedro notified the city in a Feb. 5 letter that Bosco asked her to represent him in the matter.

"As always, the needs and interest of the children are of deep concern to Mr. Bosco," Vedro wrote.

Bosco stipulated that the city provide several services to the ball fields, some of which have been done in the past, Davis said.

The city will grade and mark the gravel parking lot, erect entrance and exit signs to the park and repair the fence along Beck Road. As in previous years, the parks and recreation department will cut the grass weekly and chalk the six fields daily, as well as throw out the trash.

In addition, the city will provide four Port-A-Johns for about \$700, a new expense.

Council Member Carol Mason protested the

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## Roller Dek gets the nod, 'in concept'

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Don't be prepared to hit the Dek, yet.

While the Novi City Council approved in concept a proposal from two Jamestown Green residents to place a temporary Roller Dek arena on city land, they didn't agree on where the rink will be located.

In December, Bill and Lynn Bunn asked to rent land near the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) building on Eleven Mile Road for three to five years. The Bunn's would like to build an 80 foot by 180 foot plastic-floor rink where players wearing in-line skates or tennis shoes can score in an upscale version of street hockey.

Monday, the city council asked City Attorney David Fried to draft

a lease agreement for the project. They also charged Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis to investigate the city's Novi Tree Farm park as a possible rink site. "With summer coming forward, so many of our young people needing recreation opportunities in the city, this should be an opportunity we should look at favorably," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

What didn't play with some council members is that the Eleven Mile land is near Novi Town Center and is part of the region Novi planners view as a potential downtown. Council Member Robert Schmid estimated the property's worth at about \$1 million, were the city to sell it to a developer.

In addition, the Roller Dek

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File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Showdown

It'll be a showdown. Novi High (13-5) will face Howell (15-3) at home for a share of the KVC championship tomorrow. Game time is 7:30 p.m. A Wildcat win means they'll split the crown while Howell takes the title outright with a victory. Above, Jim Rose, of Novi, runs away with the ball, as the 'Cats hope they can run away with the game. The story appears on page B7.



## 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.

Thursday, March 2

### Novi schools

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

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, March 6

### City Council

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

### Health tests

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

### Village Oaks PTO (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 information, call 348-9691.

### Michigander Smokers

The Michigander Smokers will hold a guild meeting at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Rd. Guests are welcome.

### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, March 7

### 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 348-2935.

### 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 Sawiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Amateur Radio Club

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

Wednesday, March 8

### 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. Any 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.

### Youth baseball

The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

### 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 111 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, March 9

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Parks meeting

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

Saturday, March 11

### AAUW

The Northville/Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women meet for a noon luncheon at Genitt's Hole in the Wall Restaurant. Ms. Alyce DePree from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor will speak about Abigail Adams and other historical figures in her talk, entitled "Remember the Ladies." Persons interested in attending may contact Ann Newton at (810)344-8939 or Jane Spence at (810)380-0562.

### Renovating Old Fruit Trees

The Master Gardener Society of Oakland County is sponsoring a class in fruit tree pruning as continuing education credit for master gardeners in Oakland and Wayne counties. The class is open to anyone who is interested in renovating abandoned fruit trees and not limited to master gardeners. The objective is to gain theoretical and practical knowledge about pruning for healthier trees (particularly apple trees) and increased fruit yield from trees which have been neglected for years. The class will be taught by Bob Tritten, District Extension Horticulture Agent of Genesee County, who is known statewide for his expertise. The class will be limited to 40 participants. The fee is \$15 and includes refreshments. RSVP to the Oakland County Michigan State University Extension Office at (810) 858-0887.

## Impact of wetlands mitigation on roads?

By JAN JEFFREY

Garfield Road residents are worried about what their life is going to be like once the Michigan Department of Transportation begins constructing a 35-acre wetlands near their homes.

Starting in June, MDOT anticipates hauling out 400,000 cubic yards of dirt from a 106-acre site at the southeast corner of Garfield and Nine Mile roads. The project, compensating for wetlands lost to the Haggerty Connector, will ultimately result in a passive city-owned park termed ideal for bird watching.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to waive local fees for the project, but in the future will need to hold a public hearing before granting MDOT a mining and filling permit.

The road department has agreed to put down a temporary asphalt paving on the stretch of the gravel road between Nine and Eight Mile roads. But whether the paving will be good enough to keep the road in place after the year-long job won't be determined until after the hauling is complete.

The city earlier tried to persuade MDOT to pave the road but failed. Public Service Director Anthony Nowicki said, MDOT then agreed to the blacktop to cut down on the noise, dust and dirt.

"Garfield residents feel it would be nice to have a blacktop road. This road should be built right from the beginning so in the long term we would have something to compensate us for what we are going to put up with for a year."

MDOT will be digging down to three-and-a-half feet below the water table to build a forested, scrub-shrub, emergent wetlands. The Novi site was selected after local officials recoiled at MDOT's

original plan to mitigate the Haggerty wetlands at a state park near Algonac.

MDOT plans to monitor neighborhood wells, to make sure no damage ensues.

Council Member Carol Mason bristled at the fact that MDOT will be inspecting the job, which will be done by a contractor.

"MDOT will monitor itself and what you have here is a fox in the hen house kind of thing. It's the state watching the state," she said.

City Manager Ed Kriewald didn't see a problem. "To impose additional expenditures on MDOT would be spending the taxpayers' dollars twice. They typically inspect to a higher level than we do."

The interview procedures and select about 10 candidates for second interviews.

Kriewald proposed that up to five final candidates be interviewed by the city council.

The subcommittee may tinker with his suggestions.

"I envision the committee to be part of the initial screening. I envision the full committee screening interviews and the city council interviewing three to five people," Crawford said.

## Novi launches search for new city clerk

By JAN JEFFREY

Staff Writer

Always dreamed of being a city clerk? Here's your chance to try out. But be forewarned, City Attorney David Fried has advised the Novi City Council that under the Open Meetings Act, the selection process will be open to the public.

"So there isn't any question that the subcommittee is doing the selection in private," Fried said.

City Clerk Gerry Stipp is retiring July 17. Plans now call for advertising the job in April, including spots in municipal trade journals, with a May 1 deadline for application submittal. Candidates will be screened and interviewed in May, with a final choice expected to be made by the city council in late May.

Stipp is emphatic that July 17 is her last day. Her replacement will be expected to show up for training on June 26.

Volunteering Monday for a council subcommittee which will screen candidates were Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Mem-

bers Carol Mason and Joseph Toth.

"Good luck, those are tough shoes," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

Assistant City Manager Craig Kriewald in a memo to council noted that the administration is prepared to write up the job description, run an ad, review all incoming applications and select about 20 candidates for screening interviews.

The council subcommittee, which may revise Kriewald's recommendations, will likely establish

## Volunteer Notes

### Motorsports needs volunteers

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers. Help is needed in areas such as museum guide, gift shop, vehicle maintenance, museum maintenance and construction. Training sessions conducted monthly. For more information, write or call Barb Fils, Volunteer Coordinator, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, MI, 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

### Drivers needed

Volunteers from Oakland County are needed from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, to transport cancer patients short distances for treatment at area hospitals. For more information on how you can be a volunteer driver for local cancer patients, please call Lorraine Beeman of the American Cancer Society, (810) 557-5336.

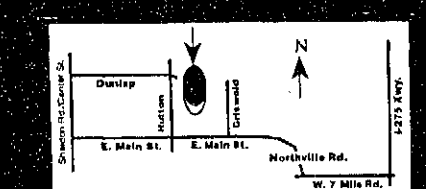


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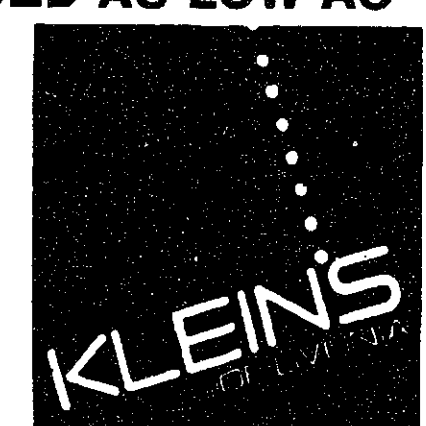
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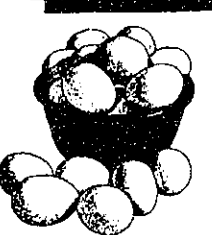
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# Break-in report has owner in trouble

Police were dispatched to a home on Barclay on Feb. 16 on a report of a break-in in progress. When they arrived they found the home unoccupied and secure. Minutes later, Novi dispatch radioed officers at the scene that the female whom had reported the incident had fled the home and was staying at her father's home in South Lyon.

While police were investigating the scene, a man drove recklessly to the front of the home. The driver slid to a stop and then exited the van. The heavy white male approached police at a fast pace, according to the police report. In his hand he was carrying a Colt semiautomatic pistol. Police ordered him to drop the weapon. He did so.

Officers at the scene reported that the man appeared excited and was acting irrational. He said he didn't know they were officers when he approached although he passed three marked cars when he came to his daughter's home. The man identified himself as the woman's father and said he came over because she said someone was trying to break into her home when he was talking with her on the phone.

He said he had a permit to carry the weapon, although it was issued for business purposes only. Police confiscated the weapon and advised the man they would be pursuing charges because he was using it against what it was issued for.

## Police News

### STOLEN HOT TUB

Someone stole a hot tub from home under construction in the Royal Crown subdivision on Feb. 13. The pipes leading to the tub which was in an upstairs bathroom were cut and the 6 foot tub was removed without any suspects or witnesses.

### INDECENT EXPOSURE

A woman was seated inside a study room in the Novi City Public Library when she says a man exposed himself to her on Feb. 13. She says the man entered the room, unzipped his pants and began handling himself in front of the woman. She left the room and told library staff what had happened.

The suspect was leaving the library when staff told him the police had been called. He returned to the library and met with police when they arrived. He told them he wasn't masturbating as the woman had described to police. Instead he said he was scratching a rash on his thighs when he saw. He said his pants were unzipped but not down.

Case is being reviewed.

### RECKLESS DRIVING

The driver of a 1983 Chevy Camaro was cited for reckless driving and sale of narcotics on

Feb. 13. Police encountered the driver on northbound Meadowbrook, north of Ten Mile Road. When the officer attempted to stop the driver for a broken headlight, the driver reportedly accelerated. During the police pursuit the driver violated several traffic signals including failure to use left signal and failure to stop at a stop sign at Cherry Hill.

Police eventually stopped the driver at Cherry Hill and King's Pointe. A pat down search of the suspect netted police 15 grams of marijuana, seeds, a scale, and other paraphernalia including tweezers, eyeglass screwdrivers and a pocket knife. Police also confiscated \$90 and a phone book.

### BREAK IN

Several people came entered and exited a home on Feb. 14 from which more than \$1,160 worth of video games and car radios were stolen. Residents of the home and guests to it came and went that afternoon but none noticed anything suspicious or alarming. But when the homeowner returned home she noticed a rear door had been forced open and several things were taken from the living room including a Sega game player and several games.

Citizens with information about any of the above incidents are encouraged to call the Novi Police Department at 448-7100.

## OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating under the influence of narcotics when police found him parked in his car in an industrial park after hours.

Police encountered the driver on westbound Nine Mile Road. He turned left onto Venture Drive without first signaling. According to the police report, officers followed the man because he was heading into Hickory Corporate Park when the business there was closed.

When police approached the car, there was a cloud of smoke that matched the odor of marijuana. The driver said he had no smoked any marijuana nor did he have any in possession. But he also could not explain the cloud of smoke. Police did not issue the driver any violations but did take urine samples from the man. He was held in custody until he sobered up. While in custody, police confiscated a fake identification from the suspect.

Police are seeking warrants for operating under the influence of narcotics and for the fake ID.

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## Novi Briefs

### On board

Paul Mullett is Novi's newest full-time Fire Protection Officer. Mullett has been on duty at Fire Station One on Grand River Avenue since Feb. 13. The FPOs work the daytime shift, when most of the paid-on-call firefighters are at their regular jobs. The volunteers take over in the evening. Mullett brings the department's full-time staff up to 13.

### Wide open Vistas

The Novi City Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a special session dedicated to The Vistas planned unit development (PUD). They are expected to discuss the density of the mega-neighborhood and its proposed commercial component, including work-live townhouses. A PUD contract between the cities and developers, the Hughson Corporation, is also on the agenda.

### Culture ventures

Novi City Council Member Tim Pope said Monday he was the only city representative at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEM-COG) to vote "no" last week on a proposal to levy a "culture tax" to support major organizations such as the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

SEM-COG is proposing placing a tax on "cultural" items such as movie tickets and compact discs.

"I am for the DTA, I'm not sure a family going to the movies should finance these things," Pope explained.

### Bowling, anyone?

For the thirteenth year in a row, Novi Youth Assistance is holding its annual Bowl-A-Thon. This year, it's slated for Saturday, March 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Novi Bowl.

All bowlers are entitled to prizes, free food and drinks. You can help Youth Assistance raise funds for its programs, such as summer camp, by bowling yourself or sponsoring a bowler.

For information, call 347-0410. Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road.

### Blood thirsty

Get ready to roll up your sleeve. Novi's Community Blood Drive is scheduled for March 21 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

## Library Notes

### Book Talk

Maybe the Moon, by Armistead Maupin, will be the subject at the next Novi Library Adult Book Discussion Group on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Novi Bowl.

### Book and author luncheon

On Thursday, March 9, at noon, the Friends of the Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton Public Libraries will present their ninth annual Book and Author Luncheon. Romance novelist Jillian Karr, the pseudonym for writers Jan Greenberg and Karen Katz, will speak. The luncheon will take place at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 each, available at the above libraries.

For more information, call Ring at 960-7578.

## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department up through Feb. 23. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Medical, 41108 Vicente Drive, 8:01 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 24801 Olde Orchard, 10:01 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fire Alarm, 26300 DeWahl, 11:13 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 3 p.m., Squad 1.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Store Fire, 42159 Pelliston Court, 12:03 p.m., Engine 4.  
Medical, Novi Police Dept., 4:12 p.m., Squad 3.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Medical, 31230 Tanglewood, 8:36 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:49 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 25737 Meadowbrook, 2:27 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 41624 Charleston, 3:24 p.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 24711 Christina, 4:02 p.m., Engine 1.  
Investigation, 21104 Glenhaven, 8:18 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 44700 Grand River, 10:38 p.m., Squad 1.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Medical, 41663 Blair, 6:08 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 8:03 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 42112 LaRo, 9:56 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 39884 Crosswinds, 1:49 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 44823 North Hills, 4 p.m., Squad 3.  
Vehicle Fire, I-96 and Novi Road, 4:30 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:09 p.m., Squad 2.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Medical, 24210 Novi Road, 1:36 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury Accident, Grand River-Meadowbrook, 5:44 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel Spill, I-96 and Novi Road, 7:07 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 26040 Ingersol, 7:15 p.m., Squad 2.  
Car Fire, Novi and Twelve Mile Road, 7:39 p.m., Engine 2.  
Car Fire, I-96 and Novi Road, 8:38 p.m., Engine 1.  
Fire Alarm, 27800 Novi Road, 9:15 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall Office, 12:04 a.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 21671 Welch, 5:31 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 29843 Carousel, 10:30 a.m., Squad 2.  
Injury Accident, Twelve Mile and Hagerty, 6:22 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire Alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 10 p.m., Engines 1, 2 and 4.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Medical, 44239 Twelve Mile Road, 12:41 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22875 Summerhouse Court, 6:25 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 1527 Ocher, 7:39 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 23802 Greening, 8:43 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 23435 Hagerty, 1:58 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 41931 LaRo, 4:16 p.m., Squad 2.

Car Fire, Hampton Hill and Ten Mile, 9:56 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 22000 Beck Road, 10:46 p.m., Squad 4.  
Fuel Spill, I-96 and Beck Road, 11:01 p.m., Engine 4.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mutual Aid, 13000 Eckles, Livonia, 12:54 a.m., Response 515.  
Medical, 41479 Glyme, 3:09 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:20 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 46299 Crestview, 4:20 p.m., Squad 4.  
Spills/TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:31 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 22289 Solomon, 6:40 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, Novi High School, 7:30 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 26566 O'Justin, 9:24 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Ashbury Drive, 9:55 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 21156 Wheaton, 1:03 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury Accident, Seeley and Washington, 5:59 p.m., Squad 1.  
Car Fire, Beck and Twelve Mile Road, 6:42 p.m., Engine 4.  
Structure Fire, 48200 West Road, 7:25 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Medical, 40124 Ladene, 7:57 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 21230 Glen Haven, 10:44 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 21230 Woodstone, 10:44 p.m., Squad 1.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Medical, 39566 Ardel, 4:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
Car Fire, Novi Town Center, 7:56 a.m., Engine 1.  
Injury Accident, Eleven Mile and Beck, 9:13 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 11107 Jo Drive, 11:00 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 43346 Ashbury, 11:14 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 22844 Cottage Court, 7:51 p.m., Squad 3.  
Structure Fire, Nardeer, Old Dutch, 11:36 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.  
Medical, 25627 Glamorgan, 11:42 p.m., Squad 3.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Medical, 40380 Washington, 6:01 a.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 20808 Glenhaven, 9:23 a.m., Engine 3.  
Investigation, 22786 Shadow Pine, 1:08 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 4:41 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 570 Eckschay, 5:33 p.m., Squad 4.  
Investigation, 20819 Sullivan, 7:08 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 9:04 p.m., Squad 1.

# Father raises funds for swing sets

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Karl Ring is a man with a twofold mission — to bring more fun and laughter to Hickory Woods kindergarten children and fulfill requirements for a leadership class.

The medical salesman had a project on leadership and self expression to complete for a Leadership Education class he was taking. Although he had decided upon a community project at his daughter's school, it wasn't until Sarah came home from school saying she wasn't having enough fun on the playground because she couldn't swing as often as she'd like that

the community project took on a focus.

With some quick thinking, Ring realized he could kill two birds with one stone. By adopting his daughter's cause, he would also be able to fulfill the requirements of enrolling people in the community to a worthwhile cause.

Ring has drummed up a lot of support for the project. Ring, along with the support of the kindergarten teachers, will present Wild in the Woods on Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room. Ring went right to the top and spoke to Principal Ron Thorin. Ring got the go-ahead from Thorin

for the carnival designed for fun and laughter and also to finance additional playground equipment. There are four swings at the Hickory Woods Elementary School for four classes or 94 kindergarten children. When one class uses the playground, that's approximately 24 children.

Ring hopes to raise \$1,000 for playground equipment, or more specifically, a swing set. The carnival will include games, popcorn, a clown, face painting, a Scholastic book sale, and raffle of "Woodsey the Bear" stuffed animals. Clifford the Dog will also be on available to shake a paw or two. Area businesses contributing to

the cause include Comerica Bank at Fourteen Mile and Hagerty; Mailboxes Etc. in West Oaks II; Shopping Center Markets; the McDonald's in downtown Walled Lake; the Davis and Martin Group; the Creative Learning Center; Dr. Stephen Jacobson, DDS; the Manhattan Bagel and Deli Company; Suitably You; Wexford Townhomes; Hickory Woods PTSA and the Montessori School.

The carnival is geared toward families with children aged seven and under. Admission is free. There is a 50 cent donation to play the individual "win-win" games. For more information, call Ring at 960-7578.

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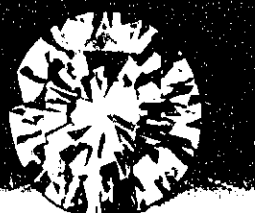
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Scenes from the ongoing Outdoorama show at the Novi Expo Center. Above, Greg Dubrule demonstrates how he caught this 3,000 pound Great White shark. Below, an owl is among the live wildlife on display at the show. At right, Bruce Wojcik of the MUCC, shows snapping turtle to youngsters in attendance.

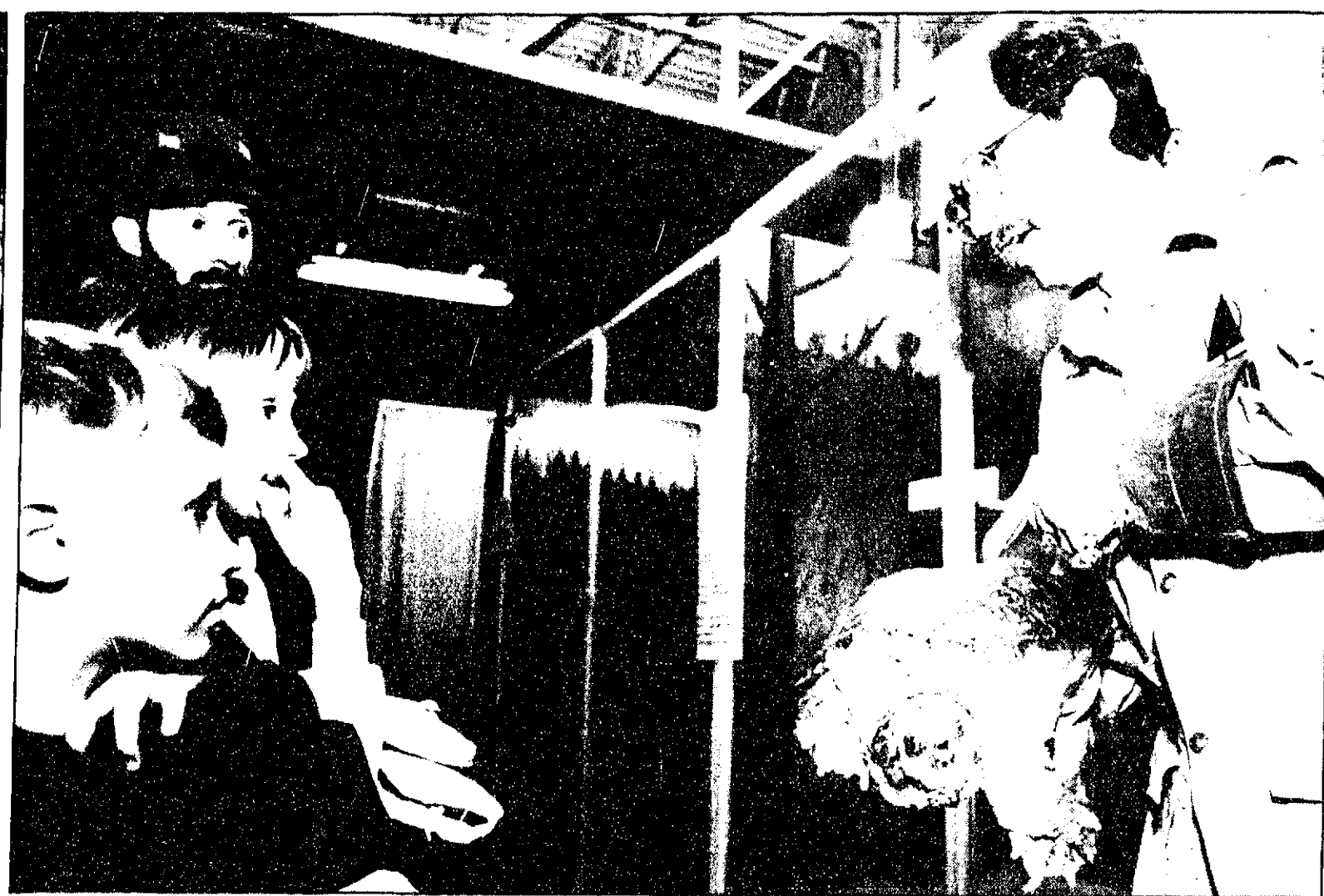


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Outdoorama underway at Expo

When days are cold, what's hot for outdoor enthusiasts is the 1995 Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show running now through March 5 at the Novi Expo Center.

Outdoorama, sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, is the largest and longest-running sports show in Michigan. The show combines exhibits, seminars and stage shows into a 10-day package that has delighted visitors of all ages for 22 consecutive years.

This year, Outdoorama is bigger and better than ever, with 300-plus exhibitors and over 200,000 square feet devoted to displays. Featured will be the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, power and fishing boats, recreational vehicles and an array of exotic outfitting destinations throughout North America.

Families will find an abundance of hands-on experiences at Outdoorama. At one exhibit called "Wildlife Encounters," visitors can get a close, personal view of owls, hawks, falcons, a bald eagle and a variety of live wetland species.

Richard English will bring his live herd of whitetail deer to Out-

doorama March 2, 3, 4 and 5 so everyone can enjoy viewing Michigan's most popular wildlife species.

The PSE Express will make its 1995 Michigan debut at Outdoorama. The Express is a full-service archery shop housed in a semi-truck trailer. Archers can also participate in a 30-target fun shoot all 10 days and an IBO qualifier tournament on March 3, 4 and 5.

Da Yoopers take the stage March 2, 3, 4 and 5 in an exclusive Outdoorama engagement. The musical comedy group combines stand-up routines, slapstick and adventurous theater with such musical hits as "Second Week of Deer Camp" and "Rusty Chevrolet."

Dan Bertalan, renowned bowhunter and author, heads up a list of seminar celebrities appearing at Outdoorama that include: Bob Jenni, the "Oklahoma Snake Man," Ray Ewe, nationally-known turkey hunting guide; Glenn Duderer, MSU extension specialist; and Bob Garner, host of the PBS series, "Michigan Out-of-Doors," together with Mark Martin, professional walleye fisherman and

national speaker.

The Outdoorama spotlight on weekend evenings will be on special segments of outdoor life. Michigan Out-of-Doors Fishing Night, March 2, and Kids' Night, March 3, with kids up to age 14 that complete a "Nature Quest" treasure hunt winning a fishing pole and grab bag of gifts.

Admission is \$6.50 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under; children under 5 are admitted free. The public is asked to donate canned food and dry goods for a donation to local families in need. Donated items may be dropped off at the "Sportsmen Against Hunger" booth.

Outdoorama is a non-profit event. All proceeds from the 1995 show will help support MUCC's conservation efforts and environmental education programs throughout the state.

For ticket and show information, call or write: Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Box 30235, Lansing, Mich. 48909, 1-800-777-6720.

## Cancer victim gets OCC aid hike limited to 1.1 percent

By YVONNE BEEBE  
Staff Writer

Every time Kathy Karney is asked about how the Northville and Novi communities have rallied to raise funds for her bone-marrow transplant, she gets a little overwhelmed.

"I don't know 445 people," said an incredulous Karney of the number of people who attended a fund-raising dinner at Northville High School for her last Friday. Friends and family launched a fund-raising campaign for the Novi resident a little more than a month ago after Karney learned that her insurance companies would not cover the some \$160,000 cost for her self-donating bone-marrow transplant.

Karney, who is in the middle of a second cycle of chemotherapy treatment, will travel to Duke University in North Carolina in May to undergo the procedure. At that time, she will have to make a \$75,000 down payment to the university. The procedure is considered experimental for breast cancer patients by the family's insurance companies, leaving Karney responsible for the hefty bill.

Friends, family and concerned community members, gathered at the high school cafeteria Friday for a silent auction and awaited the announcement of the winners of the 7,000 raffle tickets that had been sold. Thousands of dollars in prizes, including televisions, restaurant gift certificates and free hotel stays were donated to the cause.

Their determined effort managed to raise \$44,000 for Karney, who was unable to attend the event because she was too sick as a result of her chemotherapy treatments. In addition, employees of General Motors in Ypsilanti, where Kathy's husband Vic works, raised \$15,000 last month.

"I heard it was absolutely fantastic," Karney said. "I had relatives call and say it was a wonderful show of support. People have been so generous."

Lynda Baca, the fund-raiser organizer and Karney's neighbor, said she was very pleased with the effort.

"The people I talked with said they felt it was a nice event and well organized," Baca said. "We're

very pleased. It exceeded all of our tentative expectations."

Although she is happy with last week's turnout, Baca, whose relentless attitude has been a driving force behind the effort, said her work is far from over.

Baca has organized a concert by "Down With Hatred," an alternative music group, at the Marquis Theater Saturday, March 11. Tickets will be \$5 with all proceeds going toward Karney's fund. Baca said she hopes to get a large turnout from the community's young people.

Future events to be scheduled include a Domino's Pizza night during the end of March. All profits from pizza sold during a specified time period will go to Karney's cause.

In addition, the owners of Player's Billiards, located at 10 Mile Road and Haggerty, are organizing a nine-ball tournament to be held in April.

All donations and money raised are going through My Friends Care, a non-profit organization that assists cancer patients in need of bone-marrow transplants. If for some reason in the future Karney no longer needs the funds for her treatment, the money raised will go to someone else who needs it. All donations are tax deductible.

The snowballing efforts by concerned residents has been both overwhelming and gratifying, Baca said.

Karney, who has three children attending Northville Public Schools, began her treatment in January. The procedure includes three 21-day sessions of chemotherapy treatment in Novi.

In May Karney will travel to Duke to undergo the marrow transplant, where she will stay for at least three weeks. The entire procedure will be completed by the beginning of June.

"We keep marking the days off," Karney said. "My kids keep saying, 'just two more cycles, mom. You're almost there.' They've been great."

Karney was hospitalized for two weeks last month as a result of sickness from her chemotherapy treatments. However, she is home now and feeling much better, she said.

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

With inflation running above 3 percent, Oakland Community College faces the prospect of just a 1.1 percent hike in state aid in the coming budget year.

"That 1.1 percent is \$199,000. That is no new money," Chancellor Fatsy Calkins told the board of trustees.

"The cost of living allowance (COLA) is 3.1 percent. The higher education price index (HEPI) is 3.2 percent. We are a long way from where we need to be."

HEPI, though little known to the public, is the price index most meaningful to college administrators. It reflects what colleges buy—faculty and benefits—rather than the market basket of goods bought by consumers.

To Calkins, Gov. John Engler's proposed fiscal 1996 budget underscored the need for passage of OCC's one-mill property tax increase on the March 16 ballot. If approved by voters, the new \$29 million would be earmarked for maintenance and equipment

improvements during the first two years.

While a state aid increase of 1.7 percent had been widely quoted, Calkins said four major institutions—OCC, Henry Ford, Wayne and Kirtland—are scheduled for just 1.1 percent under the Gast-Muths formula, a state aid index named for the Senate and House appropriations subcommittee chiefs who drafted it.

The formula, Calkins said, starts with an aid number that is reduced by a one-mill deductible. The irony is that OCC's current tax rate is 0.85 of a mill, resulting in a "double hit," the chancellor said.

Trustee Anne Scott of Royal Oak was hopeful lawmakers would raise the amount proposed by Engler. "This is the governor's suggestion. I don't feel this budget is going through," Scott said.

Charles Neumann, the math professor who heads the OCC Faculty Association, agreed. OCC and Macomb Community College, with 1,360 full-time equivalent students in the state, are getting less than a fair shake from Lansing.

Waterford blamed Sandra Ritter of the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), the professional and lobbying group the 29 two-year colleges belong to.

"The money is not heavily taxed by MCCA. It doesn't serve our purposes. I feel neglected," said Ritter.

Disagreeing, board vice chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield said, "We should work from the inside. To remove ourselves from our own professional group is a big mistake. I don't think we should cut our ties."

Three sources provide 98 percent of OCC's revenue: state aid (24 percent), property tax (36 percent) and student tuition and fees (38 percent).

In related business, the board trimmed the current year's budget to \$71.5 million, a cut of \$2.1 million or 2.9 percent. Most of the cut was due to an enrollment drop of 1,360 full-time equivalent students worth \$2 million.

A state aid increase of \$70,000 was offset by a \$130,000 shortfall from the industrial facilities tax.

Calkins said "very tough cuts" in spending will be made by not filling faculty and staff jobs and not incurring instructional costs due to the enrollment drop.

Trustees approved the revised budget 7-0.

The board approved two contracts:

• \$38,306 to low-bidder National Satellite Corp. of Rochester Hills to equip and configure an interactive video classroom on the Highland Lakes Campus, Union Lake. Campus President Preston Pulliams said 220 Levinson Hall, now used for storage, will be used for videotaping and long-distance teaching to business customers.

Trustee Ritter, who last month delayed the project by voting no, said her questions had been answered and voted yes.

• An unspecified amount with Cardiovascular Clinical Associates in Farmington Hills for training students in non-invasive cardiology.

Regional Director, American Heart Association. While the program provides funds for cardiovascular research, it demonstrates that aerobic exercise is fun and improves one's fitness.

For more information and sponsor pledge sheets, contact the American Heart Association, as well as to encourage people that aerobics and dancing are good for the heart," says Diane Porter.

Tickets are available at the chamber office or can be purchased by mail at 43700 E. Grand Dr., Suite 100, Novi 48377.

"Our goal is to raise \$30,000," said Event Chairperson Jill Kozma. "The funds we raise will not only help continue chamber sponsored community programs, but a sizable portion of the proceeds will be given to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, whose mission is to involve supportive volunteer adults as role models for children in need from single parent families. We are always looking for unique action and raffle items; anyone wishing to donate items for this event should contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce office at (810) 349-3743. A portion of your donation can be tax deductible as either a charitable or business expense."

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# Decision to meet in eatery called 'questionable'

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Six of the seven Novi Board of Education members met Monday evening at a local restaurant with a consultant. Novi Schools have hired to conduct a telephone survey.

A quorum of the board met for a 6:30 p.m. dinner at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River Avenue to discuss the survey consultant, Kathy Feaster, is preparing for the school district.

Dawn Phillips, Michigan Press Association's attorney, said the board's decision to hold the meeting at the restaurant was "questionable" at best, but not a blatant violation of the state's Open Meetings Act.

"It's questionable judgment," Phillips said. "It seems odd that they let it go to a restaurant, but it isn't a true violation of the law. But it does raise some questions."

State statute governs the meetings of public bodies and states that meetings are to be held in a place available to the general public. The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the

right to tape-record, videotape, broadcast live on radio and telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting.

The board met not in the main dining area but in a side room designed for more privacy, said Board President Craig Foreback. A room where Foreback said had ample room for residents who may have wanted to come and listen to the board's conversation with the consultant.

No one, however, except those who were invited attended the meeting.

Phillips said during the meeting at the restaurant may have discouraged interested residents from attending it.

"If they had an overflow crowd, you may have had a problem," Phillips said. "Some people may not have attended the meeting because they would have felt pressured to order something."

"It's a question of common sense," the lawyer said. "And it just seems like a questionable judgment in the spirit of the law."

Foreback said the restaurant wasn't the board's

first choice in a meeting location but neither was the board office.

"Our original thought was to meet at her hotel, but they couldn't get us a room," he said referring to Feaster's hotel room.

The dinner meeting was posted as a special school board meeting, according to Superintendent Emmett Lippe. The purpose of the it was to "discuss community survey relative to the bond issue," the notice stated.

It was dated Feb. 24. The meeting was Monday, Feb. 27.

Foreback said there were two empty tables adjacent to the board if anyone was interested in listening to the board's conversation.

"And we were in a separate room, not in the main dining area," he said.

Lippe said everyone but Stephen Hitecock attended the dinner meeting. The meeting was intended to allow the school board to function as just one of many focus groups Feaster interviewed for input on her survey Monday.

Feaster, owns and operates a school public relations consultant services practice in Menominee. She was hired to survey residents about their impressions of the Novi Community School District and gauge residents' reactions to the recent debated bond issue.

Foreback declined to share the comments Feaster shared with the board Monday night after her initial contact with the Novi community. He said he hesitated to repeat what she said because he didn't want to skew her survey by leaking the kinds of questions other focus groups had suggested should be included on her survey.

"From the information she shared with us, it's obvious that she's already extracted a good deal of data," Foreback said.

Feaster spent the better part of Monday interviewing school administrators, teaching and support staff, PTO, senior citizens, business and community representatives. The purpose of her interviews was to get input from various sources on the kinds of questions she should include on her survey.

## School focus group's work extended

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Following the focus groups, Feaster and her firm School Public Relations Consultant Services will conduct telephone interviews with 400 district residents. Two hundred will be drawn from those who cast ballots in December. The remainder will be other registered voters in the district.

Lippe said the survey will last about 10-15 minutes and will include 40 to 50 questions. At least some will be open-ended. He further explained that the 400 number was set because it will be a statistically significant number among voters in the school district. During the survey, only those who answer the complete questionnaire will be counted toward the total number.

Lippe said he expects the random survey will be conducted in late March. And if the time that

the survey-taker first calls is not convenient for a respondent, the respondent can arrange a more convenient time.

The Educational Services Building is located at 25345 Taft Road. The TFC is located between Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School, across on Taft Road.

For further information, contact Rita Traynor at (810) 544-8330.

## Cost of uniforms grows

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi High School bands are getting a face lift, worth at least \$86,743.

Next season, marching and concert band members and color guards will be sporting a cleaner, sharper look to accentuate their award-winning performances.

For the marching band, the new look will be a crisp white cadet-styled uniform with green and white accent pieces. For the concert band, it will be a classic black and white tuxedo ensemble.

Color guard uniforms were custom-designed and feature pleated green skirts with sailor's jackets and floppy green and white hats.

The Novi Board of Education gave its nod of support in January to approve the \$90,000 band uniform expenditure. A portion of that amount — about \$9,000 — will be picked up by the Novi Band Boosters. The balance will come out of the district's fund equity account. \$40,000 from this year's budget and the remainder from next year's budget.

The board gave its support 7-0 in January to the expenditure but members were surprised this past Thursday to see that the price tag had jumped from \$90,000 to \$102,399.

The board voted 5-1 to go ahead with the first \$86,700 of the expense. Board Vice President Jay Byers voted against it.

James Koster, assistant superintendent of operations, said Thursday he was asking the board to approve the bid from band uniform maker DeMoulin Brothers & Co. even though it was more than anticipated.

According to Koster's memo to the board, the base bid for the uniforms was \$114,047. A \$3,614 cash discount and more than \$23,000 was deducted from the original bid because the school district was still negotiating the price of "baldies," or sashes, for the uniforms. The final bid was \$86,743, but the district may still go ahead and have the sequined sashes add to the new uniforms.

Koster estimated that the sashes would cost the district an additional \$15,000.

The board was willing Thursday to support the major expenditure but told Koster to bring the bid on the baldies back to this Thursday's board meeting.

It wasn't the board's first choice to approve the partial expenditure, knowing a second motion would be needed to approve the additional expense.

"I certainly intend to support the baldies," said Treasurer Stephen Hitecock. "But I prefer to have a bid come back that we could approve."

Byers agreed and said he "would rather see it all at once and not piecemeal."

He then moved to table the issue until the fall and final bid was presented, but didn't gain any support to supersede the motion to approve payment of the partial bill.

Koster and Scott Boerma, high school band director, both feared waiting another week for the board's approval of the baldies may stall the delivery of the uniforms. Koster said he negotiated a penalty clause which would result in a \$500 a day price reduction for every day beyond the 16th day after the order is placed. The clause would work only if the uniforms are ordered in the first week of March. Koster said. If not, shipment may not arrive in time for band performances this fall.

"The kids are really fired up about this," Boerma said. "They are fired up about the style and the look ... (But) if we wait any longer we won't have the uniforms in time," he added.

## HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

### PLEASANT DREAMS

Patients can take steps to hot neck, back, or shoulder pain that interrupt sleep by altering their sleeping positions and using pillows for support. One pillow placement that will not help involves wedging it under the back so as to raise one hip higher than the other. A better strategy is to lie on your back and place pillows beneath your head and knees. A wedge-shaped pillow works best to elevate the knees and relieve pressure on the lower back. If neck pain is a problem, use a contour pillow that cradles the head and neck, and prevents tilting. Another good pain-relieving position is lying on your side, with pillows beneath your head and between your knees.

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# Movies

## Deadly virus stirs action in 'Outbreak'

The inhabitants of Cedar Creek, California, are getting sick. Quickly.

A lethal virus, for years safely contained within the depths of the African rain forest, has found its way to this small community and is infecting the population.

The virus might be anywhere. It is more deadly than the Black Plague and more contagious than the common cold.

And it threatens to spread uncontrollably outward. To neighboring San Francisco. Throughout California. Across the United States. And, soon after, around the world.

Dr. Sam Daniels (Dustin Hoffman) is in a race against time to find the key that can stop the virus before it radiates beyond the small town and wipes out hundreds of thousands. He must also outpace his government superiors, who are poised to unleash a plan that will contain the virus in a manner as uncompromisingly lethal as the outbreak itself.

"Outbreak" is a suspenseful medical thriller starring two-time Academy Award-winner Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. The film charts the terrifying course of a deadly virus, which is carried by a monkey host to a small California town.

Hoffman and Russo star as infectious diseases specialists racing to stop the virus before it spreads from the town and causes a worldwide medical emergency. Freeman stars as Hoffman's commanding military officer.

The race to find an anti-viral serum is further threatened by one of the nation's highest-ranking military officers, played by Donald Sutherland, who has vowed not to let the virus — or its secret history — out of the small California community ... at any cost.

"Outbreak" is directed by Oscar nominee Wolfgang Petersen ("Das Boot"), who most recently directed the hit thriller "In the Line of Fire." The supporting cast includes Kevin Spacey, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Patrick Dempsey.

With growing regularity during the past couple of years, headlines

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and news reports have been assaulting the public with stories about emerging viruses such as Hanta and the mysterious flesh-eating strain; aggressive new forms of tuberculosis, hepatitis and other communicable microbes; and the continuing worldwide devastation of AIDS.

Non-fiction readers have been receiving a crash-course education on the viral crisis-in-waiting from books like Laurie Garrett's "The Coming Plague" and Richard Preston's "The Hot Zone," which have been sitting atop the best seller lists for months.

Set amid the context of these real-world reminders, the making of "Outbreak" is particularly timely.

"We are living in a time when viruses we never even knew existed a few years ago are now familiar by name if not experience," said Arnold Kopelson, who produced "Outbreak."

"As we disrupt the delicate ecologies of the rain forests and release viruses that have previously been contained into the larger environment, we run the very real risk of exposing our world to even more catastrophic epidemics. While fiction, "Outbreak" is based in scientific possibility. In fact, the most frightening aspect of this story is the real possibility of such a contagion developing in the world



Colonel Sam Daniels (Dustin Hoffman) and Mayor Walter Salt (Cuba Gooding Jr.) star in Warner Bros.' medical thriller, "Outbreak."

at any given moment."

Director Wolfgang Petersen, who has taken audiences into special settings before, such as the pressure-cooker atmosphere of a submarine in "Das Boot" and the life-endangering responsibilities of Secret Service in "In the Line of Fire," was excited to take the public into the mysterious arena of virological science in which "Outbreak" takes place.

"This world of viruses and these sophisticated laboratories is a totally unknown one for an audience," said Petersen. "To give them a chance to enter this world with all the horror and fear it can bring is particularly intriguing. Nearly every scene offers something an audience hasn't seen before. If a thriller takes place in an unknown world that actually exists, the results can be fascinating."

Petersen said that his goal in directing "Outbreak" was more than just thrilling audiences with the story. "First and foremost, I hope the film works as a great

piece of entertainment," he said.

"But beyond that, I hope it will inspire a lot of discussions afterwards. Since it is based in reality, I hope it's something that people can't get rid of after two hours in a theater. It should haunt you. It should sit with you for quite a while, because it touches a nerve. I'd like for people to think, 'maybe we shouldn't be fooling with nature too much.'"

Beyond its cautionary themes, however, Petersen hopes the film will elicit the same visceral response in audiences as classic thrillers of the past.

"I hope that 'Outbreak' is like the 'Jaws' of the '90s," he said. "Both films deal with very realistic scenarios, but 'Outbreak' is perhaps even more frightening. With a shark, you simply have to take yourself out of the water to escape the danger. With an airborne virus, it can be anywhere. Wherever you go, you can't escape it. You can't see it, but it could be attacking you all the same."

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## Novi courthouse nears completion

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Judges Bulgarelli and MacKenzie agreed Monday that the high noise level in the old building is an annoyance, with Bulgarelli happily pointing out the double sets of swinging doors at the public entrance to each courtroom. This is to keep the sound level down.

"It is so distracting trying to conduct a trial or a hearing," Bulgarelli said.

State law destined the new court for Novi, but Walled Lake did not give up without a fight. And Wixom made a bid for the facility, in a battle waged in Lansing and Pontiac. The terms of peace call for the old Maple Road courthouse to be converted to a county service building.

The Walled Lake renovations are slated to begin this spring and run through the summer, Hunter said. When complete, the former court will house branch offices of the county health department, veteran's services and juvenile probation offices.

"Layers of security" is how architects Thomas Strat Associates have described the new courthouse. The public, prisoners and staff all enter from separate entrances. Another entrance leads to the probation department.

"The security has been improved tremendously by this change," MacKenzie said.

The highest level of security is at the detention area, to the rear of the building. The three new cells have individual toilets; in the Walled Lake court, prisoners use the toilets in the jury room. One cell permits attorneys to confer with potentially more dangerous prisoners through a plexiglass window. Previously, the lawyer would have to enter the cell to talk to a Leslie Allen Williams-type suspect, MacKenzie explained.

There's a secured area behind the courtrooms for the judges, jury, secretaries and court clerks. As a cost savings, Oakland County now approval from the state to construct only one of the

## Roller Dek gets conceptual approval

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variance from city regulations, as the Bunnis propose to build an unpaved parking lot for the business.

"If an individual businessman would buy that land and put up that facility, it would have to stick with the ordinances," Schmid said.

"We're trying to get this land and we couldn't sell it, we couldn't develop it. I get a kick out of some of the things we do. You complain about trading land and now we're going to give people land for three to five years."

McLellan suggested that the city could tack an escape clause on the lease.

As an alternative, Davis will look at the Twelve Mile site. Another city park, at Eight Mile and Harper roads, has no room for the Roller Dek in its current development plan, he said. Whatever city land may be leased, the Bunnis will have to pay property taxes on it.

The Bunnis told the city council in December that it would be too costly for them to start up the operation if they had to purchase the site. They propose to charge sneaker-clad players \$60 a season and in-line skaters \$60 a season. In addition, the rink would be used for open skating and lessons.

The plastic rink would be laid over an asphalt surface and would be surrounded by side boards and netting. Outdoor benches would be provided for spectators. The complex would also include restrooms and a modular home, used as a business office.

"I think it's an excellent project. We have constantly asked the parks and recreation commission to come forward with ideas that would make revenue for the city. This looks like it has a lot of potential," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

Schmid lacked his enthusiasm: "Unfortunately, none of the projects that have come forward have given the city anything but a pitance."

## Another season at Bosco

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toilet rental, although she approved the agreement.

"Novi Youth Baseball has paid that right along. The City of Novi does not get any money from this," she said.

With access to Bosco Field, Novi Youth Baseball will not compete with city parks and recreation teams for use of the existing ball fields.

"We're not in a position to look a gift horse in the mouth. It's fortunate Mr. Bosco allowed us to use it again," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

"We're not leasing Tiger Stadium, we leasing Bosco Field so that the kids can play some ball this year."

Monday, Vetro said she was disappointed with Mason's comments and that Mayor Kathleen McLellan voted against the contract.

"She made the statement that this isn't doing something for the city. We provide a program for 700 kids. If we weren't there, where would they be? We've been doing this for 30 years. This is a like a gift from Paul Bosco," Vetro said.

"Paul has the feeling that if he is going to provide the fields, let the city do the rest, instead of the kids paying for it."

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Beautification Commission, Economic Development Corporation Board, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Novi Youth Baseball Cable Access Committee, Construction Board of Appeals and Town Center Steering Committee.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office at 347-0456. The deadline for receiving applications is Friday, March 3, 1995. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions. (3-29-95 NR, NN)

GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

## Would Ten Mile Road widening change area?

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for the entire, year-long study to be complete, the city will ask MDOT and the engineers who won the contract, JCK & Associates, to come back earlier with initial findings, including traffic projections.

Going ahead with the research doesn't mean the engineers will conclude that five lanes are needed from Haggerty Road to Novi Road, the city's Department of Public Services Supervisor Anthony Nowicki said.

Other alternatives such as no action, three lanes or four lanes will be considered, he explained.

But the city's reports on the project call it a five-lane widening, which was enough to get Ten Mile Road residents and some of their neighbors riled. The mile road splits Willowbrook, one of the city's oldest subdivisions.

"The city has no engineering that supports arbitrarily such a road project using taxpayer money," Ten Mile resident Warren Jocz said.

Other homeowners pointed out that the sidewalks along Ten Mile, installed by Novi five years ago, increased the community atmosphere in the area. These would be lost to a five-lane expansion. So would a large chunk of the front yards of the Ten Mile residents, some of whom say the traffic noise as it is today is so loud they can't watch TV with their windows open.

A wider road will increase the traffic, they predict.

"Oakland County turned down a request to do this. Novi then went to the state. Please be visionaries for the city's interests and not blinded by someone's special interests," Dianne Osgood asked the council.

Council Member Carol Mason cast the only no-vote, as the council agreed to sign a contract with MDOT. Novi's share of the preliminary engineering falls just short of \$57,000.

"I won't vote for this in any way, shape or form. You are talking about one of the oldest residential areas in the city, that was never meant to be a thoroughfare. The traffic was meant to go on Eight Mile and Twelve Mile, Mason said.

Whatever action the city council OK's would have come after a federally-required public hearing.

"It's foolish to spend \$284,000 to prove you don't need something," Council Member Robert Schmid said.

"This project ranked fourth in all Oakland County. There is a belief that there is a need for this at the county level," Nowicki said.

Schmid suggested that the engineers do a first phase environmental impact statement and traffic projections, then return to the city council for more input. City administrators are expected to run this past MDOT.

"I'm kind of an innovative-type thinker and I can't believe MDOT is so tied up in their thinking that they can't do some adjusting," Schmid said.

As the late night debate continued, Pope called Mason to task for several of her comments. She accused the project of being conducted in a "sneakily, backhand manner," "trampling on people's rights," "like Taft Road."

"I would prefer that the debate be restricted to the issues. I feel the comments are inappropriate," Pope said.

"I never said to Mr. Nowicki that he met in a back room. I likened it to Taft Road," Mason explained. Nowicki said the city had been up front about the project.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

**Track & Tennis Court Surfacing**  
Novi High School, Release Date March 7, 1995, Pre Bid meeting March 8, 1995, Bid Due March 23, 1995 and Award Date April 6, 1995.

Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager on or after July 8, 1993:  
Barton Malow Company  
C/O Novi High School  
24022 Taft Road  
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(313) 349-0293

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  
23345 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,  
ASSOC. SUPERINTENDENT  
(3-29-95 NN)

### NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1995: 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995: 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1995: 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1995: 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

In prior years, the State Equalized Value was used as the basis to determine your annual property taxes. Beginning in 1995, as a result of the passage of Proposal A, a new value called TAXABLE VALUE will be determined for each property and will be used as the basis of future tax calculations. The TAXABLE VALUE in addition to the Assessed Value and State Equalized Value will appear on notices to be sent to property owners in 1995.

Pursuant to Act 105 of 1971 and based on the proposed increases in assessed value for 1995, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 1995 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to review their taxable value or assessments with the Board of Review will be seen by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments must be made on or before 4:30 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 15, 1995. Please contact Tax Department at City Hall at 349-1300 for an appointment or with any questions you have regarding your 1995 taxable value or assessment.

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### SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF  
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
TO BE HELD  
MARCH 16, 1995

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
Please Take Notice that the Board of Education, pursuant to a directive from the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College, Michigan, has called a special community college election to be held in the district on Thursday, March 16, 1995.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special community college election:

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SPECIAL MILLAGE ELECTION  
Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Oakland Community College District, parts of the Counties of Oakland, Livingston, Lapeer and Washtenaw, be increased for calendar year 1995 and in perpetuity by 1.0 mill on every dollar (being \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation as fully equalized) of all property in said Community College District which shall be used for the purpose of providing estimated revenue for the Community College of \$25,900,000.00 during the 1995 calendar year, if approved and levied, (resulting in an approximate increase for 1995 of \$51.00 for each household owning a home with a live cash value of \$102,000.00) to be used for general operating purposes?

THE VOTING PLACE(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
PRECINCT NO. 1  
Voting Place: Novi Middle School, 25225 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2  
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3  
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote in this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan.

JULIA E. ABRAMS,  
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(3-29-95 NN)

# Class Notes

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## OH gets spring fever

Orchard Hills staff and students enjoyed a wonderful assembly in February entitled "Back When the Animals Talked."

The actors portrayed many roles in depicting the legends and evolution of the animals. Much of this related to Native Americans and many of our students had previously studied these subjects.

The program was thoroughly appreciated by the captive audience. Another anticipated and timely assembly, "The Living Abe Lincoln," was scheduled to occur on Feb. 28. We are very pleased to have access to these interesting and innovative experiences!

A school wide Fitness Walk is taking place. It is challenging to accomplish this with the variety of weather conditions we are experiencing. As an added bonus, each classroom will have a drawing for a lucky winner to receive a free roller skating ticket to our upcoming party on March 6.

A very worthy while project is now in place sponsored by Orchard Hills and its PTO. Please "have a hear" and donate to our Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for March 17 from 3-9 p.m. in the Community Room. Walk-ins are welcome! For more information, please contact our coordinator, Mary Bohme at 349-1955.

We will be "Cruisin' the Caribbean" on the S.S. Orchard Hills as it docks at the Novi Civic Center on Friday evening, March 24 from 6-9 p.m. Our annual Spring Activity will be operating under tropical paradise that evening with plenty of music, games and food for all participants.

March is Reading Month and Orchard Hills will be celebrating this in many ways individually in the classrooms and overall by the entire school.

Janice Wesley  
PTO President

## Woods is hitting the books

Novi Woods will "Warm up to Books" during Family Reading Month in March. Both the PTO and the staff at Novi Woods have several activities planned for the students.

In celebration of this month, the PTO is promoting "TV Turn Off Night" and providing a March reading calendar for students to use as journal to document their reading activities. For "TV Turn Off Night," students and family members will agree that on one night each week, to completely turn off the television set (including video games). The PTO wants families to accept the challenge to increase your awareness of the value of reading and also to become conscious of your television viewing habits. The school lobby will be decorated with butterflies representing the name of each student that participates and completes their March reading calendar. They will also receive a gift from the PTO.

Last, but not least, the PTO is sponsoring a storyteller to share some of her fascinating stories with every team at Novi Woods.

Some of the activities that the Novi Woods staff is planning include reading buddies and teacher reader exchanges. An example of a reading buddy is a fourth grader pairing up with a first or second grader and taking turns reading aloud to each other. All during the month, various teachers will exchange places and read their favorite story to each other's class. The students should be surprised as the exchange will be kept a secret.

Finally, during the last week in March, the students will be encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. All characters will then participate in a book parade for their parents and staff. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

Village Oaks students in Pat Little's and Tammy Smith's kindergarten classes celebrated their 100th day of school on Thursday, Feb. 9.

To mark this very special occasion, each child brought in a collection of 100 items. Children brought such things as 100 pennies, 100 paper clips, 100 Legos, or 100 pieces of candy. The students used these collections to perform several experiments, such as what collection was the heaviest, and which made the longest chain when laid out on the floor.

Students graphed the results of these experiments, and enjoyed sharing their collections with their classmates. For snack time, the children made snacks in the shape of the number 100. They also made hats and buttons for Day 100.

The highlight of the celebration was the annual visit from Village Oaks' beloved Zero the Hero. Zero shared the children's joy in completing 100 days in kindergarten, and left a zero-shaped candy treat for each child. The day was enjoyed by all.

On the evening of Feb. 9, Village Oaks third and fourth graders treated their families and friends to a musical performance entitled "Radio Station K.I.D.S."

Music teacher Charlene Dibble's students told the story of a struggling radio station that turns to kids to bring it success. The musical showcased the many talents of the students, as they entertained the audience with vignettes featuring songs, musical instruments and comedy.

The evening included an art show by Village Oaks students. Coordinated by art teacher Kris Broderick, the show displayed art work done by many Village Oaks third and fourth graders, as well as several group projects. The event provided parents with a wonderful opportunity to see some of the talents being developed in their children's music and art classes.

In March, students at Village Oaks hope to become "Hooked on Reading," through the school's Daily Readers Club. March is Reading Month and the Daily Readers Club activities help to show students the benefits and fun they can have by making reading a habit.

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## Students grow high tech green thumbs

March is coming in like a lion at Parkview Elementary with a flurry of educational and social activities on the calendar.

Students of third grade teacher Debbie Madeja and first grade teacher Carolyn Chaney will join together early this month to undertake a special Technology in Education project, building small greenhouses.

According to Madeja, the students will be told the elements required in the greenhouses, such as a door and a working light. Then, using materials brought from home and with some guidance from teachers and parent volunteers, the students will design and build their own unique greenhouses. A third grader will work with each first grader, with the younger children taking the finished product home.

"This project enhances our curriculum," Madeja explained. "The first graders study plants and animals in science while the third graders will study plants and electricity this year. They will be measuring and figuring dimensions, which ties in with our math program."

Madeja and Chaney are receiving in-service training for the Technology in Education Program through the Oakland Intermediate School District.

Parkview's kindergartners will visit Border's Books and Music in March. Border's is Parkview's business partner this year. The students of kindergarten teachers Michelle Ferguson, Pam Starr, Nancy Lodwick and Patti Zielinski will receive a tour and hear a story at the Novi store.

Elementary students from throughout Novi will meet at Parkview on March 21 for a Young Authors Conference. Each elementary school will select representatives to attend the conference. Students attending the conference will also make a visit to Border's Books and Music that day. Many Parkview classes have been writing stories and publishing them in book form for entry into the conference selection process.

Third and fourth graders are busy practicing for their upcoming musical concert to be held on March 22, at 7 p.m., at Novi High School. The students will present a program of vocal music entitled, "It's Music," under the direction of music teacher Suzanne H. Korzyn.

The popular Donuts and Dads program will return this year to Parkview on March 23 and 24, at 7:15 a.m., each day. This PTO-sponsored event allows dads (or moms) to enjoy coffee, juice and doughnuts with their children in a before school/work setting. The PTO will also sponsor a roller skating party at Bonaventure Skating Rink on March 20 and an all-school assembly featuring the Gemini Twins on March 10.

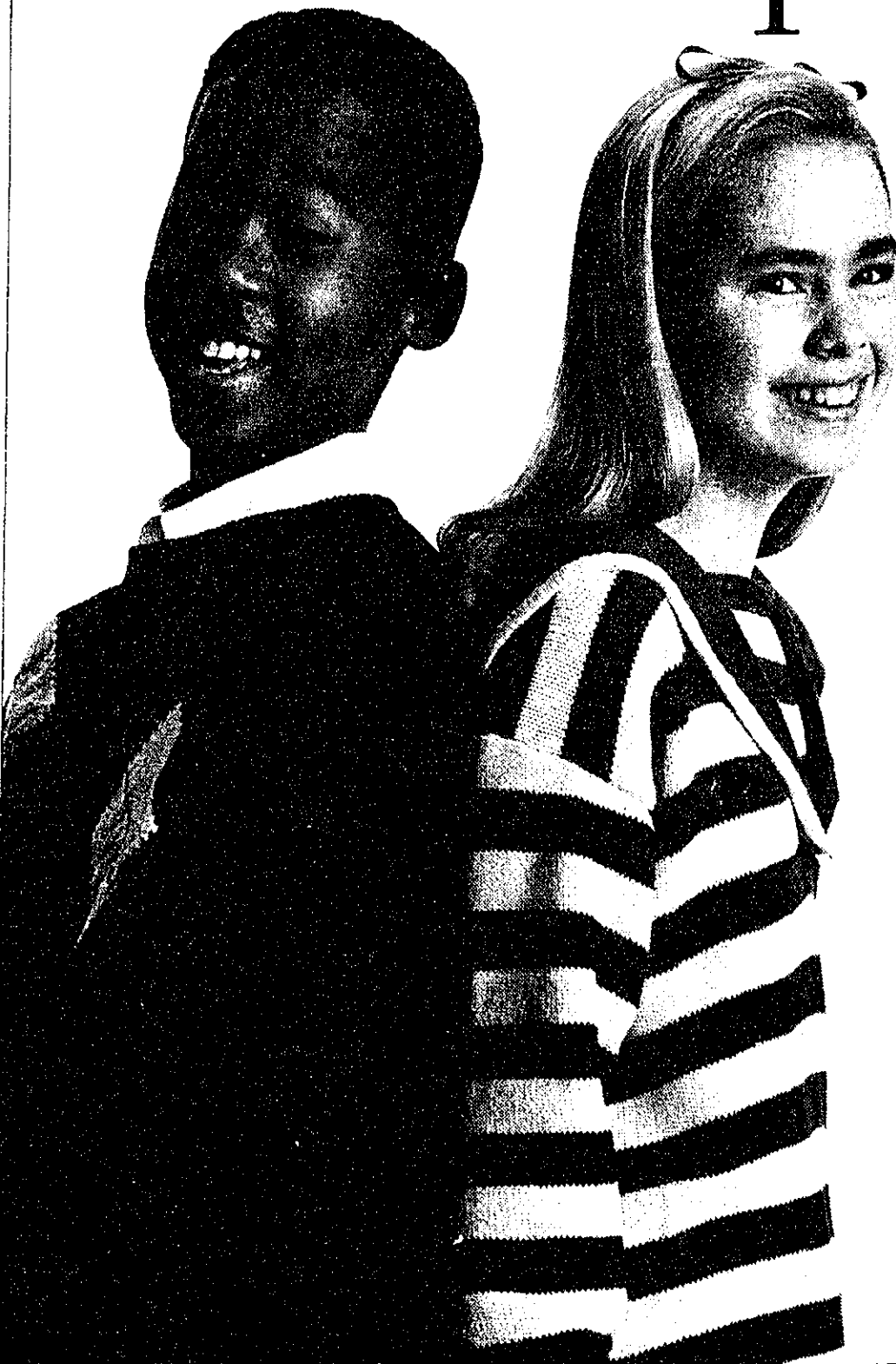
This month's busy schedule points out not only the importance of dedicated teachers and staff but also the significance of volunteer contributions. Parkview's VALUES (Volunteers Associated for the Learning, Unification and Enrichment of our Students) program continues to track volunteer hours.

As of mid-February, some 207 volunteer have contributed 3,514 hours of their time this school year. PTO Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator Laurie Fannon notes that many volunteers have a weekly or bimonthly commitment to help at school and that several volunteers come in twice in one day to help in different classrooms. She added that the tracking program has also helped identify the "behind-the-scenes" volunteers who help teachers and work on PTO projects at home.

—Anita Saurer  
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## As We See It

Bosco comes through  
for summer ball again... And when you ask 'em, how much  
should we give, they only ask for more,  
more, more, more ...—Fortunate Son  
Creedence Clearwater Revival

Paul Bosco probably should be considered eligible for sainthood. After having provided the land needed to give about 700 Novi kids a place to play baseball during the summer for 30 years, and despite his clearly stated desire to develop the land, he's agreed to host Novi Youth Baseball for one more year.

That's a necessity because the city still doesn't have its new ballfields at Eight Mile and Napier roads ready for play this coming season.

Of course, in the deal worked out by Bosco and Novi Youth Baseball Treasurer Dolores Vedro, the city would have to take care of the maintenance and operations costs of the field. Much of the work has been taken care of by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department in past years, like grooming the fields and laying chalk lines, putting up entrance and exit signs and taking away the trash.

The only new wrinkle this year was a request that the city pay \$700 for Port-A-Johns.

What the City Council gave was a pretty grudging approval. Member Carol Mason objected to the cost, but ultimately voted for it. She groused about the fact the city is paying for this but it is not a money making program for the city. Mayor Kathleen McAllen voted against the contract, but it did manage to pass anyway.

The attitude shown in this instance is a bit surprising, considering the city is clearly coming out on the winning side of the deal. Absent completed ballfields for the coming summer, it was Parks Director Dan Davis who first raised the topic of another season at Bosco field.

And without Bosco's agreement, the city would be facing some tough choices for this summer. It would be the city parks department which would have to make the arrangements to find the fields necessary to support Novi Youth Baseball's teams. It would be the one responsible for doing the shuffling and scheduling to get as many teams onto

Keep the scholarships as  
two separate issues

Curious phenomenon, isn't it, that the Novi school board can refer in a public, televised Board of Education meeting to the members' own scholarship fund as "shallow" and "a token gesture" and then attack the press in anticipation that those words would be quoted in the newspaper.

It's not a problem that a board member used those words; it's only a problem that a reporter might report them. Kind of the ultimate in the kill-the-messenger mentality, don't you think?

Be that as it may, we just so happen to disagree. The board's efforts to help students further their education beyond the high school level is a fine and noble gesture. Relatively small it may be, but even a few hundred dollars at a time when funds are tight and costs are high — namely any time you are headed to college — really helps and would surely be appreciated by whomever receives it.

The scholarships come from the stipends members are paid for their attendance at board meetings. And it isn't much in the first place, so the fact members are turning much of it back to a good cause like scholarships is a highly generous act.

Now, we doubt many would begrudge board members if they decided to end these contributions. After all, they are serving on the board and they deserve some compensation for it. Like we said, what they get isn't much, so if they decided to keep it to cover their costs for being on the board or simply

Michael  
Malott

## Government

existing ballfields as possible.

Yes, this is Novi Youth Baseball's program, not a parks program, but keep in mind that if NYB wasn't providing the leagues, the demand on summer baseball through the parks department would be extraordinary. And the city has already agreed to shoulder the responsibility for providing the fields, by taking on the job of buying the Eight Mile and Napier site.

If you think about it, it is only fair that the city provide those fields. After all, residents are paying substantial taxes for parkland in this city. And ballfields are a pretty fundamental part of a parks program.

So to begrudge what they are asked to do to support summer ball programs for Novi kids is a little disturbing. But it follows a pattern.

Bosco has taken a few verbal shots from the council table for his refusal to sell his land to the city. Mind you, cities typically don't offer to pay what land can bring on the open market.

And it reveals a bit of the council's mentality. Council is used to being very demanding toward developers who want to put up projects here, mainly because it can get away with it. Regardless of what council insists, most developers can probably make good money here anyway.

But there is a difference between a community activist and a typical developer. Bosco's been a strong supporter of the community for years, as is evident. His service to Novi children through providing the fields for baseball alone is enough evidence.

If council takes the attitude with community supporters that they should only give, give, give and never get similar consideration back from the city, and it isn't likely to have many supporters left after a while.

take payment for their service, there's really no problem with that.

What is a problem is that the discussion the board's scholarships seems to be tied up to the issue of how the board should distribute the scholarship money left to the school district by Iva and Ruby Fuerst. Some \$360,000 was left for scholarships by the wills of the Fuerst sisters and it is up to the board to disperse it, under the guidelines laid down for the district in the will.

At present, the board is considering turning the money over to the Novi Education Foundation for distribution. Under the provisions of the will, any Novi citizen pursuing higher education regardless of whether it is college, trade school or something else — is to be eligible for a scholarship. And the decision as to who is to receive it is to be made mainly on economic need. The fund could pay up to 75 percent of tuition, room and board, and books.

That's great, but it isn't the school board's. The board is just distributing the money on the behalf of the Fuerst sisters. So even though the money from the will greatly outstrips the board's contribution, it should not be seen as a replacement. The two are completely separate issues.

George Kortlandt — same member who called the board scholarships shallow and a token — advised the board to keep the discussions separate.

On the latter count, he's right.

## What's health insurance for?

Michael  
Malott

Issues of why the insurance company won't pay and stepping up to the job of raising the money to make sure the resident gets the necessary treatment.

So far, the community doing pretty well too, having raised \$44,000 at last report. A fundraising dinner catered by Genitti's at Northville High School last week brought the intake so far to that level. And another \$15,000 has been raised through the spouse's work associates.

But there is still a long way to go, since the treatment will cost \$160,000. So the efforts continue.

Novi resident Kathy Karney is battling a metastasized breast cancer. She underwent a mastectomy in 1991, but doctors told her last summer the cancer had returned and spread to lymph nodes in her lungs and into her femur bone.

Her doctors have recommended Karney undergo a self-donating bone marrow procedure at Duke Uni-

versity in North Carolina, but Blue Cross/Blue Shield has rejected the claim on the grounds the procedure is experimental for breast cancer patients.

That's a terrible frustration. Here we are, living in the country that has the brightest medical minds in the world and is leading the way in medical advancement. So procedures that can save lives are available today that weren't around a few short years ago.

But this country also has the most stringent testing procedures in the world, and the result is that those people who want to take advantage of the medical advances have to run the risk of personal financial ruin.

That's exactly what we thought health insurance was supposed to protect against.

Regardless, the important thing right now is to get Karney into treatment. Donations are being funneled through a non-profit organization in Birmingham called My Friends Care, a group that helps cancer patients in need of bone marrow transplants, and any amount raised over what is needed by Karney will go to that group. Those who would like to make a donation can call 349-5564.

Once again, this community can be proud of itself for lending a helping hand to one of its members.

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## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Good luck, Alan

Alan moved from  
Oldville school to  
Churchill High School

## Raising questions of justice

Sharon  
Condron

"There is no justice." It was an odd comment coming from a law enforcement official.

But he may be onto something here I thought after looking at two recent court rulings — David Marcus Tomassi and Fred "Skip" Watkins.

Both former Novi residents committed heinous crimes here.

In 1983, Tomassi kidnapped his two sons. The boys were taken from their mother's home in 1983. It was the second time the non-custodial father had violated a court order and taken his sons away from their mother and from their home. In total, the boys were taken from their mother for more than 14 years of their 16 and 17 years of life.

In 1993, Watkins fatally stabbed his wife, Theresa more than 20 times in the couple's Novi home. Police found the man hovering over his wife's body with his hand wrapped around the knife which was still inside her body.

Tomassi is serving the maximum penalty he could get for his crime — one year in prison. He'll be out in no time with credit for time served while waiting to be sentenced.

The first-degree murder charge against Watkins was dropped last week. Hours after the charge was dropped, he boarded a plane bound for Virginia to take up residence with his only child. Watkins boarded the plane just before a probate court official signed to have him detained for a 24-hour psychiatric evaluation. He was released to his daughter, a clinical psychiatrist, who told the district court last week she would take full responsibility

for her father and see to it that he makes weekly outpatient treatments.

Despite the nature and severity of their crimes, thanks to the system, each has spent, or will spend essentially short terms for their crimes and soon both will be free to live out the rest of their lives as they see fit.

I wish the system would have given their victims the same option.

The irony of both situations is that both perpetrators while in custody reportedly continued to exhibit behaviors that are consistent with the behaviors they were being punished for.

Novi Police Detective Bill Brown said Tomassi, while locked behind bars, has managed to continue to harass a woman in New York with his letters and phone calls. Because of his continued pursuit, the woman allegedly recently filed a second aggravated stalking charge against the 41-year-old prisoner while he was in custody.

The kicker here is that he has been allowed to remain in contact with the two boys. He calls them collect twice a week and reportedly promises to take them back to California as soon as he's freed.

A state psychiatrist testified in district court last week that Watkins continued to show aggressive behaviors in the hospital while under treatment that may indicate he still may be a danger.

And yet the accused murderer was released last week after he was declared incompetent to stand trial or obviously at the very least be institutionalized.

I can't help but wonder if justice was served in either case. Or if, as the man said, there is no justice.

Sharon Condron is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## Dangers of mixing education, politics

Phil  
Power

Two items recently in the news demonstrate how dangerous it is to mix what our kids learn in school with the ambitious whimsy of right-wing politics.

Item One: Although scores on Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) exams show general improvement over last year, less than half of Michigan students who took the mandatory statewide test last fall did satisfactory work in math and reading.

"Overall, the scores are good, but not good enough," said state school Superintendent Robert Schiller. "I'm quite pleased that the schools are taking the test seriously. They're doing a lot of work aligning their curriculum with the test."

Here we have the MEAP test doing precisely what school reformers, both Republican and Democratic, have advocated for years: Providing a single statewide standard by which each school can judge how its students are doing and make adjustments if necessary for improvement.

Item Two: The Senate Education Committee recently approved a bill to allow two dozen school districts to opt out of statewide exams and write their own proficiency tests.

Why? The stated reason is it will

strengthen schools because "it allows the locals to go beyond state standards," according to Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, who joined two other GOP senators in approving the bill on a 3-2 party-line vote.

Hogwash! Here we have nothing less than a brazen attempt to rip up any objective measurement of educational achievement. If every district is to pick its own proficiency test, how will employers judge a graduate's skill level? How will parents — operating in the "school marketplace," so powerfully advocated by Gov. John Engler — pick one school over another?

This stuff is getting serious. This newspaper led the way in fighting to obtain and publish the MEAP scores in this district, building by building, school by school. No single thing this newspaper has done over the past decade has aroused as much parental interest and reader comment.

Making the MEAP test results public has helped — forced, some would say — schools to focus on what their students actually learn and how they stack up against others. Courses are getting changed and toughened; scores are going up.

After reviewing last year's test results, state Department of Education consultants urged that teachers give more attention to adding more geometry to math courses, spending more time on informational reading and less on fiction, providing periods of sustained silent reading and learning fewer science concepts but in more depth.

"Sound like mushy 'edutabbie'?" Not at all. It's good, conservative, common sense applied to our schools.

So what's behind all the nonsense?

Pandering, for one thing, to the folks who want to spend public tax money on private and parochial schools. This is not some abstraction. Just last week, three Republican senators quietly introduced a resolution to remove the Michigan Constitution's ban on parochialism.

Ambitious planning, for another. That strange sound you hear in the distance is the office of Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, cranking up a run for the governorship when Gov. Engler exits, presumably stage right. Posthumus is the main sponsor of the bill to let local districts pick their own assessment tests which is on the Senate calendar for a vote this week.

I had thought that Posthumus, though hard right, was smart and sensible. I wonder now.

And where, pray tell, is the voice of the Michigan business community, which has been the main force behind tough statewide learning standards and comprehensive assessment tests to measure achievement?

Speak up, you guys! It's getting late!

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1880.

## Step up and say it to me directly

To the Editor:

Imagine my disappointment when I heard more than once this past month, that Mr. (Peter) Hoadley, recent appointee to the Planning Commission, is suggesting around the town that people have to drum up candidates for the position of council person so "we can get rid of Carol Mason."

My gosh, Mr. Hoadley, I didn't give a vote of confidence to your appointment as I felt that there were more qualified people who had applied for the position, and the fact that you did end up on the planning commission did not disturb me. Perhaps you could give me a call and let me know what your problems are with my active support of the citizens of Novi, my watching the budget with microscopic vision, and why you should suggest that I be replaced when you don't even know me personally.

I would think that a person who is appointed to a position that is junior to the City Council should at least respect the office of council. If not the person, and keep his mouth shut about his personal opinion. Step up and be a man, sir, and say the things you have to say about me in front of my face and not behind my back.

Carol A. Mason  
Novi City Councilwoman

Just reduce the  
speed on 10 Mile

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the two previous letters regarding the proposed widening of Ten Mile Road to five lanes. As a resident on Ten Mile Road, and a mother of two small children, I welcomed the City of Novi's construction of sidewalks along the north side of Ten Mile five years ago. We could now take the stroller or bikes to visit our fellow neighbors in Willowbrook subdivision as well as get an

## Letters

ice cream cone at the Twist and Shake or milk at Farmer Jack's. The sidewalks gave us a "safe way" of walking along Ten Mile.

The City of Novi has proposed to spend \$1,055,600 on an engineering study to determine the potential road improvements needed on Ten Mile Road. Widening Ten Mile Road to five lanes is being proposed as the solution at an estimated cost of \$5.1 million. Let me save some tax dollars and tell you right now — five lanes is not the needed improvement.

Ten Mile Road was never intended to be a major thoroughfare for east and west traffic. Why would they have built the homes so close to the road thirty years ago? Ten Mile Road is a residential area between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads. It is for this reason why Novi put these sidewalks in five years ago. There are 47 access points (driveways and subdivision entrances) along this one mile strip. Because of the high number of access points onto Ten Mile and the speed of 45 miles per hour the Federal Highway Administration predicts one accident every 12.5 days (FHA Report IP-82-3). The FHA publishes a recommended road speed based on the distances between driveways. For a typical section of Ten Mile (between Haggerty and Meadowbrook), driveways would have to be 230 feet apart to provide safe access onto and off of Ten Mile at the current 45 mph. As the typical spacing between driveways is only 85-105 feet the FHA recommended speed for Ten Mile would be 20-25 mph (FHA Report RD-76-86). Both the above FHA report results and recommendations are published in the City of Novi Master Plan for Land Use.

The road improvement needed for Ten Mile Road between Haggerty and Meadowbrook is to reduce the speed limit. The Institution of Transportation Engineers report the following principles which apply to traffic speed (pages 86-87 Novi Master Plan).

1) Motorists govern their speed by existing road and traffic conditions rather than the posted speed limits.

2) Traffic accidents are more related to the spread in speed (from highest to lowest) than average speed.

With the proposed widening of Ten Mile to five lanes, traffic volumes will increase and travel faster than the posted 45 mph, therefore increasing the spread in speed with those entering or exiting Ten Mile. As a result, more accidents with greater severity. In fact, using the Master plan projections for the year 2010, the FHA charts predict one accident every 6.4 days.

I agree with Dianne Osgood, Signi Wren, the Ten Mile Task Force and all residents of Novi who attempt to enter or exit Ten Mile Road daily. If Ten Mile becomes a five lane road, hold on tight — you will be taking a deadly risk. Even my children, restrained in car seats, do not have good odds if I have to pull out across 3-4 lanes into traffic going 50-60 mph. For the safety of residents, the Novi Master Plan should be saying — keep Ten Mile two lanes and reduce the speed!

Ann-Marie Jocz

guage. No one would hire a master carpenter unless he had complete control over the tools to complete his job. Are we then to presume you are working at the apprentice level?

You basically talk of the times and how things change. Let me remind you of a point in time that snakeskin "go-go" boots and patent-leather mini-skirts were all the rage, and accepted by Vogue; however, does this mean and/or designate good taste? Fads come and go. I would hope proper English is here to stay! I wonder — James Fennimore Cooper, Pearl S. Buck, James A. Michener, Joyce Carol Oates, and last — but not least, Truman Capote: what would they think of your article on "Grammar Police"?

There is never an excuse for usage of poor grammar in any printed matter, and — in your specific case — your spelling and inability to proofread is deplorable and totally unacceptable by those of us who do not need a dictionary or Thesaurus to read the evening news. If one had been properly educated, as I'm sure your lady critic was, both eye and ear would immediately be distracted by the obvious.

Now upon the content: have you nothing else about which to write concerning the city as a whole? It appears that this self-centered article takes up unwarranted space. In numerous previous discussions, I have told you, or suggested to you, "if you have nothing to write about, I can fill your paper" with important and interesting, possibly even politically onerous, stories and anecdotes from the north end that would both thrill and appall your readers!

I have told you, privately, on numerous occasions to clean-up your act! Now I am telling you publicly! I decided years ago that you were spaced-out, but I am sure the divine swine, Miss Piggy, would not choose to share space in her capsule with you.

James E. Korte

News editor is  
spaced out

To the Editor:

Someone should be — in any situation — instructed you years ago to "use your tools." I would presume "tools" of an Editor are correct usage of the English lan-

## Suggestions for writing Congress

Carin  
Collins

This legislation could go the way of deregulation and open competition. Now, competition can be good if it brings rates down.

But we want to be sure that all competitors are playing on the same field. If telephone companies that provide video services aren't required to pay franchise fees like our cable operator, it would be kind of like playing basketball on a football field. Worse yet, if Congress eliminated franchise fees, this would take away the cities' right to obtain payment in exchange for these companies' use of the cities' rights-of-way. And it would also mean that cities would lose some very important revenue — revenue that helps provide public, educational and governmental access TV.

As a result of last week's column, we received many calls from those interested

in preserving our rights. The best way to do this is to write letters to our representatives. So, to make it easy on you, here's a sample letter and a list of our representatives' names and addresses. Happy writing.

Dear Sir:

If telecommunications bills are introduced in the same form as HR 3636 and S 1822, this poses a serious threat to the future of public access in my community.

As an active supporter of public and community access, I would encourage you to work for reserving local channel space in both the cable television industry (as it is now), and in the newly-emerging video dial tone industry being offered by telephone companies. Faced with a future that will be offering us hundreds of channels to choose from, it would be a great shame not to set aside even a small portion of this video spectrum for local and community use.

Likewise, it is important that telephone companies offering video dial tone services be subject to the same local franchising requirement as cable companies. Local government is in the best position to contract with and regulate such providers. As competing companies seek to use public rights-of-way for private commercial enterprises, it is incumbent on local government, as trustee of that property, to establish reasonable arrangements for the use of those

rights-of-way on behalf of the public. Local government is the best place to protect consumer interests and enforce quality standards.

I look forward to learning your position on this issue and will be following its debate in Congress when the telecommunications bills are reintroduced.

Sincerely,  
(Your name)

Send your letters to:

Rep. Joe Knollenberg  
1218 Longworth Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Rep. John D. Dingell  
2328 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sen. Carl Levin  
Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Spencer Abraham  
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## Speaker to highlight Red-Ribbon Week

By YVONNE BEEBE  
Staff Writer

For those who believe in the importance of staying drug and alcohol free, tie on a red ribbon next week.

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, a nationally designated time to raise awareness for drug and alcohol abuse and the importance of steering clear of them, students and staff at Northville High School have a number of activities planned.

One of the highlights of the week will be a three-hour presentation by nationally acclaimed motivational speaker Laurie Stewart.

"This is special," said Assistant Principal Dennis Colligan. "We are really fortunate to have her here. She makes the kids walk away feeling good about themselves."

Stewart will address such topics as self-esteem, attitude, communication and conflict resolution to Northville High School students Wednesday, March 8, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stewart will speak to Novi High School students on the same topics on Thursday at the same time.

"A lot of kids get into drugs or alcohol because they don't feel good about themselves," Colligan said. "She'll hit hard on that point. Even if it helps just a couple of kids, it's worth it."

Stewart made a similar presentation at Northville High School in 1990, where the kids were extremely moved by her message, Colligan said.

The Kalamazoo native's message will not only reach students. Parents will have a unique opportunity to listen to Stewart speak on building self esteem in children next Thursday, March 9, from 7-9 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Stewart, a former Western

Michigan University graduate, is author of the book *The Winning School: The Team Approach To Healthy School Climate*.

Members of Students Against Drunk Driving have a number of activities scheduled for the week including a first-ever student talent show on Tuesday. Members of the senior class also helped to organize the talent show, which has nearly 20 dancing, singing and musical acts scheduled.

"We have a great week planned," Colligan said.

The week's activities will begin Sunday when SADD members will decorate downtown Northville with red ribbons and place them on ear antennas in the high school parking lot on Monday.

SADD members have also been practicing to make peer resistance presentations to students at the elementary schools. Students will present skits representing different forms of peer pressure and how to effectively handle it this week to fifth graders.

SADD President Lindsey Casterline said she believes the week's events will raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse among students. Casterline, who saw Stewart speak in 1990, said her message is "breath taking."

## Public Access

The following is the MetroVision Channel 12 community access program schedule for the coming week.

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 a.m.—Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park  
10:30 a.m.—(con't)  
11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Heloise Famous House-keeper  
11:30 a.m.—(con't)  
12:00 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal  
12:30 p.m.—Senior Spotlight: Scams  
1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move  
1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: The Truth About Death  
2:00 p.m.—Twelve Oaks Youth Pops Orchestra  
2:30 p.m.—(con't)  
3:00 p.m.—Travelin' On: Pacific Northwest  
3:30 p.m.—1994 Founders Festival Pet Show  
4:00 p.m.—(con't)  
4:30 p.m.—Your Library and its Volunteers  
5:00 p.m.—The Road: EZ Rider and Drag Biker  
5:30 p.m.—(con't)  
6:00 p.m.—Farmington's Past People and Places: Ruth Mochman/Wroble's  
6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
7:00 p.m.—A Culinary Adventure:

Star Clipper Dinner Train  
7:30 p.m.—Adventures With Pirate Pete  
8:00 p.m.—Inside Novi City Hall: Novi Assessing  
8:30 p.m.—Just for the Spell of It  
9:00 p.m.—Know Your Rights: The Lease Agreement  
9:30 p.m.—Groove Session

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

10:00 a.m.—Novi Talkin' History: Novi's First City Council  
10:30 a.m.—(con't)  
11:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ  
11:30 a.m.—(con't)  
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete  
12:30 p.m.—Senior Messenger  
1:00 p.m.—(con't)  
1:30 p.m.—Happiest People Alive  
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Newest and Latest Haircuts  
2:30 p.m.—(con't)  
3:00 p.m.—Paws With a Cause  
3:30 p.m.—Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Annual Workshop  
4:00 p.m.—(con't)  
4:30 p.m.—(con't)  
5:00 p.m.—Lansing Connection  
5:30 p.m.—Living With Your Addictions  
6:00 p.m.—Music Box: Muruga Kids Show  
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News

7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Violinist  
7:30 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal  
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Newest and Latest Haircuts  
8:30 p.m.—(con't)  
9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks: George Romney  
9:30 p.m.—(con't)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m.—Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m.—The Job Show  
11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture  
11:30 a.m.—Oakland Press Perspective  
12:00 p.m.—The Way, The Truth and The Life  
12:30 p.m.—Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
1:00 p.m.—Rising Tide  
1:30 p.m.—(con't)  
2:00 p.m.—The Great Escape: Sailing  
2:30 p.m.—(con't)  
3:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Fear of Flying  
3:30 p.m.—(con't)  
4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Retirement  
5:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking  
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session  
6:00 p.m.—Reading Recovery Program  
7:00 p.m.—Women on the Move: Curling  
7:30 p.m.—Farmington Focus: Farmington Historical Museum

8:00 p.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Heloise Famous House-keeper  
9:00 p.m.—Law Talk: A Visit with State Senator David Honigman

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 a.m.—Farmington Hills Volunteers  
11:00 a.m.—Neighborhood Meeting  
11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Violinist  
12:30 p.m.—Money Talks  
1:00 p.m.—Leadville Trail 100  
2:00 p.m.—Seniors Beware  
3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint  
4:00 p.m.—Law Talk: A Visit With State Senator David Honigman  
5:00 p.m.—Farmington Musicals: Zip a dee doo dah  
6:00 p.m.—Impact Video  
6:30 p.m.—Novi News Week  
7:00 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal: Domestic Violence  
7:30 p.m.—Travel the Movie Trail  
8:30 p.m.—Eric Johnson's Detroit Ballet

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Pick of the Week.  
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## Obituaries

### BARBARA ANN BRINKER

Barbara Ann Brinker of Byron, age 57, died Feb. 26.

She was the current chairperson of Oakland County Board of Caversers, and a member of the Board for the past 15 years.

Survivors include sons, Marc J. (Suzanne), Spencer T., Daniel T. (Laura), and Matthew V. (Colleen); and two grandchildren.

Visitation at O'Brien Chapel-Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River in Novi, will be 1 to 9 p.m., on Thursday, March 2. Funeral service will be Friday, March 3, 1:30 p.m., at the O'Brien Chapel-Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Interment will be at Roseland Park in Berkley.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the Leukemia Society, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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Carol Livermore uses vitamins to help train Duke and Duchess (above). Duchess (above right) will scurry off with anything she can carry. Livermore uses a little treat at right when it's time to clip their nails. Duke (below right) makes off with his bear which he will hide and retrieve later.

## COMING OUT OF THE CLOSET

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

What do a mink and a ferret have in common? A mink hangs in a closet and, up until just a few months ago, that's where Michigan ferret owners had to keep their pets.

Thanks to Gov. John Engler, who signed the bill in December allowing ferrets to be kept as pets, many ferret lovers can now come out of the closet.

With legalization comes educational efforts to debunk the myths attached to the animal. It is not a rodent, and ferrets have lost most of their wild instincts and do not hunt small game.

A ferret is the only domesticated member of Mustelidae family, whose undomesticated side of the family are the otter, rank mink, skunk, ermine and weasel.

Ferrets were domesticated hundreds of years before the cat. The term "ferreting out" comes from a time when they were used in Europe to chase rabbits out of the burrow on a hunt.

Locally, there are probably a dozen ferrets enjoying home and hearth with a handful of families.

For Carol Livermore, her discovery of the little mink-like creature happened while taking a stroll through the sands of a beach in Florida.

"We were in Naples walking the beach and I saw someone walking one. I had never heard of one or seen one," said Livermore.

The Northville resident stopped the woman and asked about what she thought was a mink at the end of the leash. The wheels began to turn inside Livermore's head after talking with the woman about her pet ferret. Livermore's daughter was allergic to cats but had been bugging her for a pet.

"They don't bark, whine or meow, so I thought this is a perfect pet for us," she said.

Because her stay in Florida was temporary due to her husband's business and they knew they would be returning to Michigan soon, she had the foresight to inquire about the legality of ferrets in Michigan. Before buying one, she contacted the Department of Natural Resources.

She was told at that time that the ferret issue was under consideration by a legislative committee, and that they were not prosecuting people who owned ferrets. They were, however, prosecuting people who were illegally selling them.

"I felt confident that we wouldn't go to jail or anything."

Then it was off to the pet store for the Livermore family where they purchased their first ferret, Duke of Earl.

"Duke was such a good ferret," said Livermore. She soon discovered that two ferrets is double the fun, so it was back to the pet store.

"If you have ferrets you have to have more than one because they get lonely and they are so playful." All the family, including Duke, went down to the pet store to pick out Duke's sister, Duchess.

"They really entertain each other and play," she said. "In the middle of the day I'll go in the bedroom and they'll be in my bed under the covers like a pretzel curled up together, so they really do need each other."

Duke is now one and a half years old and is full grown at about five pounds. Duchess is 11 months and weighs less than three pounds.

In a 24-hour period, ferrets will sleep 15 to 20 hours. But as soon as they're awake, they're up and going. They are very inquisitive and need the freedom to roam and play and require the supervision of the owner.

"They don't make any noise, that's why I have a bell on them," said Livermore. Duke has a blue collar with one bell and Duchess has a pink collar with

two bells.

Livermore was well prepared to take on the responsibilities of ferret ownership.

"They are not for everybody," she said. "You need to research and read up on them and find out whether you're ferret material." She highly recommends *Ferrets, a Complete Pet Owners Manual* by Chuck and Fox Morton.

Like cats, ferrets are small, quiet and easy to care for. Like dogs, they enjoy being around people. Unlike both, a ferret will retain its youthful nature well into old age, about 8 to 10 years.

"Ferrets are very inquisitive. They have to be in to everything. When they are awake they spend all their energy. From the time they're up to the time they pass out, they are in perpetual motion," said Livermore.

Since Livermore has completely ferret-proofed her house and has no small children or pets, she feels comfortable letting them have the run of the place during the day. But at night she shuts them in the kitchen where they sleep in their cage. She has fashioned a hammock which is strung from either side of the cage and they sleep together.

A ferret can squeeze through an opening as small as 1 inch by 2 inches, so ferret-proofing a house is a must before it ever comes home. Livermore remodeled her kitchen but a small hole in the baseboard had not been finished. Duchess squeezed into the hole and couldn't get out. "I had to rip the whole baseboard out with the crowbar," she said.

"You have to discipline them like you would a child," said Livermore. "Duke likes to rough house and play, but won't bite down." Livermore uses a little flick on the snout along with a sharp "no" to discourage unwanted behavior.

The list of antics the little mammals have managed to accumulate is growing by the day.

"He's a little brighter than she is," Livermore said, but added that both pets have unique personalities. Ferrets use their snouts and hands to open doors or drawers, so they can get into just about anything that's not securely locked.

"Duke likes to go in the bathroom so he will open the drawer, sort of like a raccoon with his hands," she said. He sleeps on the bottom shelf in amongst the cotton balls. Duchess likes to curl up in a sweater drawer to take a much needed snooze.

Once, Duchess took Livermore's granddaughter's bottle out of the bottom cupboard and started running with it.

"You want to see something funny - you see a ferret running through the house with a bottle hanging out of its mouth. It's hilarious."

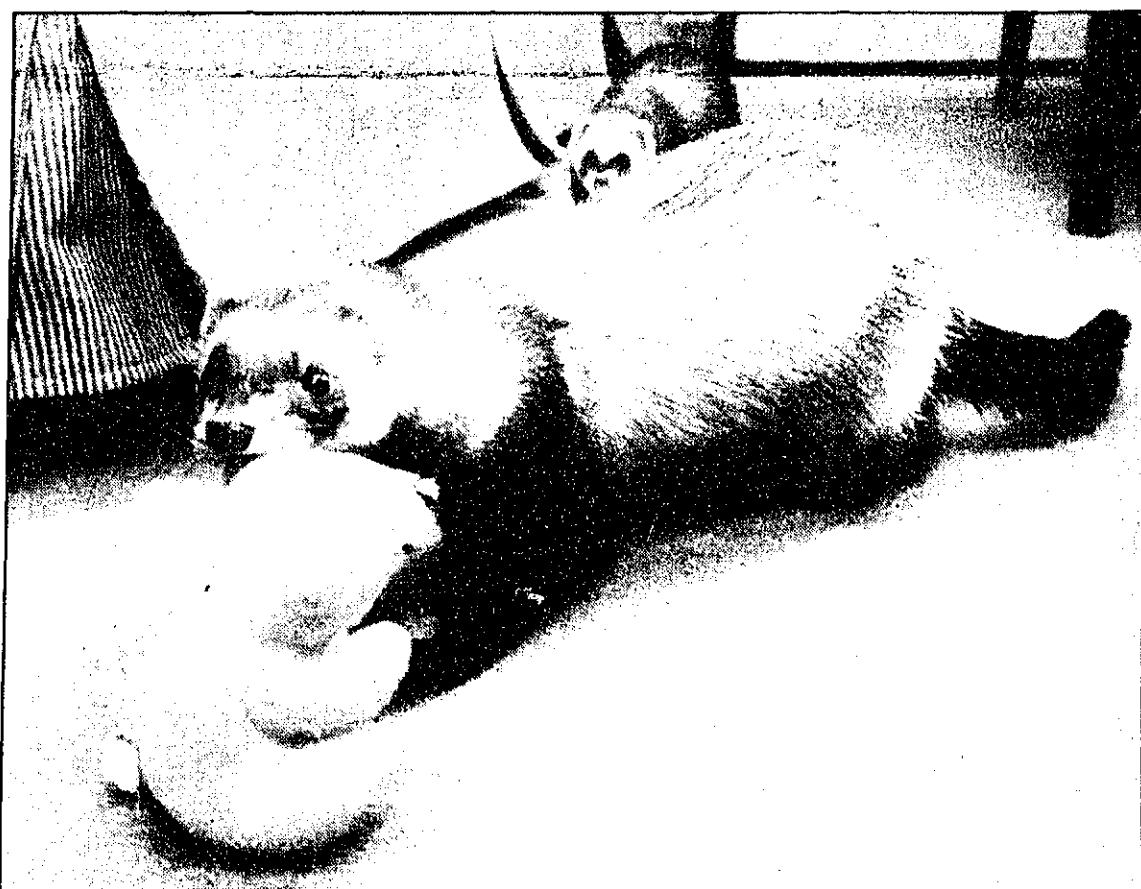
"Occasionally they'll decide they don't want my books in the bookcase and they will pull them all out," she said.

True to form, they will ferret away anything they can take. "They'll take things out of your purse or if guests are visiting, out of their suitcase and hide them. They are very strong. One took the broom out of the kitchen and took it upstairs and hid it under my bed," Livermore said.

Although they are litter trainable just like a cat, unlike a cat they require multiple boxes or pet papers due to their digestive systems. "They don't have time to run downstairs to use the litter box," she said. "They go to the bathroom quite often so if you don't litter train them you're in big trouble."

A ferret can also be trained to respond to its name and do tricks.

Hazards the ferret faces usually come at the hands of their owners. Because they like to tunnel into rugs, clothes, beds, chairs and couches, owners must always remember to check before plopping themselves down anywhere.



Ferrets are also susceptible to human colds. Leisure Time Pet Center owner Bill Wisniewski has ordered his first dozen ferrets but is waiting on state inspection and approval.

"A special license is needed to carry puppies, bunnies, kittens and now ferrets," he said. If all goes according to plan, his ferrets will be in the store at 42951 Seven Mile in Northville at the Highland Lakes Shopping Center by mid-March.

All the ferrets he receives will be neutered, which is required by law, he said. The price range is \$200 to \$300.

"The biggest thing is to ferret-proof your house," he said. "Make sure there are no small holes they can get into and watch where you sit."

"They are attentive like a dog but not as uppity as a cat," he said. "There is a leash law, so they have to be on a leash while outside."

## A word from the vets ...

It took the Department of Natural Resources a long time to legalize ferrets as domestic pets, according to Joe Osbourne, DVM, because at one time there was no approved rabies vaccine. Now there is.

The second concern of the DNR was that a wild ferret population might develop and impact other wildlife. Most of its hunting instincts have been bred out and the life expectancy of a ferret, should it escape, is fairly brief.

Before purchasing a ferret, check around for a vet who handles ferrets, because not all do.

"I know some vets who won't see them because they don't feel comfortable around them," said Osbourne, whose office is in the Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic.

"They're not like a cat where you can let them roam around the house all day. They have to be caged when they are not supervised because they tend to get into a lot of trouble. They chew on things like electrical cords. They go up into the furniture and chew on the stuffing."

"Some people give them little toys to chew on and they can swallow these things. They are nibblers, their mouth is always going. That's just their nature," he said.

"They're usually zipping and zagging all over the place," added Dr. Andrea Maceri of the West Oaks Veterinary Clinic. Maceri doesn't advise that fami-

lies with small children to leave ferrets unsupervised.

Females must be spayed or will die of estrogen toxicity. Females will go into heat and if not bred, will eventually die when the estrogen level builds up and causes aplastic anemia.

"A tattoo is an indicator that the ferret has been spayed or neutered," said Dr. Maceri. Maceri recommends that you don't take any chances and ask whether the ferret has been neutered or spayed.

According to Osbourne, "It's the nature of the beast" to have a musky odor, but that decreases considerably when the animal is neutered or spayed.

"Ferrets do need veterinary care perhaps more than some other types of pets for vaccines, physical and dental care," said Maceri. They should also be vaccinated yearly for rabies and canine distemper.

Osbourne recommends a ferret food or a good quality kitten chow, not cat food. "They need the higher protein and fat," she said.

Local veterinarians knowledgeable about ferrets include West Oaks Veterinary Clinic, Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Millstream Animal Clinic, Northville Veterinary Clinic, and the Novi Veterinary Clinic.



# Optimists are 'Friends of Youth'

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The Novi Optimist Club, led by new president Robert Hill, is sponsoring the annual Optimist oratorical contest to be held March 21 at the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School. Co-chairmen for the contest include Jennifer Ched and Karen Mackenzie. For more information about this event, call 347-0412. The theme for the contest this year is "Listen to Me."

Other officers of the Optimist Club include vice president, Larry Spillane and secretary-treasurer, Don Ponto. Members of the Board of Directors include: Jim Klausmeyer, Scott Adams, Lad Carleton, Dave Vincent, Brian Mackenzie and Craig Klaver, membership chairman. For membership information, call 347-0418. The motto of the Club is "Friend of Youth."

The club meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center, with a continental breakfast followed by a short business meeting. Sometimes a special speaker is on the agenda.

In January, the club met at Matsano's for a dinner meeting and to hear a speaker from Boy's Republic. Last week, the February dinner meeting was held at Matsano's with speaker Natalie Hazen from First of America Bank. Her topic was "Retirement Planning With Annuities." In the upcoming meeting, March 16, the speaker will be David Giamdelli, CPA, who will address the topic of "Tax Update 1995."

The next dinner meeting will be March 30. The location and program will be announced.

A recent report indicated that the Super Bowl raffle was successful. Blair Bowman, president of the Expo Center, was the winner. Proceeds from fundraisers are used to sponsor several youth groups, such as the DARE program and the Friendship Club. The club also sponsors scholarships, bicycle safety and other programs that help young people in the area to prepare for leadership roles in the future.

## MICHIGANDER SMOKKERS

## Novi Highlights

This group has grown with new members and now has two meetings a month for those interested in smoking and related needlework. The group meets on the first Monday, 7-9 p.m. and on the third Thursday, 9-11 a.m. noon at the Novi Library. By having evening and morning classes available, it enables members to schedule around work time, babysitting, etc.

Guests are welcome to attend one meeting without charge. Subsequent meetings for guests are \$2 each and they may attend up to six meetings per calendar year.

On March 6, the evening meeting will include a demonstration of construction of a Victorian pin-cushion pouch. In the March 16 morning session, there will be a program on counterchange Easter egg (as seen in New Zealand's moai). On April 3, in the evening session, a smoked candle ring (decorative ring for a three-inch pillar candle) will be the subject. The morning session on April 20 will include a program on lattice smoking.

Anyone interested in knowing what to bring for any of the above, or for any information about the local chapter of Smokkers, can call Lois Nelson at (313) 522-3857.

The Michigan Smokkers is the local chapter of an international, non-profit organization called the Smocking Arts Guild of America, SAGA, formed in 1979, was created to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations through education, communications and quality workmanship. At the national level, members have access to an artisan program, correspondence courses, national conventions, slide shows, trunk shows and a quarterly newsletter. National membership dues are \$28 per year and can be paid quarterly. SAGA is divided into six regions in the United States. The local Region III convention will be

held in Troy on May 5-7.

## NOVI ADVENTURERS

At its recent meeting, this local 4-H group met at its new meeting place, the Orchard Hills Elementary School community room. The general membership meeting will continue to be held on the last Monday of each month. The group had formerly met at Tollgate Farm and was able to perform service projects for the farm over the years when Tollgate gave them a home.

A report was given at the January meeting which included special guests: Margaret Schmidt and guest speaker, Garcia Lousma, wife of the 1982 Columbia Space Shuttle and Sky Lab 3 astronaut Jack Lousma. Also 4-H membership pins and certificates were awarded.

Congratulations to several of the Novi Adventurers who were accepted to participate in the 1995 Title Charge - 4H Teen Leadership/Dale Carnegie program. They are Ty Clark, Ryan Duffy, Meghan Mutch and Ryan Oppermann.

On March 11-12, there will be a 4-H Aerospace Workshop at Kettering near Cadillac. It will be open to all 4-H leaders and youths, age 12 and up. Opportunities include workshops on aerodynamics to robotics. On June 21-23, exploration days will be held at Michigan State University. Registration booklets will be available at the March membership meeting.

The Michigan Smokkers group has made plans to tour the Fuerst Farm with Margaret Schmidt. Members will also start preparation for the annual Maple Syrup Festival at the Schmidt Farm, tentatively set for Sunday, March 12. On Friday, March 24, the clowning group will be doing face painting at the Orchard Hills Spring Fling. A trip to the Shrine Circus on March 10-26, is in the planning stage.

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The church recently celebrated its 18th anniversary. Pastor David Reever, King of Kings Lutheran Church in Lake Orion, was the special guest. He brought along several of musical friends to help with the celebration. A coffee hour was held following the service.

The church is participating in a program involving some 4,000 Lutheran churches. It is the start of a 50-day spiritual adventure to help people address and overcome their fears. The theme for this year's adventure, "Facing Down Our Fears - Finding Courage when Anxiety Grips the Heart" will run throughout the Lenten season Feb. 26 through Easter Sunday, April 16. This will be directed by Louise Monacelli. She can be reached at the church office for more details.

The Woman of the Year, from the church, was Charlotte Mieseler, honored at a luncheon at the Hillcrest Banquet Center in Mt. Clemens.

The church has an annual Nickel and Dime Anniversary celebration. This is when those celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and up anniversaries will be recognized. This will take place on Sunday, March 19, with coffee and cake following the service. Each couple will receive flowers.

Something new has been added to the church music program - a children's choir made up of elementary age youngsters under the leadership of Kim Haynes and Sabina Stowell. The new choir will be singing every other month throughout the year.

The junior high had a successful "Lock In" last week in Fellowship Hall, which began on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., and continued for 16 hours until Saturday at 11 a.m. The evening included pizza, board games, and was under the direction of Janet Hash.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clark. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

Alex Costinew, Ph.D., will be the topic of Joan M. Scully on four consecutive Sunday evenings, March 5 through March 26 at 7 p.m. in the library/lounge. The cost is \$28 and includes notebook, speaker and refreshments.

A divorce recovery workshop begins March 9 and concludes April 27 and is open to all divorced and separated persons of all ages. The cost is \$30 and scholarships are available.

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

**HOLY FAMILY SINGLES** is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES** offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds 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 lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

**BYOS - Bring Your Own Sneakers** at the Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road near Farmington Road and I-96, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 8 p.m. till midnight. The pool is reserved until 10 p.m. The cost is \$6. On the fourth Saturday, children are invited for an extra \$2 per child. BYOS runs through April.

Those interested in submitting for a bowling league at Fiesta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 669-2259.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 200 activities per year.

A downhill ski trip to Colorado is planned for March 10 through 13. The cost is \$569 per person and includes round trip air fare, accommodations for three nights, two-day lift tickets and a barbecue with "Smokin' Joe." Call (810) 474-6397 for more information.

For more information about Farmington Single Professionals call (810) 478-9181.

**THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB** is a singles club for Catholics who are four-year college graduates and free to marry in the Catholic church.

The general meeting will be held March 15 at Ram's Horn in Redford starting with dinner at 6 p.m. Call Anne at (810) 435-7659 by March 12 for reservations.

The Green and Red Dance, celebrating both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day will be on Saturday, March 18 at St. Sylvestre Parish Hall, Twelve Mile Road between Van Dyke and Hoover in Warren. Doors open at 8 p.m. Dancing is from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost for ages 21 and over only is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Price includes pop, munchies, wine, beer and pizza.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Helping Hand Soup Kitchen will be collected.

For more information, call Beth at (810) 294-6234 or Lisa at (810) 293-0578.

Indoor volleyball meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Birney Middle School, Evergreen and Eleven Mile roads in Southfield.

For more information call Teresa, (810) 557-6183 or Chris, (810) 682-1807.

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

# Violin soloist will be featured at Novi concert

A young musical prodigy will be performing at Novi High School with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for the first time on March 12.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's March concert features 8-year-old Ai Takeuchi on violin, along with Derek Snyder on cello. The event will also feature Chris Feleyn from radio station WDET-FM and a "safari" trek for children with the *Devon Free Press* YAK.

The family concert will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Canton High School Cafeteria and again on Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m. at Novi High School Auditorium.

Ai Takeuchi, a resident of Novi will be the guest soloist. Takeuchi, born in Toyota, Japan, started private violin lessons at age 4 with Mariko Nagata. Concertmaster of the Toyota Symphony Orchestra in Toyota City. She won first prize in a multi-city kindergarten violin competition in Japan in 1992.

In April 1992, Takeuchi and her family moved to the United States and she began private violin lessons with Shigetoshi Yamada in Ann Arbor. She was chosen to attend the University of Michigan's string department's Master Class under the direction of Paul Kantor.

In addition, she attended Sound Encounters at Ottawa University where she performed in a Master Class held by Dorothy Delay of the Juilliard School in New York.

Takeuchi will play "Zigeunerweisen" or Gypsy Airs, by Pablo Sarasate. Sarasate was also a gifted performer and composed this piece to show off his virtuosity. He had very small hands, but incredible flexibility. The piece has the Spanish influence of gypsy dances and is one of the most popular solo pieces of all time.

Takeuchi attends school in the Novi district and is in the third grade. She practices her violin "about four hours a day and loves it very much," said Takeuchi's father. "She also likes Nintendo, playing with her friends and playing the piano."

Creon Smith of the Botsford Inn is sponsoring the concert in memory of Norma Baker Cassidy. "The generosity, concern and dedication of people like Mrs. Cassidy have made the Symphony what it is today. She would have been 102 years old in March if she had lived," said Smith.

Cassidy, owner of a lady's dress shop in Plymouth and long-time supporter of Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, died 2 years ago.

There will be an afterglow immediately following the concert on March 12, at the Botsford Inn at 28000 Grand River in Farmington Hills, where concert goers can meet the guests.

Derek Snyder, principal cellist for the orchestra since 1992, will perform the first movement of "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra" by Stephen Albert.

The orchestra will also perform Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," by Dukas; movie themes from *Ita-*

man, *Dances with Wolves* and *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, all arranged by Ilocos; and several Disney songs, all arranged by Lowden.

A special treat for young concert attendees will be a "Safari" through the orchestra while it is playing. The YAK from the *Devon Free Press* will lead the children on their trek.

Other pieces the orchestra will perform are "Fanfare" from *La Perle* by Dukas; movie themes from *Ita-*

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Ticket prices for the concerts are \$6 for adults and senior citizens and \$4 for K-12. Tickets for the afterglow on March 12 at Botsford Inn are \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families. For more information or tickets, call Plymouth Symphony Office at (313) 451-2112.

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Ticket prices for the concerts are \$6 for adults and senior citizens and \$4 for K-12. Tickets for the afterglow on March 12 at Botsford Inn are \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families. For more information or tickets, call Plymouth Symphony Office at (313) 451-2112.

Photo by CAROL WORKENS

Ai Takeuchi will perform with a symphony for the first time.

Chris Feleyn, Emmy award-winning host of WDET-FM's *The Listening Room*, will be the narrator.

A special treat for young concert attendees will be a "Safari" through the orchestra while it is playing. The YAK from the *Devon Free Press* will lead the children on their trek.

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# Musicians come together for benefit

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

The musicians are tuning their guitars, rehearsing their songs, and working behind the scenes so that the Sunset Grill will rock with some of the hottest blues bands around from noon to midnight on Sunday, March 12.

Sunset Grill owner Bob Hyuser has teamed up with the Association for Retarded Citizens of Oakland County (ARC) to present Sunset's first benefit. Musicians for ARC. For a \$10 donation at the door, blues lovers will have a chance at door prizes, enjoy four food buffets, meet the Bud Light Girls, and listen to blues bands play non-stop. Various raffles will also be held during the day. Speakers from ARC will find their way to the mike during set changes.

The Sunset Blues Band will open the benefit at noon, followed by special guests Nancy K. at 1 p.m. and Bugs Bedlow 1:20 p.m. The line up for the remainder of the day is: Lightin' Creole at 2 p.m., Nobody's Business at 3 p.m.,

Wild Orchid at 4 p.m., Robert Noll and the Mission at 5 p.m., Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive at 6 p.m., Frank Volin and the Some Blues Express at 7 p.m., Ben Moore's Blues at 8 p.m., Blues O' Mates at 9 p.m., City Limits at 10 p.m., and special guest Nikki James at 10:30 p.m.

The host band, Tommy D and the Sunset Blues Band, also host the blue jams every Tuesday night at the Sunset Grill at Novi and Thirteen Mile roads.

Hyuser will donate a portion of the stash from the bash to ARC. ARC of Oakland County is a non-profit organization who works directly with persons with all levels of mental retardation and their families. The ARC provides information about community resources, programs and services in areas of education, benefits, legal issues and respite care. The ARC also sponsors a bowling league, performing arts program and an awards banquet for individuals who have made significant contributions to mental retardation.

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## Engagement



Kevin Dobson/Tiffany Mastny

Tiffany A. Mastny of Canton, daughter of Ann E. Prince of Canton, and David L. Mastny of Novi, has become engaged to Kevin G. Dobson of Novi.

The bride elect is a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University, earning her degree in marketing. She is employed as the marketing director at The View.

The groom-elect is the son of Gregory and Gwendolyn Dobson of

Novi. He is a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University, earning a degree in finance. He is employed as a commercial credit analyst at Comerica Bank in Ann Arbor.

A wedding date of July 15 has been set. The couple will exchange vows in the courtyard at the Bedford Inn in Farmington Hills. They will be receiving guests for a reception afterward in the Coach House.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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| <b>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>1300 W. Main St., Wall Lake, Mich. 49781<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                 | <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br>2001 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)     |
| <b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS</b><br>23225 Gail Road<br>(between Grand River & Freedom)<br>Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                      | <b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - E.L.C.A.</b><br>40000 W. 10 Mile (W. of Haggerty)<br>Worship: 8:30 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)          |
| <b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>1100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                   | <b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>1100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)         |
| <b>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST</b><br>1100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                | <b>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>1100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)             |
| <b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                   | <b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)          |
| <b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                    | <b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994) |
| <b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b><br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                               | <b>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC</b><br>23455 Novi Rd. (between 10 Mile & 12 Mile)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)          |
| <b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b><br>10 Mile between 10 Mile & 12 Mile<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                      | <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                   |
| <b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>1100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                            | <b>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                |
| <b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                 | <b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)         |
| <b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b><br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                       | <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br>4100 W. Main St., Northville, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)          |
| <b>VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD)</b><br>NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL<br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994) | <b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                |
| <b>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA</b><br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                                   | <b>COME WORSHIP WITH US!</b><br>21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, Mich. 48161<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)<br>Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Nov. 1994)                       |

## Church Notes

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi will have a potluck Fellowship Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. for all parishioners. For more information, call 348-7757.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, worships at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 730 Plymouth, on the park in downtown Plymouth. On Sunday, March 5, the church's formal worship service will feature its first baptism, as well as Holy Communion and two choral selections from the choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford. Interested persons are encouraged to step in.

"The Cost of Discipleship," Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic work about the Sermon on the Mount, is the Lenten focus on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the homes of various members. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor, teacher and theologian, hanged 50 years ago for his role in trying to kill Adolf Hitler.

For more information about Sunday services or the mission, contact Pastor Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 420-1023 or (810) 442-7213.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, is participating in a 50 Day Spiritual Adventure entitled "Facing Down Our Fears: Finding Courage When Anxiety Grips the Heart," which concludes on Easter Sunday, April 16. Pastor Tim McDerwatt encourages anyone who would like to become a part of this exciting adventure to visit or call (810) 553-7799 for more information.

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 36255 Ten Mile Road in Novi is accepting memberships from parishioners for the 1995 St. James Men's Golf League. Interested persons should call Chris Wilson, 344-0907. A meeting will be held in the Church vestibule on March 5 at 10:30 a.m.

## Growth workshops offered for singles

Banishing the Blues and Growing through Divorce are the topics of two seminars offered by The Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville during March.

Starting Over Single: A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held on seven Thursday evenings, March 9 through April 27, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The workshops give support and help reaffirm one's personhood and assist in preparing that faith in self to family members and friends.

Topic: and speakers are: Not working with associate pastor Jim Russell, stages of grief, with clinical psychologist and minister Dick Todd, Legal Aspects of Divorce, by attorney David Boone, Helping Children through Divorce, with substance abuse counselor, Eugene Martin, Focus: Church and Divorce, Spiritual Help and Forgiveness, by Jim Russell, Relationship Old and New, with counselor, Betty Rogers, and a panel discussion on the Passage of Divorce.

The workshops are open to any divorced or separated person of any age. The \$30 cost for the workshop includes the book *Growing Through Divorce*, by Jim Russell, notebook, speakers, refreshments, and child care. Scholarships are available by calling Jim Russell at the church office.

De Something Different for You by Banishing the Blues and Ten Single through church is the second workshop the church will present in March, then Sunday, a certified divorcee who is trained in a holistic approach to wellness, will offer hands-on techniques at various times throughout the four week program.

Topics include Being in Touch with a Secret You, Choosing a Quality Way of Living, God and Spirituality and Celebrating God's Gifts. The workshop will be held on four Sunday evenings from March 5 to March 26 at 7 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the library lounge of the church.

For more information or to register for either workshop, call the church office at (810) 349-0911.

## Diversions

## Northville grad cast in musical

Susan Bickner has been cast as Jenny in Eastern Michigan University Theatre's production of *Company*. Bickner is a graduate of Northville High School.

At EMU, Bickner has received the Dorothy Buehler Scholarship Award, the Gilbert Award and has served as both president and vice-president of Mu Phi Epsilon. Bickner's most recent roles include *Nella* in *Gianna Sarti* and *Heidi* in *Final By-By* at Bay View Opera.

Bickner plays the goody two shoes wife of David Bickner, a lot of room for creative interpretation in her role, which is character.

He eventually strikes out on his own in a musical affirmation of "Being Alive."

Winner of Tony Awards for best musical, best book, and best lyrics, *Company* is considered by many critics to be the first commercially successful concept musical. Popularized by Sondheim, the concept musical de-emphasizes plot while utilizing the elements of character, music and spectacle, to focus attention on the sensations found in ideas and emotion.

*Company* plays at 8 p.m. in EMU's Quirk Theatre March 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on March 12.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282. The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

**PAINTER'S PLACE:** Northville artist Caroline Dunphy has scenes of Northville ranging from small prints of the duck crossing on Main Street to large prints of Main Street looking east. Other scenes include the well, Mill Race Village and even children prepared for the Victorian Festival.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.



SUSAN BICKNER

## Entertainment listing

Normal: Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 101 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 or fax to 349-1050.

## AUDITIONS

**NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH:** The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits. Dramas and skits are based on topical issues.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BORDERS BOOKS:** Al Winters and his Dixieland band, Swing Street, will cheer the end of Mardi Gras week on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

A Saturday morning storyline with books selected by the Borders staff will be on Feb. 25 at 11 a.m.

Borders is located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96. For further information call (810) 347-0780.

**NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** "A Night to Remember" will be on Saturday, March 11 at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road. Doors open at 6:30 and tickets are \$35. There will be silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner and dancing until midnight. Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. For more information, call 349-3743.

**NOVI THEATRE:** Novi Theatre's Performances Plus acting group will present *The Miracle Worker* March 31, at 8 p.m., April 1 at 2 and 8 p.m., and April 2 at 3 p.m. The Children's Annex will present E.B. White's *The Adventures of Stewart Little* May 5 and 7. Both will be at the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0400 for more information.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The Novi Arts Council will showcase the talents of the following performers: March 6, Center Stage Dance Co., and March 20, The Four Seasons Brass. The public is invited to attend the performances which will be held 7:30 p.m. 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 application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

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

**CARRIAGE RIDES:** Classic Carriage of Northville offers carriage rides throughout the year. At this time of year, it's sleigh rides in the Snow in Hives Park. For more information and reservations, call Classic Carriage at 380-3961.

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, a fun casual place, presents live music seven nights a week with no cover charge, including the Sunday night jam with J.D. Lamb from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music all other nights begins at 9 p.m.

For more information call 349-7058.

**SHERATON OAKS:** It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall. For information and reservations, call 348-5000.

**THEATRE**

**MARQUIS:** Performance dates for the musical adaptation of *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri will be Saturdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22, 29; Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 23, 30 and during spring break week, April 17 through 21. All performances will be at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for all public performances at \$6.50.

For general ticket information,

group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and rates, call (810) 348-8110.

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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.

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**SUNSET GRILL:** The Grill hosts a blues "jam" every Tuesday by the Sunset Blues Band beginning at 9 p.m. Every Thursday, an unplugged blues jam begins at 9 p.m. The Sunset Grill presents Musicians for A.R.C. on Sunday, March 12 from noon to midnight. Ten of the best blues bands, food buffets, and door prizes are included in the \$10 donation at the door.

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

**TOO CHEZ:** Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

**JAZZ NIGHT:** DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia, is offering live entertainment, Larry Norezo and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

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The Enrico Caruso Society performs live open from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday and strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners with the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

**MUSIC**

**BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:** Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

Live entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road, in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

**CAFFE BRAVO:** Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing every Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library, located on Lone Pine at Telegraph. The guest speaker will be Fran Strom Sloan, invited faculty member at the International Calligraphy Conference in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Rochester, Michigan. Members and the general public are invited to the meeting and the social hour which begins at 6:30 p.m.

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| BASKETBALL             |           |  | ASSISTS                |           |  | REBOUNDS               |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|-----------|--|
| KVC STANDINGS          |           |  | KVC STANDINGS          |           |  | KVC STANDINGS          |           |  |
| Novi                   | 11-0-15-3 |  | Novi                   | 11-0-15-3 |  | Novi                   | 11-0-15-3 |  |
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| Midland                | 5-6-8-10  |  | Midland                | 5-6-8-10  |  | Midland                | 5-6-8-10  |  |
| Brighton               | 3-8-13-13 |  | Brighton               | 3-8-13-13 |  | Brighton               | 3-8-13-13 |  |
| Lakeland               | 1-9-13-15 |  | Lakeland               | 1-9-13-15 |  | Lakeland               | 1-9-13-15 |  |
| Harland                | 2-9-13-15 |  | Harland                | 2-9-13-15 |  | Harland                | 2-9-13-15 |  |
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| Midland                | 20-4      |  | Midland                | 20-4      |  | Midland                | 20-4      |  |
| Brighton               | 20-4      |  | Brighton               | 20-4      |  | Brighton               | 20-4      |  |
| Lakeland               | 20-4      |  | Lakeland               | 20-4      |  | Lakeland               | 20-4      |  |
| Harland                | 20-4      |  | Harland                | 20-4      |  | Harland                | 20-4      |  |
| THREE-POINTERS         |           |  | THREE-POINTERS         |           |  | THREE-POINTERS         |           |  |
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| South Lyon             | 12-1      |  | South Lyon             | 12-1      |  | South Lyon             | 12-1      |  |
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## Recreation Briefs/Sports Shorts

## Motorsports Hall of Fame

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers. Help is needed in areas such as museum guides, gift shop, vehicle maintenance, museum maintenance and construction. Training sessions conducted monthly. For more information write or call Barb Tils, volunteer coordinator, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, Mich. 48376-0194 or call (810) 349-RACE.

## Learn Karate

"Tang Soo Do" under the direction of fifth degree black belt, master Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of black belts assist with instruction. The eight week course begins Jan. 10. Registration deadline is March 14 for the spring session. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

## Coaches Needed

Managers and coaches for travel baseball teams are being sought by the Novi Baseball Alliance. The NBA currently coordinates three teams of Novi youth in metropolitan Detroit travel baseball leagues, and is looking to expand for 1995. Several age brackets are offered by the NBA. For further information or to apply for a position, contact Brad Kruse, NBA administrative manager, at (810) 347-4982.

## Marathon Training

Take advantage of free and helpful training tips and instructions to help prepare runners for the marathon. Guest speakers, group runs and more are included. Classes meet at 7:30 p.m. every other Monday at Running Fit in Novi. For more information, call (810) 347-4949.

## Novi Trackers

The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to the 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 348-7773.

## Novi Bike Club:

For information on bike club group rides call Gordy Gray at 349-4235 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

## Spikers finish 6-6 in KVC

By SCOTT DANIEL

It wasn't quite the finish Julie Fisetto was hoping for. But even with the setbacks of losing to Howell and Brighton, the Wildcat volleyball coach sees hope for the program's future. "We finished 6-6 in the KVC," she said, "after going 3-9 last year. There was improvement. Last year we played not to lose. This year we played to win." Novi will host the state district Saturday. The Wildcats drew a first round bye and will face the winner of Northville-Plymouth Salem at 11 a.m. The Rocks are favored to win the district. Novi closed its regular season Thursday with Howell on the road. The Highlanders swept Novi in two games, 15-5, 15-6. "They played with us like we were seventh graders," said Fisetto. "They're an excellent hitting and serving team." Howell simply overpowered Novi. The coach said her team was unable to handle the Highlanders' hard hits. "We couldn't block to save our lives," Fisetto said. When Novi was able to return the ball, Howell played good defense. "They dug everything we hit," said Fisetto. "I don't know if we just were that good or we were just played poorly."

Howell ended up co-champions of the Kensington Valley Conference with Lakeland. Novi closed in third place. "We had a lot of hitting attempts," she said. "We just couldn't score."

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## Special day coming for mom

By CINDY STEWART  
Special Writer

Since all the Novi dads and their daughters had a terrific evening at the Valentine's Dance, it's time for all moms and their sons to kick up their heels at the annual mother-son Spring Hop on Friday, March 17th.

After the first Daddy-Daughter Dance held at the Novi Civic Center in 1989, Novi moms demanded equal time for a special evening out with their sons. It gives moms a chance to spend quality time with their boys, dancing and enjoying one another's company.

The annual Mother-Son Spring Hop has now become as popular as the Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance. The event includes dinner from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. followed by the dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The dinner menu includes chicken, pasta, salad, rolls and dessert. The cost is \$8 for mom's dinner and \$6 for son's dinner (you may attend the dance without the dinner). Tickets for the dance are \$5 per person.

This is the third year for Marie and seven-year-old Michael Johnson. "Michael was a bit shy last year, but this year he promises to dance every dance with me. He thinks the Mother-Son Dance is pretty cool," said Marie.

The Johnsons' "double-date" with Lynn Norman and her two sons, ten-year-old Thomas and seven-year-old Craig, who also love going to the annual dance.



Lauren Zoschnick

56 after conception.

An injury during this time, whether it is nutritional, drug-related or from an infection, can affect the fetus. Most structural abnormalities develop by the eighth week after conception. That's why it's important for couples not yet pregnant to learn about the potential influences of their lifestyles and general health on the developing fetus.

Preconception counseling is a relatively new idea. It addresses issues of nutrition, smoking, alcohol and drug use, exposure to toxic substances, medical illness and genetic conditions in both parents.

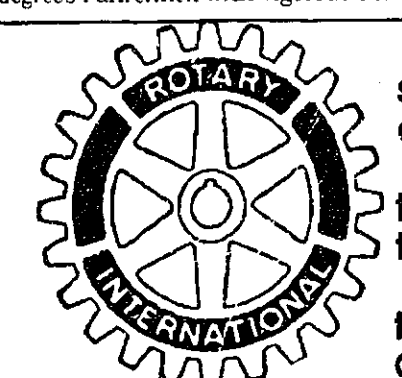
The major goal of preconception counseling is to provide the facts to help people make an informed decision about having a baby. With the appropriate information, a decision can be made to accept the increased risks a pregnancy poses, to modify the risks or to forgo childbearing.

Preconception counseling has three components. It helps identify individual risks, it provides personalized and non-judgmental education and finally, if appropriate, it facilitates access to counseling or diet and behavior-modification programs.

Another benefit to counseling is that people can confront, in advance, any potentially difficult decisions they may face. It gives them time to work through the moral and ethical dilemmas associated with a fetal malformation. If such a situation occurs, people are more likely to be at ease with any decision they eventually make. Although there are many advantages to preconception counseling and health promotion, there are disadvantages as well. Counseling may heighten anxiety, reinforce guilt, lead to false guarantees and detract rather than enhance personal decision-making.

This planning is a very important part of the pregnancy. Offering these services has the potential of making childbearing a more rewarding experience for a woman, her family and society.

Lauren Zoschnick, M.D., is an obstetrician/gynecologist at the Northville Health Center and the Livonia Health Center. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and the staff at the UM Health Centers.



Rotary International, a group of more than 25,000 international service clubs with over 1,000,000 men and women members, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation in 1992. The Rotary Foundation supports many charitable causes around the world, including the granting of more educational scholarships than the Rhodes and Fulbright scholarships combined. Local Rotary Clubs are independent in the programs they choose to support. For more information contact your hometown Rotary Club.



File photo by JON FREILICH

This year's mom-son dance will be held March 17.

seven-year-old Craig, who also love going to the annual dance.

"They say it's their special night out with mom. This is our fourth year and my boys always ask me if we can go," Lynn said. "They treat me very special, taking turns dancing with me. Last year Thomas even requested a special song for us to slow dance to."

Dec-Jay Willie promises a great evening of music and dancing. He has all your favorite songs, including the hokey-pokey and the chicken dance! Boys, think of

mom's favorite song and put in a special request.

The fun evening also includes refreshments, flowers, photos prizes for everyone, comfortable seating and great music by D. J. Willie. The event is limited to 275 people, so buy your tickets early.

Most moms and sons agree that the Mother-Son Dance is a great activity that holds wonderful memories for them. Their lives are so busy with work, school and sports activities that it's nice to have a special evening for moms and sons to spend quality time together.

Tickets are now on sale at the Parks and Recreation Department at the Novi Civic Center. Dance tickets are \$5 per person. Dinner is \$8 for moms and \$6 for sons. Purchase your tickets before they're all gone! It's a special event neither mom nor son will soon forget. If you've never been, it's time to start building those quality memories for years to come. And don't forget, it's always fun doing the hokey-pokey and the chicken dance. For more information, call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

## First 56 days are most important



Lauren Zoschnick

56 after conception.

An injury during this time, whether it is nutritional, drug-related or from an infection, can affect the fetus. Most structural abnormalities develop by the eighth week after conception. That's why it's important for couples not yet pregnant to learn about the potential influences of their lifestyles and general health on the developing fetus.

Preconception counseling is a relatively new idea. It addresses issues of nutrition, smoking, alcohol and drug use, exposure to toxic substances, medical illness and genetic conditions in both parents.

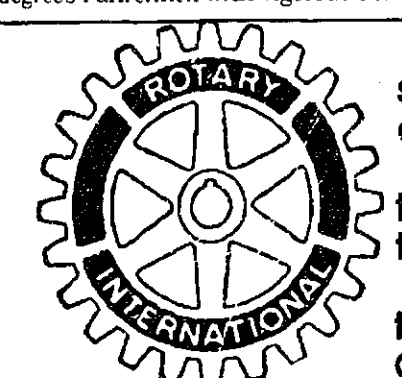
The major goal of preconception counseling is to provide the facts to help people make an informed decision about having a baby. With the appropriate information, a decision can be made to accept the increased risks a pregnancy poses, to modify the risks or to forgo childbearing.

Preconception counseling has three components. It helps identify individual risks, it provides personalized and non-judgmental education and finally, if appropriate, it facilitates access to counseling or diet and behavior-modification programs.

Another benefit to counseling is that people can confront, in advance, any potentially difficult decisions they may face. It gives them time to work through the moral and ethical dilemmas associated with a fetal malformation. If such a situation occurs, people are more likely to be at ease with any decision they eventually make. Although there are many advantages to preconception counseling and health promotion, there are disadvantages as well. Counseling may heighten anxiety, reinforce guilt, lead to false guarantees and detract rather than enhance personal decision-making.

This planning is a very important part of the pregnancy. Offering these services has the potential of making childbearing a more rewarding experience for a woman, her family and society.

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## Cagers beat 'Dogs 54-47

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"We had a bad first half. We just didn't play well."

PAT SCHLUTER  
Basketball coach

points while Witherspoon added 9, Kelly and Wroe eight.

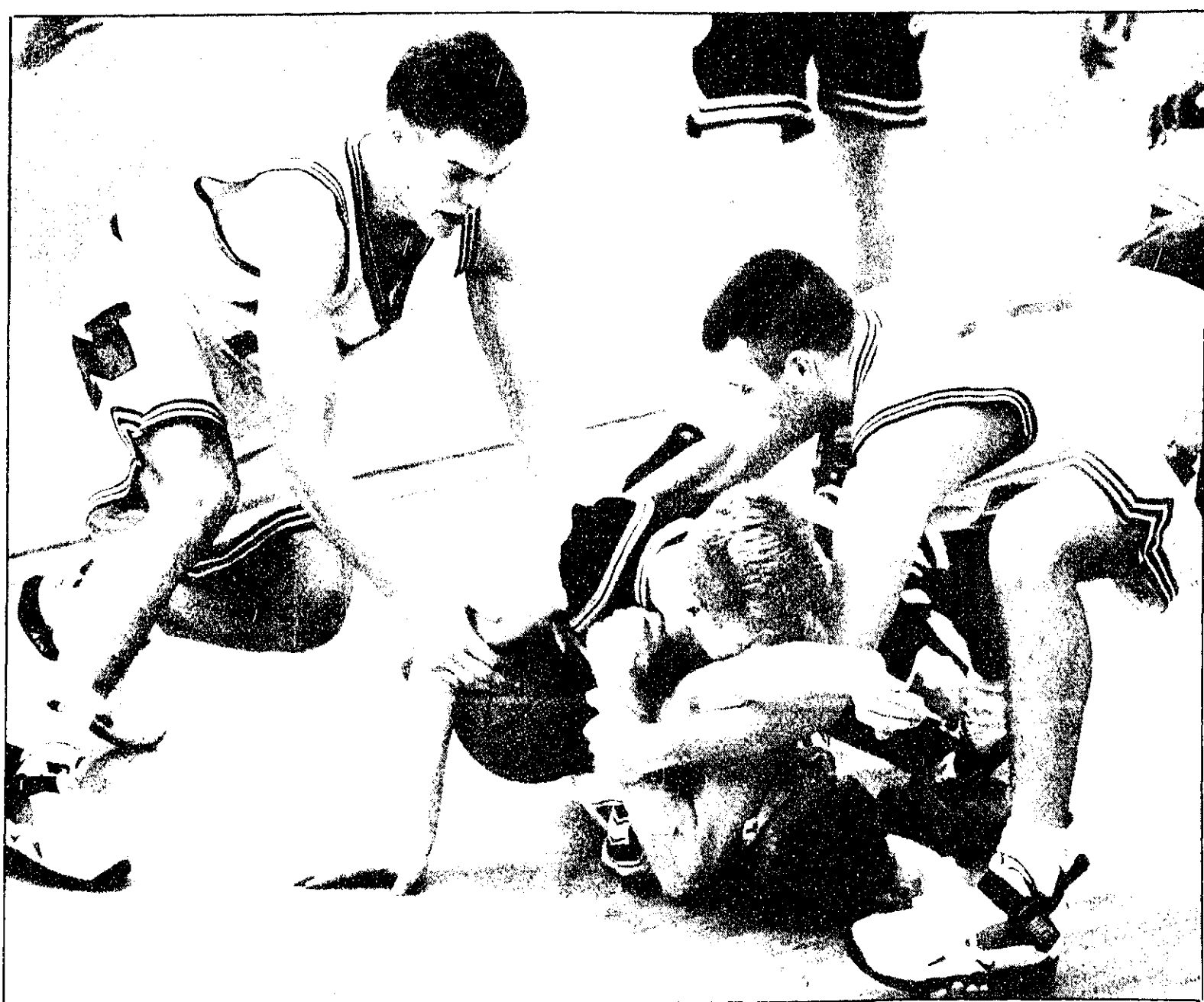
NOVI 59, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 52

The Wildcats traveled to Livonia Feb. 21 to take on the Patriots. It was a non-league match up.

Novi led the entire game. Ahead 29-25 at the half, the Wildcats put it away in the third by outscoring Livonia by eight.

"It was a good game to give everyone a chance to play," said Schluter.

Fannon led Novi with 18 points. Jeff Katstra and Witherspoon each had seven.



### KVC War

Novi players Chad Dicken (left) and Shawn Kelly (right) try to break up an altercation between teammate Jason Fannon (bottom) and Brighton's Jim Ettig (top). The players grappled for a few seconds after each tried to recover a loose ball. Coach Pat Schluter said it was "no big deal." Novi beat the Bulldogs to go 10-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The Wildcats will face Howell tomorrow for a share of the league title. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Northville sends Bowersox, Saran to wrestling state finals

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Sam Saran and Nick Bowersox will be heading west next week.

The Mustang duo on Saturday qualified for state wrestling finals March 10-11 at Battle Creek in regional action. Saran will compete at 106 pounds and Bowersox at heavyweight.

"Sam's got a real good shot at going into Saturday," said Northville coach Garnet Potter.

The Class A field has been pared down to 16 in each weight division. Wrestlers must win two matches on the first day of state finals for a chance at placing on March 11.

Qualifying was certainly no easy task. Saran, Bowersox, Mike and Joe Scappaticci survived districts two weeks ago to move on to Saturday's regional at Walled Lake Western.

Wrestlers needed to finish in the

top four of their division to earn a ticket to Battle Creek. Potter said both Scappaticci's just missed.

"The two guys that didn't get out were a match away," he added.

Bowersox was the first Northville athlete to step onto the mat last weekend. He dropped his first match to Dearborn Fordson's Joe Chimento by a pin at 1:01.

Facing elimination, the senior

pinned Saline's John Cleo in 1:18. He then decisioned Livonia Stevenson's Jim Townsend, to whom he lost just a week earlier, 4-1.

"He said before the match, 'I'm winning this one,'" said Potter, "and he won."

Bowersox finished fourth after failing to Chimento a second time.

Saran came into the regional as the No. 2 seed. He was upset in

the first round by Dearborn's Brian Kelp 6-5.

Saran recovered to pin Joe Young of Novi in 53 seconds and then qualified for the finals with a 6-1 victory over Andy Anderson of Walled Lake Western.

"Both of them were about equal," Potter said of the match. "But Sam wrestled a helluva match."

Saran took third by getting some revenge. He beat Kelp 9-3.

At 142 pounds, Mike Scappaticci was in the region's toughest division. He faced the eventual champion, Chip Connin of Adrian, in round one and was pinned in 48 seconds.

Scappaticci battled Novi's Marc Lesperance down to the wire and won a 1-0 decision in round two.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Robyn Wehab finished eighth in the WLAA on the beam.

## Gymnasts place third in league

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

One point. That's all that separated the Northville/Novi gymnastics team from winning its conference meet Saturday.

The combined team finished with 138.85 points - less than one behind champion Canton and second place Salem. Coach Barb Winn said it was a solid performance.

"We did well," she said, "but we didn't sparkle."

It was Northville/Novi's second highest score of the season. Most of the gymnasts scored in the high eights. A couple of nines, however, were needed to push the team to the championship.

"Everybody pulled good scores," Winn said, "but no nines. That's kind of unusual. We usually do."

As a team, Northville/Novi had its best scores in the floor exercise. Gina Spinazze made all-conference and took first place with a 9.05.

Erica Winn scored an 8.95, Mary Essary 8.9 and Stacey Williamson an 8.45.

On the vault, Winn placed fourth with a 9.0. Spinazze was sixth with an 8.65. Williamson was seventh with an 8.6 and Essary was ninth with an 8.55.

Essary had Northville/Novi's top score of the day. She scored a 9.35 on the uneven bars and took second overall. Spinazze was seventh with an 8.75 and Winn was 10th with an 8.6.

An 8.9 got Williamson fourth place on the balance beam. Robyn Wehab was eighth with an 8.55.

All-around, Essary was eighth with 34.75 points. Williamson and Winn tied for 10th at 34.45.

Saturday's state regional is next on the combined team's agenda. Northville/Novi must finish in the top three to advance to state finals.

"I think our odds are really good," said Winn.

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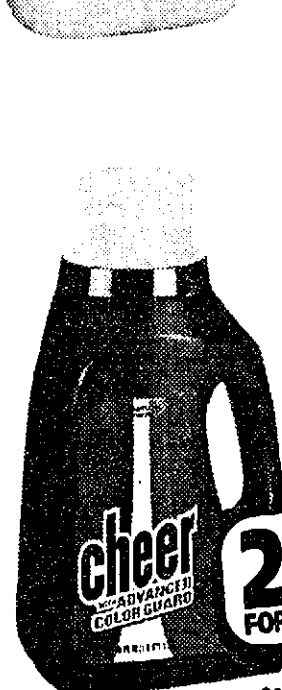


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## REAL ESTATE

### Home design, remodeling going the high-tech route

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

Planning to build a new home, remodel your present home or redesign your landscaping?

Hiring professional designers can be expensive. But now, thanks to recently developed computer programs, you can handle the initial phase of the planning process yourself — and have fun doing it.

New programs are available that will allow you to map out your design on a computer screen, with the software instantly performing much of the work that would otherwise take hours to accomplish. When completed, you can print out a hard copy.

The copy can be given to an architect or contractor, saving big bucks on planning functions. Or, if your house is for sale, a printed plan of your house and landscaping can be used in a marketing flyer or brochure.

One such program I recently tested provides a computer user

with tools to create a comprehensive home plan. It's basically like sketching the plan on paper. But instead of using a pen or pencil, you draw lines on your computer screen by moving a mouse.

The CD ROM program for Windows I tested is called "Home Design -- Gold Edition." It allows the user to draw their home's walls to precise scale proportions — to the nearest inch. Furniture can be positioned by selecting items from a library of 125 professionally drawn pieces.

The program also includes a cost element to help the user estimate and manage costs of a building or remodeling project.

It's particularly useful to families planning a remodeling project. They can take their time in planning the changes, revising the room configuration or dimensions as often as they want. Furniture can be moved about the rooms to see how it all comes together.

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## HOME DESIGNS



### The colonial Dogwood combines new and old

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

Bookend chimneys flank a totally symmetrical central facade, giving a decidedly colonial flavor to the Dogwood, a large home that blends traditional and contemporary elements.

Following tradition, the plan has a formal entry, with the living room to the left and dining room to the right. A graceful wooden balustrade leads to the four bedrooms on the second floor. But the rest of the home is totally modern. The entry, for instance, has a coat closet and built-in bench. Muddy footwear can be shucked off and stored underneath.

The kitchen, too, is packed with popular amenities. Features here include a sun-filled octagonal nook, garden window, roomy walk-in pantry, built-appliances, and a combination work island/eating bar. The dishwasher is raised to prevent back strain.

The adjacent family room is so large that it has windows facing both the street and back yard. At the rear, French doors open onto a raised deck. A fireplace with a wide brick or tile hearth provides a warm focal point when the air turns nippy.

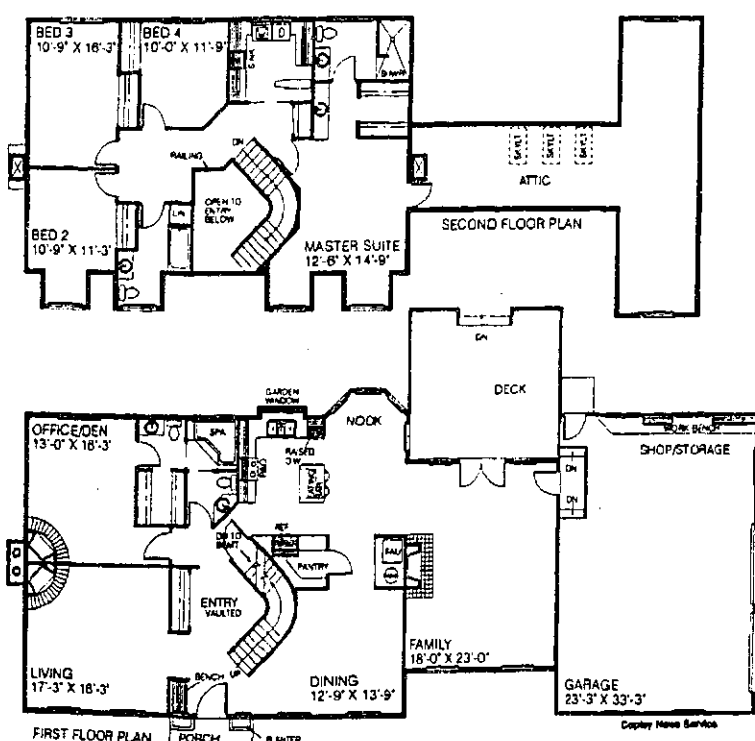
Two more fireplaces feed the

chimney at the far side of the house, one in the living room and the other in a room that could be an office, den or guest room. This room has a small private bathroom separated from a two-person spa by pocket doors. The toilet and lavatory on the other side of the spa serve the rest of the ground floor. Basement stairs are tucked under the ascending stairway.

A landing at the top of the stairs overlooks the entry. The utility room is large and naturally illuminated. It is outfitted with a pull-down ironing board, deep sink, built-in cabinets and plenty of counter space for folding clothes.

Dormers create two sunny alcoves in the master suite. Luxury amenities include a walk-in closet, oversize shower and a second vanity outside the bathroom. The door on the right opens into a huge T-shape attic brightened by skylights. The other three bedrooms share a bathroom with a tub/shower combination.

For a study plan of the Dogwood (333-210), send \$9 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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## MAIL BASHING

By Cal Hodgson  
Staff Writer

Mailbox vandalism — getting them smashed or driven over — is a recurring problem in areas where the mailboxes sit out by the road.

If you've been the victim of a mailbox-smasher, postal authorities suggest several precautionary measures. Among them are setting up a neighborhood watch, picking up your mail at the post office and using only cheap mailboxes.

The first response might be to try to make your box into a vandal-proof fortress. Not a good idea, according to local postmasters.

"It is best to just put a 2-by-4 into the ground and nail your box on top of it," Pinckney Postmaster John Mulligan said. "If a kid decides to go after your mailbox, nothing is going to stop him."

While this is a minor offense by minors, there are certain times that mailbox malice is more likely than others. The worst time for mailbox bashing is at the end of the school year, officials say. Kids feel that they have accomplished something and are looking to celebrate. Other bad times can be nights after big sporting events.

Gregory Postmaster Dale Byrd suggests setting up a neighborhood watch to help keep an eye on each other's boxes. The only person with a right to be in a mailbox is the owner and the mail carrier.

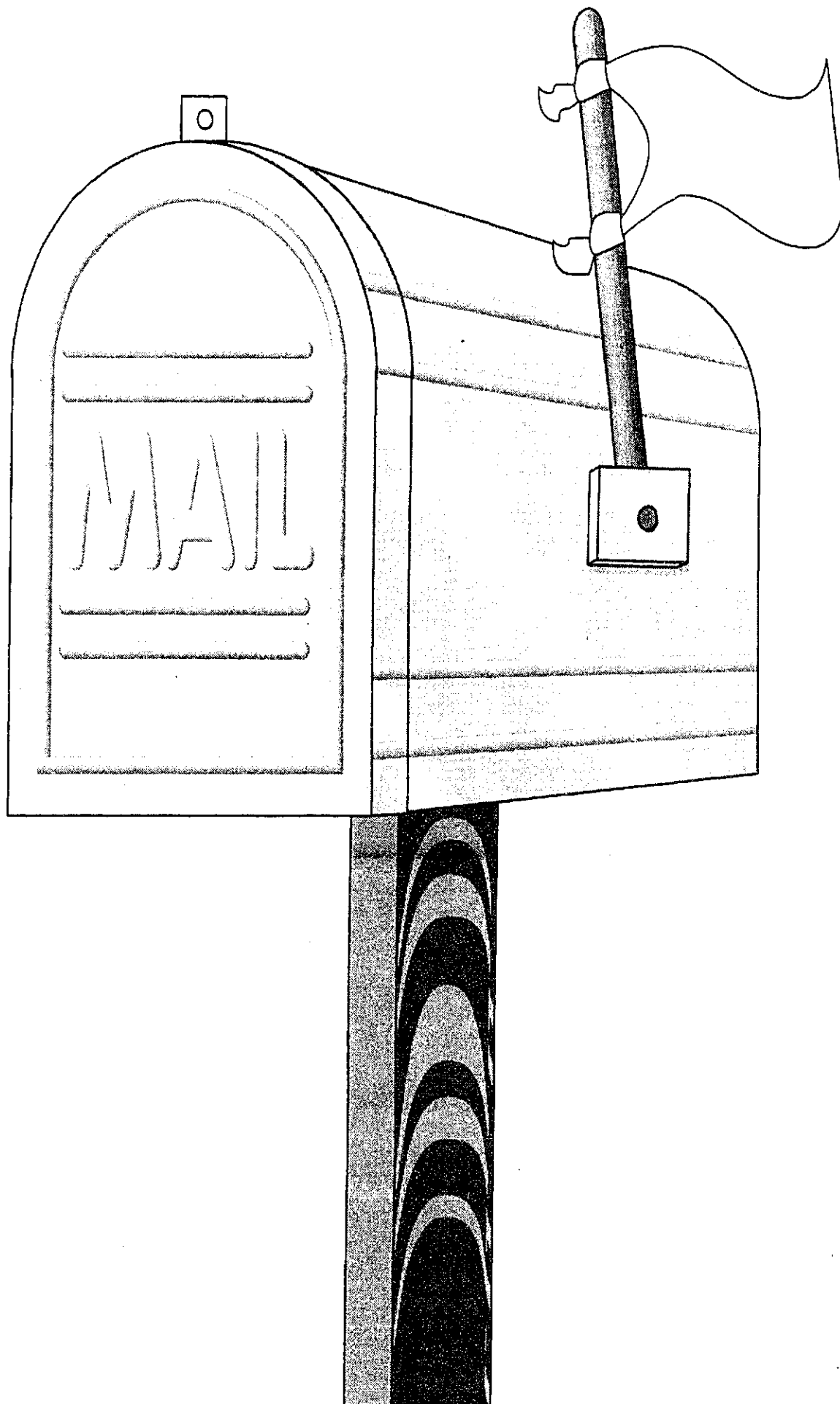
"If you see suspicious cars, you should report the license plates," Byrd said.

Also you should report mailbox damages to the police. The destruction of a mailbox is labeled malicious vandalism. If you report the incident to your local office, they report it to the main postal office. Then they can find offender patterns which help to catch the perpetrators. If mail is lost or stolen as a result of a mailbox bashing, it is a federal offense.

"The post office has exclusive rights to be in that box," Byrd said.

Although people can get very strong and sturdy boxes and poles made, they can cost up to 15 or 20 times the amount of a regular mailbox.

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The biggest surprise most people like to find when they go to their mailbox is a letter from Ed McMahon. Sometimes, however, bills are not the only bad news waiting by the curb.

## Overwatering is common mistake

By C.Z. Guest  
Copley News Service

## GARDENING

### Q. How frequently should I water my houseplants?

A. As often as they need it! But how do you tell? Consult your garden center, florist or plant care tag to determine if your plant is one of the watering exceptions that either needs to dry out between watering or be kept constantly moist. The vast majority of houseplants need water when the surface feels dry to the touch.

Other ways to gauge watering needs include lifting the pot, the lighter the pot, the drier the soil; inserting a probe, if the soil crumbles, the lower soil is still moist, and tapping the pot, a hollow ring means dry soil.

Remember, plant roots need air, too. Overwatering is a common mistake that damages roots and causes yellowing and dropping of lower leaves.

Water thoroughly so water runs out of the pot drainage holes, but empty the saucers so that your plants don't develop overwatering symptoms from sitting in water for extended periods of time — they're not fish!

For some reason people think that plants have to be swimming in water. They must have a day or two to dry

out or they'll drown. Do as I do, water only three times per week. Of course, in the winter, they need even less watering.

Q. I would like some advice on recipes for organic fertilizers for my houseplants. Since the commercial ones on the market are so dear, they leave a hole in my pocket. I thought you might have some suggestions, especially on the ratios mixing bone meal, blood meal, etc.

A. The most important advice I can give you is never but never feed your houseplants when they're dormant — they aren't actively growing in winter, and any added nutrients will stay in the soil as a buildup of mineral salts.

Of course, when your houseplants wake up to longer and warmer days of spring, and start putting on new leaves, a nice organic breakfast would be appreciated.

I prefer liquid fertilizers for houseplants because you can adjust the application when you need to. For instance, if the weather turns unseasonably cold and cloudy, and the

## Watering needs

How can you tell when plants need watering?

- Check the plant-care tag for recommended watering frequency.
- Lift the pot: the lighter the pot, the drier the soil.
- Insert a probe; if soil clings to the lower part, it is still moist.
- Tap the pot; a hollow ring signifies dry soil.

Overwatering is a common mistake that damages roots and causes leaves to turn yellow.

Water so that it runs out the drainage holes; do not leave water in saucers under plants. Symptoms of overwatering will appear if no drying period is allowed.



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# Prepare metal cabinets before repainting

By Gene Gary  
Copley News Service

**Q.** We recently purchased an older home built in the 1950s. We are redoing the kitchen, but we want to retain some of the '50s' look, including the original metal cabinets. They have glass doors and the metal is in fairly good condition, with some scratches and rust spots. Is it feasible to paint the metal ourselves? Are there special paints we should use? Can we apply the paint with a roller? I am afraid brushes will leave marks.

A. Metal cabinets can be effectively repainted. There are several paint products on the market made specifically for applications on metal. Rust-Oleum is one major brand. As with any successful paint job, proper preparation of the surface is paramount.

First remove all hardware, i.e., drawer pulls, hinges, etc. Be sure that any of the existing paint that is flaking or peeling is removed. Sand for a smooth finish. Clean the surface thoroughly to be sure that it is free from all grease and oil.

I would suggest washing with a solution of trisodium phosphate (5

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Any rusting areas should be sanded and a primer applied before the final coat.

tablespoons per gallon of water, plus 1 cup of chlorine bleach). Purchase this from a reputable paint dealer. Rinse with clear water and let dry thoroughly before painting.

As a general rule, the smoother the surface, the shorter the nap of the roller should be. On large areas, paint should be applied to approximately 1 square yard at a time. Apply the wet roll-out away from the previously coated area and work back to it for uniformity of appearance.

A professional spray gun application should be applied to several thin coats. This can be tricky. The application of too much paint during the spraying process will cause runs and drips in the coating. For do-it-yourself applications, it is probably better to use a brush or roller.

As a general rule, the smoother the surface, the shorter the nap of the roller should be. On large areas, paint should be applied to approximately 1 square yard at a time.

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# Home design, remodeling going the high-tech route

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Another new program I tested delivered the same capabilities for the landscaped areas of a residence. Called "Landscape for Windows," it provides the working tools to create a new landscape design or enhancements for an established plan. The size and proportions of the plan can be precisely keyed to your own lot. Trees, shrubs, flowers, swimming pool, lawn chairs, boulders and other items can be drawn from 200 art elements in the program's library and positioned wherever you want them.

Both programs can be helpful to owners when considering a remodeling or re-landscaping project. It could even assist the owner reposition home furniture or add

plants to existing landscaping.

They also can be useful when buying a home. The new owner may want to change or add rooms or improve the landscaping. These programs will allow the new owner to see his ideas on the screen or on a printout before getting professional assistance.

There are several excellent computer programs on the market that provide these basic capabilities. Ask about them at your local software store. Both the programs I tested are produced by Expert Software, 800 Douglas Road, Coral Gables, Fla., 33134.

**Q.** Why don't Realtors use the most advanced computer capabilities in marketing properties — techniques that are

now used productively by other businesses?

A. The real estate brokerage industry is catching up with rapidly expanding high-tech capabilities. Says Mary Hall, president of the Conejo Valley Association of Realtors in California: "Gone are the days of local multiple listing services, supplying members with a computerized version of the old printed book of listings."

"Now, innovative real estate communities and professionals are demanding, and getting, the very latest in new electronic services, like on-line color photos and the ability to use a personal computer to electronically manipulate those photos for a variety of marketing purposes."

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known as Computerized Real Estate Information System Network (CREIS Net), a high-speed telephone data line and a more flexible digital modem. Now our members can access up to 10 photos per listing and transfer the pictures for use in comparative market analyses and other personal computer software programs."

Hall believes the new system will be a benefit to Realtors and agents in her region in performing their marketing responsibilities for property sellers.

"There is no question that the real estate market of the future is going to be replete with all the technology so common in other industries. The only question is how quickly real estate professionals will jump on the bandwagon."

Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected. Send inquiries to James M. Woodward, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

# Organic fertilizers for home use; the best time for repotting plants

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plant enters an unexpected holding period; if you're having an infestation of mealybugs or scale and you want to reduce the amount of nitrogen going into plants, you can just use a weaker solution.

And if you want more blooms or if the weather is fabulous and your plants are growing vigorously, you can easily increase the strength.

How can you tell when indoor plants need special nutrients? Here's my trouble-shooting guide:

Lack of nitrogen shows up as yellow lower leaves, a too light-green color or stunted growth; while plants lacking phosphorus will have purple, red or very dark-green leaves, and their growth will be stunted; too little potassium and the edges and tips of leaves will turn brown and yellow or plants will have weak stems.

A good organic recipe for plants that I use is this: blood meal is about 15 percent nitrogen, bone meal is about 21 percent phosphorus and wood ashes are about 7 percent potassium. Put them all together and you get a great organic fertilizer supplying nitro-

gen, phosphorus and potassium at a ratio of about 5-6-4.

To ensure that your plants get ample nitrogen, give them an occasional extra watering with some fish emulsion. If you shop around, a gallon is about \$10, diluted it should last for years. So apply it once every two weeks when plants are outside for their summer vacation, or make your application half as strong and use it twice as often.

If your plants are nonflowering varieties, and low-light types, fish emulsion is their dish.

Another great fertilizer is compost tea. To make such a tea, simply steep a cloth bag full of com-

post in a bucket of water for a couple of weeks until the water turns brown.

And, finally, if this sounds all "too much," keep in mind, according to the advice of many experts, overfertilization kills more plants than underfertilization. In short:

**Q.** When is the best time to repot plants?

A. Spring, of course, is the time to repot neglected houseplants. However, if spring and outdoor gardening activities still seem days away, why not take a look at your

indoor plants now? This is the perfect time to repot and generally spruce up container plants before they begin actively growing again in spring.

It's easy to tell when a plant is root-bound and needs moving to larger quarters. Roots protruding from the bottom of the pot are a dead giveaway, but plants in less-advanced condition may still need repotting.

Look for signs such as wilting, especially soon after watering. This usually indicates that roots have filled up the pot, pushing the soil aside so that the water just runs

through without doing much good. Look also for yellowing and loss of lower leaves or new leaves that are smaller than they ought to be.

Periodically, knock plants out of their pots and examine the root ball. A fine network of roots on the outside of the ball means it's time to repot.

C.Z. Guest, author of "5 Seasons of Gardening" (Little, Brown & Co.), is an authority on gardens, flowers and plants. Send questions to C.Z. Guest, c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112.

# Mail bashing preparedness pays off

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Now hold on to your Elvis stamps and get ready to be shocked: Even if you make your your mailbox into an

iron castle, you still might not be safe. "If someone gets hurt while breaking into your mailbox, you are liable," Byrd said.

Mulligan says that if you live in an area where mailboxes are going to get knocked over, it is best to do it as cheaply and easily as possible.

Nancy Sauvage, the Lakeland postmaster, suggests another solution. "Opening a post office box in the post office is always an option," she said.

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# Tiffany lamps have great value



This early Tiffany lamp, based on an ancient Greek oil lamp, is priced at about \$6,000.

By Anne McColom  
Copley News Service

**Q.** Enclosed is a photo of an electrified oil lamp that is approximately 60 years old. It is marked "Tiffany Studios New York." Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

A. The design of your lamp, based on ancient Greek oil lamps, is one of Tiffany's earliest models. Kerosene or gas was used to illuminate the shade. This lamp was made around 1900. Prices for Tiffany lamps similar to yours generally begin around \$6,000 and go up.

**Q.** I inherited a service for 12 set of china from my grandmother. The 77 pieces, including the serving dishes, are all in excellent condition. The enclosed mark is on the bottom of each piece. Could you tell me the age and value of this set?

A. Your flow-blue dinner set was made by Stanley Pottery Co., in Staffordshire, England. This mark was used from 1928 to 1931. The English registry number shows that the pattern was registered in 1898. Your set would probably be worth about \$5,500 to \$6,000.

**Q.** I have a pottery bowl or vase that I am curious about. I need to know if I should keep it or put it in a garage sale. It is decorated with pink flowers against a green background and has a handle in the shape of a twig. The glaze has a smooth, dull finish. On the bottom are the words "Roseville - U.S.A. - 310-10." Can you tell me the age and value of my bowl?

A. Your bowl is usually called Roseville art pottery and is considered highly collectible. George F. Young founded the firm in 1892 in Roseville, Ohio. Utilitarian stoneware, flower pots, and cuspids were the original lines. Art pottery was not produced until 1898 after they relocated in Zanesville, Ohio. In 1954 production ceased. The Apple Blossom line first appeared in 1948. It was available in background colors of matte glazes of green, coral and blue with the blossoms in relief. The number "310" is the mold number and "10" is the height in inches. The value of your bowl would probably be about \$135 to \$150.

**Q.** I am interested in learning the value of a child's porcelain tea set given to me as a Christmas present 45 years ago. The pattern is Blue Willow and each piece is marked "Made in

## ANTIQUES

Occupied Japan." It is a teapot for four and consists of 17 pieces, including a sugar bowl, creamer, sugar bowl, tureen and platter.

My tea set is in mint condition and still a treasured gift. A. Objects marked "Occupied Japan" were made after World War II from Sept. 2, 1945, to the end of the American occupation, April 28, 1952.

The value of your Blue Willow tea set would probably be about \$175.

**Q.** I have the complete set of Lenox commemorative plates. They were issued annually from 1970 through 1981. Each of the 12 plates features a Boehm bird. Have they increased in value?

A. The 1970 plate was issued at \$35 and is valued at \$140. The remaining plates have risen in price anywhere from a few dollars to \$30 each. The complete set would probably be worth about \$1,000.

**Q.** Could you please tell me something about my electric toaster? It is marked "Universal Patent Nov. 16, 1920 - E 947."

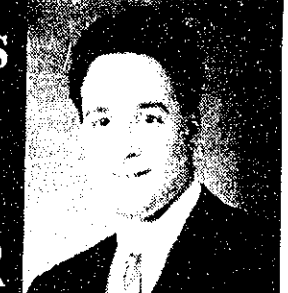
The toaster is about 7 inches high. It holds two pieces of bread and it does work.

What is it worth today? A. The first electric toasters popped up in 1909. They were manufactured by General Electric and Westinghouse. Other manufacturers soon followed.

Generally those made from 1909 to 1912 that have decorative porcelain bases and overhead warming trays command the highest prices. Your toaster would probably be worth about \$45 to \$65.

Address your questions to Anne McColom, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include pictures, a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$5 per item (one item at a time).

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