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Water away any time, but keep day in mind

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Sprinkle your lawns any time of day, as long as you do it on the right day.

Friday, the City of Novi lifted time restrictions on what remains a mandatory odd-day, even-day schedule for outdoor use of city water.

Following a drought in mid-June, Novi limited outdoor use of water to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. for those hooked into the city service.

"Things have been pretty good. The pressure improved in our city," Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Jerome said Tuesday.

"I know they're (Detroit) doing a pretty good job. I think this current administration there is more responsive to the customer than the previous administration."

This followed a lifting last week of odd-day, even-day outdoor water use regulations slapped in June on customers in all 123 communities served by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. A department spokesperson explained that the Aug. 31 relaxation came because during the summer's hottest months, cooperative consumers complied with the regulation.

But in Novi, water customers with odd-number addresses still may only use outside water on odd-number days and vice-versa for those with with even-number addresses. That's because the city has an ordinance in place making this mandatory, Jerome explained.

In June, high temperatures and low rainfall were given as the reason for the water restrictions, as well as an overall supply problem. While recent weeks haven't been extremely rainy, the water pressure level here is safely above the June lows.

"Since June, they've been higher than any pressure I've seen since I've been here," said Jerome, who's worked for the city for over eight years.

Chart records show water pressure levels at Decker Road and Fourteen Mile are now in the 85-to-95 pound range, not far from the winter average of 95-to-100 pounds of pressure. That level goes down in the early morning hours when peak demand is placed on the system.

In subdivisions such as Roma Ridge, Yorkshire Place, Greenwood Oaks, Simmons Orchard and Bradford, which experienced extremely low water pressure in some homes, the peak pressure is now up to 40-to-45 pounds, about 20 pounds below the winter high.

"During the drought in June, they would have been very happy with 40 pounds," Jerome said.

"At that time there were some homes where it was zero ... I guess we'll make it through the first day of fall."

■ **The Novi Library** celebrates its 35th anniversary this Sunday with a special "Brunch with Books" open house from noon to 2 p.m. But we celebrate the anniversary in this edition with an indepth look at the facility, the services offered there, and the people who make it all happen. The stories and photos start on **page 6A.**

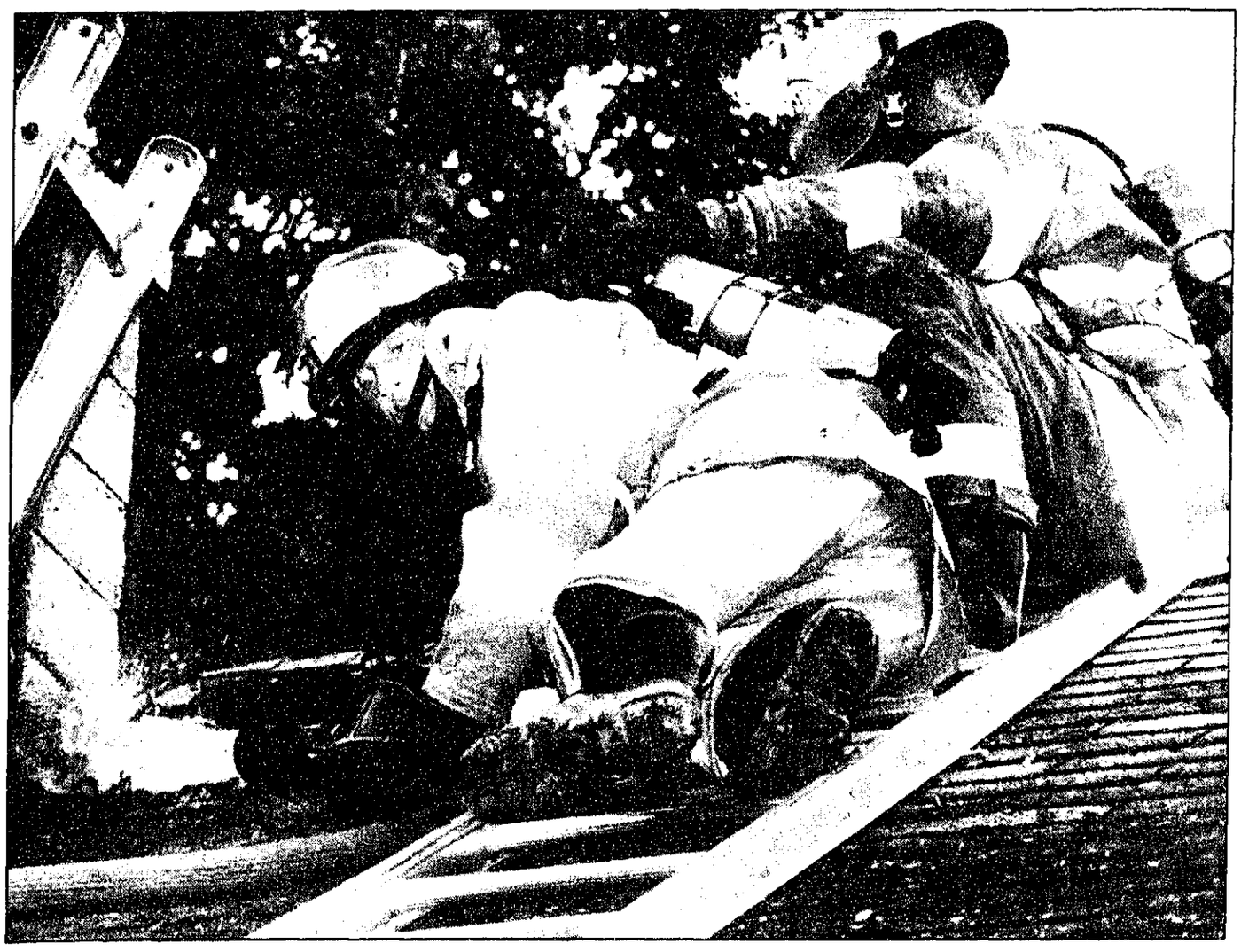

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Fire fighter Lt. Don Dominick watches his step while spraying down the chimney of a home gutted by fire.

Neighbor takes heroic action

By BRYAN MITCHELL
and JAN JEFFRES
Staff writers

Lloyd and Kathy Rohlig don't want to be called heroes, but you couldn't ask for better new neighbors.

Not long before 7 p.m. Monday, the couple were busy working on their recently-purchased home when Kathy Rohlig went outside to empty the vacuum cleaner. She dropped her task and sprang into action when she saw a fire rising from the house across the street, 44975 Eleven Mile Road, the residence of senior citizen Sally Smith.

"I heard her screaming and saw the flames," Kathy Rohlig said , "I yelled 'fire, call 9-1-1' and ran over there."

All she could see in the front windows was an inferno. So she ran around behind the home and found Smith in the back doorway. But the woman didn't want to come out, Kathy Rohlig said.

"I was amazed she was still in there alive," Kathy said. "You could see the flames right behind her."

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said Tuesday that Smith told the fire department she fled from her home when she noticed the blaze, apparently caused by a dropped match, and then returned inside.

"She just wanted to get something from her house. She had gone back in, which is a very dangerous thing to do," Lenaghan said.

Kathy Rohlig talked Smith into coming out the door. Meanwhile, her husband was dashing around the corner to help out. Smith stayed next to her house, so Lloyd Rohlig scooped her up in his arms and carried her to the front yard, away from the burning home. She was the only occupant of the house.

Smith was treated for smoke inhalation by emergency crews on the scene and then taken by ambulance to Botsford Hospital. Tuesday, her condition was listed as good.

Her house, however, appears to be a total loss, Lenaghan said. Damage to the building is estimated at $75,000, while Smith's property loss was put at about $30,000.

Neighbors had speculated that Smith was trying to rescue her

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Michigan voters nix new taxes

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Michigan voters appear to be less tolerant of additional taxes nowadays than they were in the mid to late 1980s.

Statistics provided by the Michigan Department of Treasury's school bond loan program indicate that while districts are pitching more bond proposals, fewer voters are handing Michigan public schools no hitters.

A historical look at the number of school bond issues approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury from 1984 through June 1995 indicates there's an increase in the number of proposals presented to voters, but fewer

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Student counts on high end

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

More students - less classroom space – a need to vote yes on Sept. 23.

Novi Community School District officials predicted two years ago there'd be 275 more students enrolled in the district this year.

Their projections were dead on according to an unofficial student head count taken last week.

Student enrollment reached an all time high of 4,920 students, a 5.94 percent increase over last year's actual enrollment of 4,645 students. Enrollment is projected to continue to show incremental increases that would add up to a 25 percent increase in district enrollment from the 1995-96 to the 1999-2000 school year.

The unofficial student count was taken Friday, but could fluctuate up or down as the school year continues on, said James Koster, assistant superintendent of finance and administrative services.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said the increase reinforces the district's need for an additional facility.

"You won't see an acute overcrowdedness now," Lippe said. "But we are trying to be proactive rather than reactive to a crowded situation."

The district's projections reflect that in the next five years growth in the fifth and sixth and seventh and eighth grade buildings will be between 25 and 28 percent.

"That's pretty acute I think," he said. "The time between the bond issue getting passed and us taking occupancy is the better part of three years. To do that now is sensible and responsible planning and makes better sense than waiting for people to come knocking on our door asking us why we didn't make responsible plans to house our youngsters.

"That's what would happen if Novi doesn't pass a bond issue."

Lippe said the Michigan Department of Education and its treasury branch, which approves bond proposals, allows school districts to project out no further than five years. Enrollment projections used to justify bond requests rely on live birth rates not population

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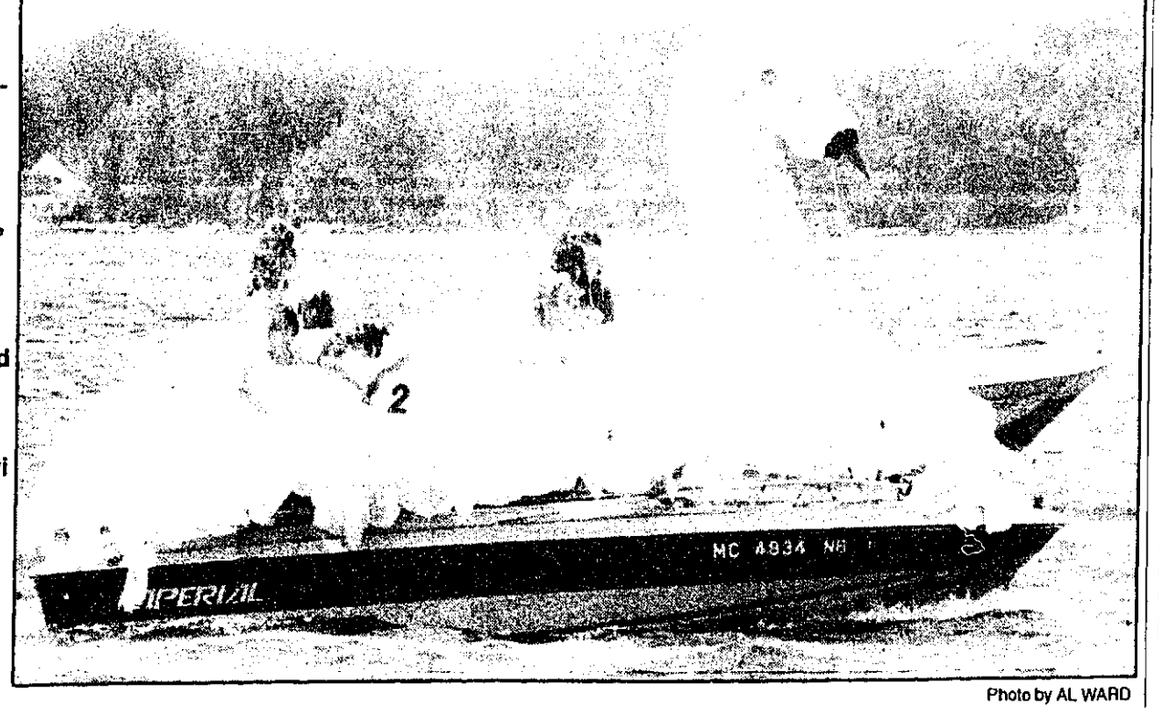
Boat parade

The "Swan" gracefully floated into first place at the first annual South East Shawood Homeowners Association Boat Parade and Picnic on Sunday on Walled Lake. Judge Brian MacKenzie, accompanied by his wife, Karen, was the grand marshall for the 35 boats which entered the parade. "He was thrilled to death to be there," said coordinator Ruth Hamilton, "and we were honored to have them." Mike and Robin Reeves of Novi used 500 white plastic bags and 100 rolls of toilet paper to create the Swan. The parade and picnic raised over $1,000 for HAVEN. An estimated 300 people attended the picnic.



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Thursday, September 7

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.

Novi South Kiwanis

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

Saturday, September 9

American Legion Family Picnic

The American Legion, Novi Post 19, is holding its annual family picnic at Novi's Lakeshore Park. There will be hot dogs, corn, beverages, fun, friends and games. Bring a dish to pass and yard games. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 11

City Council

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

Health Tests

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

Library Board

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

Village Oaks VOICE

Village Oaks Interested Citizens and Educators meets at 7:30 p.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School in the media center for a monthly business meeting.

American Business Women's Assoc.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is $15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Betty Boeher at (313)397-7708. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (810)960-9559.

TOPS

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

Tuesday, September 12

Business Network International

The 1995 kick-off meeting of the Novi Chapter of Business Network International will be held at the Novi Sheraton Oaks Grille, 2700 Sheraton Drive at 7 a.m. Business Network International is a business and professional networking organization that allows one representative from each profession to join. The organization's primary purpose is to exchange qualified business referrals. Seating will be limited. RSVP to John Clements at (800)662-8775.

AAUW

The American Association of University Women is holding an Autumn Buffet celebrating the Northville-Novi AAUW's 20th birthday. The buffet will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Northville at 6:30 p.m. For additional information about the AAUW, call Jane Spence at 380-0562.

CAC Meeting

The Cable Access Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the SWOCC Studio, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

Wednesday, September 13

Lions Club

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

Seniors potluck

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

AARP Meets

The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a $5 donation for non-members. For information call the hotline: 486-2876.

FEMALE

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Debbie at (810) 889-3018.

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Novi folks tell what they did for summer vacation

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

OK, we hate to confirm this, but word's out that summer may be almost over.

It might have been a long, hot one, but most local folks managed to have fun. Six told us how they managed to liven up the season.

City employee Chris Pargoff wins the prize for jetting off on the most professionally appropriate trip, while his former coworker at the Novi Civic Center, Cindy Stewart, took the most unbelievable - as in "you're a what?!!" - day off.

Chris Pargoff, Novi City Forester:

The woodsman spent his vacation admiring the scenery in the granddaddy of all forests, Sherwood – the epitome of Robin Hood, Merry Men, jolly old England, green tights, etc.

This trip was a landmark one and not just because he got to travel in the Chunnel to France. Pargoff and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 25th anniversary in England, the same country where they once honeymooned in.

This time around, they took their kids, Nicole, 21 and Mathew, 18.

"Sherwood Forest has been logged over pretty good through the centuries," said Pargoff, who jumped at the chance to chat about reforestation with a British forester.

He also posed for a photograph under the legendary Meeting Tree, an 800- to 900-year-old growth where Robin Hood and his sidekicks supposedly mixed and mingled.

"It isn't quite appropriate. The tree was probably just a seedling when Robin was around," he explained.

The family did their sightseeing in Glastonbury, York, Stonehenge and other sites. The Pargoffs also spent six days in Paris; in Normandy, they were amazed by the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the 1066 invasion of England by William the Conqueror.

"The kids said England was okay, even though Dad prattled English history at them," Pargoff, a former history teacher, said.

Cindy Stewart, former Novi Director of Public Information:

Stewart didn't have a long vacation this summer, but she did take one very special brief break from the job.

"I became a grandmother on August 11. It's the most wonderful thing in all the wide world. Being a parent was fantastic, being a grandmother is beyond compare," said Stewart, who doesn't look much older than 30.

"I'm a young grandmother. I'm changing the stereotype of grandmother. I'm definitely not going to be rocking in a rocking chair."

While the precocious grandma would prefer not to disclose her age, or underage in this case, her 22-year-old son Jeff and his wife Joann are now the proud parents of Calvin Michael Stewart.

"He's perfect, he's beautiful," Stewart said.

Ruth Ann Jirasek, president, City of Novi Homeowners Association:

Chris Pargoff strikes a pose beneath Robin Hood's Meeting Tree in Sherwood Forest.

Cindy Stewart cradles her first grandchild, Calvin Michael Stewart.

Jirasek, her husband Mike and kids Arlie, 9, Andrea, 8, Stephanie, 6 and Elizabeth, pushing 3, all headed to Traverse City for the Cherry Festival from July 9-15. We're talking fruit orgies here.

"We had a blast. The cherries were wonderful. Big, black cherries were hanging in the tree in bunches like grapes," Jirasek said.

"We picked over 50 pounds. Mike doesn't like cherries, but when we were there he was eating them right off the tree."

How many cherries can a Novi family of six gobble?

"We ate ten pounds a day," Jirasek confessed.

Laura Lorenzo, Novi Planning Commission Chairperson:

This hardworking planning commissioner didn't venture far from Novi, but she did have a few nights out, especially at Pine Knob where she saw Ringo Starr and His All Star Band, the Beach Boys and Chicago. She's also got tickets for the Elton John concert.

Retro, or what?

Ernie Aruffo, chairman of the Novi Beautification Commission:

Aruffo and his wife Eva Dawn visited their married daughter Patricia Ann Aruffo-Marsanoch, who has the good taste to live in an all-adobe home on a 7,000 foot high mountain near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The couple routed their trip so they could stop at the renowned new Denver Airport, finding it "just fabulous."

While in Mexico, the family visited Tent Rocks National Park, where they admired the breathtaking scenery.

"We saw things we never saw in all our lives. The Tent Rocks are outcroppings millions of years old, with what looks like teepees on top of them" Aruffo said.

Harry Avagian, president, Lakes Area Residents Association:

Avagian, president of the Lakes Area Residents Association, didn't leave town, although he's planning a September trip to Sacramento and Truckee, a resort town in the Sierra mountains.

"I spent most of my summer – A) trying to stay cool from the heat and humidity and B) working as energetically as I possibly could to serve the membership of LARA," Avagian said.

"I spent the summer working with my people."

Novi News reporter Jan Jeffres hasn't been on a vacation since June 1994 and is in a most pitiful state.

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Groomsmen reports gifts missing

Marital bliss may not be what one Novi couple return to when they get home from their honeymoon. The couple married on Aug. 26 were on their honeymoon when their wedding gifts where stolen from the garage of their home while members of the wedding party slept inside.

A police report filed by members of the wedding party indicates they were camped out at the couple's home the night of the wedding. The group was awake until about 3 a.m. with the garage door open.

When they went to bed, the door was reportedly closed. The next morning, an early morning riser was en route to a local market when he noticed scraps of wrapping paper and a card box resting on the street. The box had been used to collect wedding cards.

The groomsmen discovered that an undetermined amount of money, which had been inside all the wedding cards, was missing from the envelopes.

Police were called to take the report and the couple was expected to be notified of the same when they returned home.

Police News

twice smashed into the rear end of 1990 Lincoln Town Car on Aug. 21, sending a passenger to the hospital in need of a hip replacement.

The driver allegedly hit the Town Car after its driver pulled out of the Westbrooke Golf Course on Beck Road. The second time the pick up truck struck the Town Car, the car was forced off the road and into a ditch.

The driver allegedly fled the scene, but witnesses there provided police with a partial plate number which was later traced to the driver's mother's address and then to a Novi residence. Police attempted to contact the driver but were unable to speak with him under the advice of his attorney.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Police arrested a naked man they found sitting in front of the Fairlane Motel on Grand River Avenue on Aug. 25.

The man was intoxicated when officers arrived at the motel and located him. He told the officer he had rented a room on Grand River but couldn't find it.

The officer went to the man's room, found his clothes and helped him get dressed. He was taken to the station and ticketed for indecent exposure.

HOME INVASION

An adult foster home manager told police the home in which she worked had been broken into while the staff and its six clients were away for the weekend.

The break-in was discovered Aug. 23 when the manager returned to the home to do some work.

Police found no signs of forced entry but discovered entry had been gained through an opened kitchen doorwall.

The manager told police two telephones, a camera, compact stereo, two televisions and a pair of athletic shoes were reported missing.

STALKING

A Novi resident filed a stalking complaint against a woman he met in a grocery store three years ago.

The woman, who was clerk in the store when the two met, has reportedly been telephoning the man and writing him letters and cards since February of this year.

The man said he has asked the woman to cease and desist on two occasions but the calls and letters keep coming to his work, home and car phone.

The man told police he met the woman at the store in Dec. 1992 when she asked for one of his business cards. Three years had passed before the woman made any contact with the man. But in February, the calls, letters and cards started coming.

The man told police he changed his car phone number three times but she manages to get the number and call anyway.

The man filed a stalking report against the woman but Novi Police found she had filed a stalking complaint against him with an Oakland County Sheriff's Department detective.

The man contacted the detective and told him the woman was stalking him, not he stalking her.

The case was forwarded to the prosecutor for review.

Citizens with any information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

HIT AND RUN

It took some time and effort but Novi Police were able to locate the hit-and-run driver of a truck that

Safety in numbers, police say

Now that school has convened, the Novi Police Department is asking Novi parents to take time with their children to address a number of safety issues.

Parents should advise children:

• When walking to and from school, always practice the "buddy system," walk in pairs of two or more.

• Never talk to strangers. A stranger is not necessarily strange looking and acting, but they may look and talk friendly and appear harmless. A stranger is someone a child doesn't know even though that person may claim to know the child.

Some enticement tactics that are used frequently are: "I have some puppies that need a home, would you like to have one?" "Would you like candy, I have some in my car." "Your mom/dad is hurt, and I have to take you to the hospital." And asking for directions.

Novi police are asking parents to discuss these scenarios, and any others that may be of interest to the child.

For example, children interested in sports should tailor it to sports – ("We're down the street playing ball, would you like to play?")

Many children have a comfort zone on their own property. Remind them that strangers will try to draw them away from the house or property, impress upon them the seriousness of straying away from a relatively safe zone.

Remind children that no one should touch them in a manner that is unacceptable.

If confronted by a stranger, children should be advised to:

• Run immediately to where there are people.

• Yell for assistance/bring attention to yourself.

If you hear or see something suspicious, report it immediately to the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

'Indian Summer' car classic

Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC Truck in Farmington Hills will host an all-Pontiac "Indian Summer" classic car show and swap meet on Sunday, Sept. 10.

The return of this annual event is co-sponsored by Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC, the Pontiac Oakland Club International, the Trans Am Club of America and the Woodward GTO Tigers.

Classic and current model Pontiacs will be on hand. Parts vendors will have hard-to-get parts available for your restoration needs.

The Wolverine R.E. Truck Pullers will be putting on a show also. These miniature trucks can pull as much as 1,000 pounds of lead weights.

For further information, call Keith Wilson (810) 478-8000.

Kollins to speak at museum

Featured speaker Michael J. Kollins, retired engineer from Packard Motor Car Co. and Chrysler Corp., will appear at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame. In racing Kollins was a designer, builder, and driver of sprint racing cars. He has been involved with the Indianapolis 500 for 55 years.

The museum is located at the Novi Expo Center. The event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 7-8 p.m., fee: $5 per person. Price includes museum admission. *All proceeds will go to the non-profit* Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame of America.

The museum doors will be open from 6:30 to 10 p.m. for viewing the collection of more than 75 vehicles. For more information call (810) 349-RACE.

Emergency prescriptions

Seniors who are 65 years of age or older and pay 10 percent of their monthly income on prescriptions may qualify for the emergency prescription program through the Office of Services to the Aging.

Call the Information Center Inc. at 422-1052 (western Wayne County) to make an appointment or for information about the Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors (MEPPS) program 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Novi featured in subdivision tour

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a bus tour to three new subdivision developments – including two in Novi – on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The tour will emphasize the key features of what the BIA has determined to be successful new home communities. It will stop at three homesites; Classic Construction's Maples of Novi, S.R. Jacobson Development Company's Mystic Forest in Novi and the Selective Group's Maple Creek in West Bloomfield.

The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Tel-Twelve Mall on Telegraph at Twelve Mile Road in Southfield and return at 12:30 p.m. Registration fee, including snacks, will be $20 for BIA members and $35 for non-members.

For registration information, call (810) 737-4477.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Sept. 3. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, AUG. 21
Medical, 220 Endwell, 2:42 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41601 Sleepy Hollow, 2:31 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27684 Novi Road, 5:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 40300 Grand River, 8:56 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 9:18 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22
Medical, 25032 Avon Court, 9:43 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 1588 Ocher, 12:55 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 1:10 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39745 Villagewood, 3:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 5:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Novi Middle School, 6:35 p.m., Squad 4.
Brush fire, Novi and Ten Mile Road, 7:32 p.m., Engine 1.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23
Fire alarm, Isuzu Diesel, 10:03 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Fuel spill, 24301 Catherine, 1:09 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 2219 Austin, 1:51 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 20800 Haggerty, 4:22 p.m., Engine 3.
Mutual aid, Michigan and Inkster, 7:40 p.m., Response 515.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:43 a.m., Squad 2.
Standby, Stonehenge, 8:50 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:21 a.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, 21992 Chase, 11:59 a.m., Engine 3.
Standby, Country Place, 1:09 p.m., Response 510.
Building fire, 44000 Nine Mile, 5:37 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Investigation, 44000 Nine Mile, 7:20 p.m., Engine 3.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25
Investigation, 21946 Daleview, 6:31 a.m., Engine 3.
Standby, Stonehenge, 8:25 a.m., Response 510.
Service, 21946 Daleview, 2:27 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27750 Novi Road, 3:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23535 Meeting Hall, 6:51 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 44610 Eleven Mile Road, 8:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 41000 Vincente, 8:56 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26
Public service, Novi Town Center, 9:57 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 40000 Grand River, 10:25 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Novi High School, 12:17 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and I-696, 1:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 2:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Public service, Deer Brook Sub., 3:25 p.m., Engine 3.
Rescue, 24756 Kingspointe, 5:42 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 7:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 10:47 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, AUG. 27
Building fire, 40437 Guilford, 7:32 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.

MONDAY, AUG. 28
Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile, Midnight, Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, 23511 Broken Stone, 12:39 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25672 Jackson, 3:50 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43355 Citation, 8:02 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39887 Villagewood, 10:25 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39438 Burton, 12:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22025 Meridian, 11:03 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, AUG. 29
Investigation, 41034 Marks Drive, 3:05 a.m., Engine 3.
Car fire, I-96 Rest Area, 4:53 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 1481 Nardeer, 12:40 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 9:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 39816 Villagewood, 10:43 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30
Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:15 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 44675 North Hills, 3:05 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45720 Timberlane, 5:21 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1481 Nardeer, 5:49 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Town Center, 7:42 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21202 Glen Haven, 11:01 a.m., Squad 3.
Wire down, 2014 Austin, 6:37 p.m., Engine 2.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31
Medical, 31235 Wedgewood, 10:59 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 11:36 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40595 Village Oaks, 1:50 p.m., Squad 3.
Standby, Stonehenge, 1:56 p.m., Response 510.
Medical, 25675 Lincoln, 8:59 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
Medical, 23995 Novi Road, 11:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 44777 North Hills, 2:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Grand River, 4:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Tuscany Court, 6:06 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
Medical, 30965 Wendingo Court, 10:08 a.m., Squad 2.
Detail, Station No. 1, 9 a.m., Response 510.
Car fire, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:11 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
Medical, 1015 South Lake, 2:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 40111 Buckingham, 9:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 39785 Villagewood, 5:03 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 39785 Villagewood, 5:46 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 8:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire investigation, 235 Endwell, 8:52 p.m., Engine 2.

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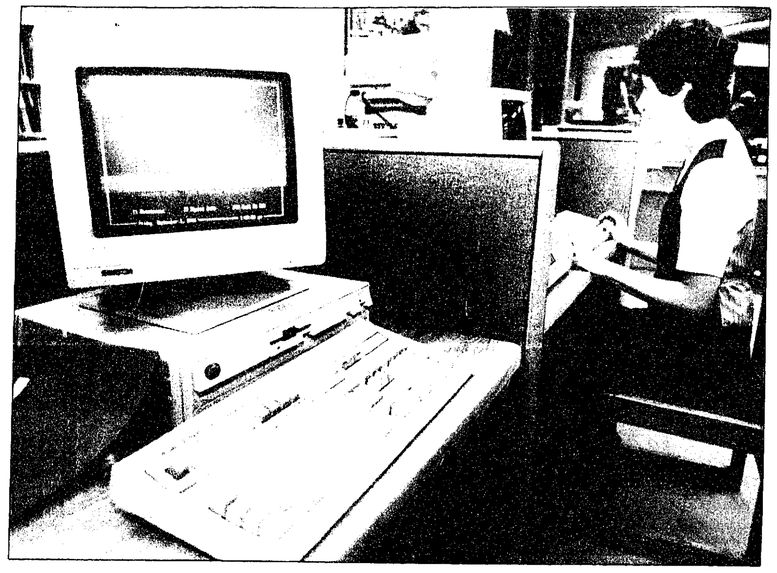
Thirty five years of good reading

Novi Library celebrates anniversary Sunday

The Novi Public Library will celebrate its 35th year of service to the community with a "Brunch with Books" open house on Sunday, Sept. 10 from noon-2 p.m. All Novi residents are invited to participate live entertainment and free refreshments.

Entertainment will be provided by Geri Green in "Geri's Jamboree: A musical celebration for the young and young at heart." The open house will give patrons a chance to view the facility in an atmosphere unusual for the library, without need for quiet. On hand at the program will be several members of the group which launched the library back in 1960.

Novi Public Library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, west of the Civic Center. For information, call 349-0720.



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Novi resident Christine Fuson tries her hand at the library's latest in high technology.

Library Director Brenda Evans.

Evans breaks mold of librarian image

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If your idea of a librarian is a lady who shelves books and shooshes people, you're out of touch, way out of touch.

Take Brenda Evans, director of the Novi Library, who's prone to drop names like NASA and the Internet when discussing library services.

Evans, who graduated in the 1970s from the University of Michigan with a master's in library science, says she chose the career because she preferred a job in a nice, quiet environment.

"I expected to work on the information desk, answering the phone and figuring out clues like Nancy Drew to get information. If somebody needed to know the Gross National Product, you'd be able to piece together a path and come up with the prize," Evans said.

Then all that changed. It's still nice, but all white water, as she describes it.

In 1979, Evans was hired as Novi's public services librarian and for a time it seemed like her career ran along expected lines. The library was in its current Ten Mile Road building, but it shared the digs with the City of Novi's offices. It was a little crowded until the city moved out in 1988.

But things hardly got back to normal. High tech hit local libraries in the late 1980s, early 1990s. Librarians whose sole technical training might have been memorizing the Dewey Decimal system had to learn how to troubleshoot when the computer system crashed.

"In the past, the public service was the entire focus, regardless of what reports or paperwork you had to do. The main priority for everyone was the front desk," Evans said.

"The rug was pulled out from under librarians, the tools changed so drastically, CDs, Internet, On-line data bases that we needed to create ourselves. Every time there's a change or an upgrade, everything you do is wrong ... You feel frustrated frequently because you are not an engineer."

To meet the challenge, Evans found herself constantly reading the latest technical journals and attending classes and seminars. The trick, she says, is to purchase cutting edge hardware and software which will not become quickly obsolete.

Books won't disappear, Evans predicts, but people will be using smaller and more lightweight computers which will likely make learning easier than in the page-thumbing days. For example, a student will be able to read a Shakespeare play, click onto a tough word for an instant definition and then click again and see a video scene from the play acted out.

"I imagine if I learned that way in high school I would know more about Shakespeare than I do. We were struggling with all those little footnotes," she said.

With Novi's population expected to soar, Evans predicts the library will soon have a space crunch. But she doesn't favor building a second library. It makes more sense, she says, to renovate and enlarge the existing Ten Mile Road structure, rather than split the staff between two libraries. Because in the future, library users will be able to tap in from their home offices.

"I can see more and more of the public dialing in and using home resources. The collection on the shelves is important but it's not number one any more. We've expanded way beyond the printed page," she said.

That doesn't mean there won't be book and magazine shelves to browse through.

"The people who gravitate more towards libraries are interested in personal growth and education for themselves and their children. It's a very positive environment," Evans said.

The library director, when she can pull herself away from technical journals, remains fond of a good book, such as her favorite, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, introspective nature essays by Annie Dillard. Right now, she's in the midst of *Moo*, by novelist Jane Smiley.

Library offers variety of services

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Brenda Evans, director of the Novi Public Library, says a recent study indicates 40 percent of the state' a fourth graders and 50 percent of its workforce are functionally illiterate. To combat the problem, the Novi Public Library offers a slew of reading programs designed to turn young readers onto reading and older readers in touch.

Summer reading programs for students of all ages are popular programs for parents who want to keep their youngsters minds and imaginations fresh over summer breaks.

Summer programs offer six weeks of activities with different events schedules for each day. Events range from magic shows, arts and crafts, songs and games.

"The goal is to keep children coming in," Evans said. "There is a lot of support for the program and parents are excited about it because it's something that is educational and fun.

"We are hoping it is the kind of thing that stays with them for the rest of their lives."

And without the added pressure of grades, students are growing and learning and enjoying it, Evans said.

Year round preschool story hours afford preschool aged students an opportunity to socialize and enjoy literature.

"We do these things to promote reading and literacy," Evans said.

In addition the summer reading program familiarizes older students with library resources so that homework assignments handed out during the school year aren't so monumental.

The library's reference desk boasts of a staff of 10 full time librarians. Each is available to field reference questions over the phone or counter. The staff comes in handy when school is back in session and students need help with their homework.

"The class assignments always come in about the same time and our staff knows just where to find information about leaves, insects and countries," Evans.

And when the school bell rings, the library opens seven days a week. Weekend hours are usually the busiest days for reference librarians helping students with their homework.

But students aren't the only ones the library reaches out to.

An impressive array of large print materials are checked out by library staffers and taken to neighborhood senior centers and nursing homes.

"We bring the library to people who don't have the mobility to get to the library," she said.

The Novi Public Library also hosts a series of book discussion programs. One is tailored to large group participation and encourages group members to share their holiday and family memories.

Library staffers bring slides, music, reading materials and games to local adult homes so residents can interact and share the highlights of their lifetimes.

In addition there are two book discussion groups, one in which members choose their own books and go at their pace and another that offers more structure and is more demanding.

Discussion groups meet at the library and the Novi Civic Center.

Technology is library's biggest challenge

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

It used to be that if you wanted to check a book out of the library, all you had to do was flip through the yellowing tabs of the card catalog.

Not so anymore.

Today, the Novi Public Library is on-line with the future and headed into and beyond the 21st century.

"We are finding it extremely challenging," said Library Director Brenda Evans. "There is a great need for research and development and for staff training time. But we are trying to fit it all in and be ready for the year 2000 and beyond."

To prep for itself for the technology age, the Novi Public Library recently entered into a regional consortium with 50 other libraries in a four county region and purchased several computers and a library of a software materials that would allow each library in the consortium access to a wealth of information.

Data Research Associates designed the new system the library group purchased. The system, a very large data base, allows users to access books and reference materials at any one of the 50 participating libraries.

It is the second phase of a multi-phase technology project the Novi Library is looking at building. Years ago, library staff purchased a tower of compact disc products that was used to move their own research materials from the paper system to the computer system.

That system interfaces with the new system and provides information on anything and everything from newspaper and magazine articles to prescription drugs to a world book encyclopedia.

A full text data base allows users to print articles in their entirety rather than previous system's limitations which printed only summaries. It also offers users a statistical data base with a growing list of choices that are constantly changing.

"It offers a large variety of information data bases that several people can access at once," said Library Director Brenda Evans.

Evans said the new computerized system is the preferred choice among library users because it is a quicker advantage.

"It's been a method of choice for those who come in," she added. "And a clear preference over the paper method."

In addition, library patrons can print out the items they search the system for and take their work with them when they leave. That's another time saving device of the new system.

In future weeks, library staffers are hoping to tap into Novi High School's wide area network. The link between the library and the schools will provide library users with access to all the information stored on the school's wide area network some of which includes items in local, state and federal libraries. It also provides a link to students in other countries. In turn, access from the high school will enable students to access resources in the Novi library and the others on the system they may need for research projects of their own.

"It's such a natural link," she said.

Evans said the local link is being delayed until the library's new network is up and running without any glitches. Computer consultants will give library officials the green light to proceed with their expansion plans when the system is capable of handling the expansion.

School and library officials also have to iron out the details and determine the costs the link could generate, Evans added. Talks between the library staff, its consultant and school officials continue as the library users become more familiar with the new technology already in place.

For younger and first time readers, the library has a software system that allows children to access titles that are appropriate to their reading levels.

In a day and age when state statistics reflect that 40 percent of Michigan's fourth graders and 50 percent of the state's workforce is illiterate, software and reading programs that encourage youngsters to read more often are gaining popularity.

"It promotes literacy and keeps reading as a exciting hobby," Evans said. "It supplements homework but if we can add that element of wonder and joy, that's what we want to do for young readers."

Evans said bringing the library on-line has been a challenging effort for staffers at the public library. Most have been trained to learn the system so they could help patrons fearful of logging on and using the system to its full capacity.

"We still want the library to be a comfortable and friendly place to be, but we want to move with the times."

Donna Hollis

Is the Uncle Ben on the Uncle Ben's Rice boxes a real person?

That's one of the more unusual questions Donna Hollis, head of the Novi library's reference service, has had to research for a curious resident.

And yes, Uncle Ben was an actual maitre d' at a restaurant, Hollis learned.

"I love working with the public. I like the challenge of new questions every day," Hollis says.

"A lot of the reference questions are easy but several are hard to find the answers. Sometimes we look on the InterNet."

You might expect that a librarian was naturally an avid reader as a child, but Hollis says she wasn't. Now, she's often got her nose in a book, especially if it's a mystery by Patricia Cornwell.

Hollis has been on staff for ten years. After a stint living in Germany with her then-husband, she worked at the library at Eastern Michigan University and enjoyed it so much she earned a master's in library science at the University of Michigan.

One fun part of her job is that she gets to shop. Hollis and another librarian order the non-fiction books.

"We try to find vendors with good discounts. Non-fiction is such as a large realm. You can't know every subject. We don't get as much esoteric things that would be just sitting here," she explained.

Popular in Novi are sports and self-help publications on medicine, computers and business.

DONNA HOLLIS

Mary Ellen Mulcrone

All kinds of good stuff comes into the Novi library, but before that information can get in the hands of eager consumers, it has to pass over the desk of Mary Ellen Mulcrone.

Mulcrone, head of technical services and a reference librarian, is the one who catalogs all in-coming material.

"We do the covering, the labeling and getting them into the data base, so the material can go into circulation," explained Mulcrone, a nine-year library employee with a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Mulcrone may deal with heavy-duty material in reference, but she's fond of fiction for her own entertainment. Right now, she's absorbed in Charlotte Vale Allen's *Somebody's Baby*.

She understands how readers can get wrapped up in gripping stories. Mulcrone orders rental books for the library, additional copies of the latest by authors such as John Grisham, Sue Grafton, Danielle Steele and Mary Higgins Clark. The rentals are in addition to the on-shelf copies the library has of the hottest reads; the extras for rent are provided for those who are too eager to gobble up the bestsellers to wait until the regular copy is back in circulation.

About 200 to 250 rentals are purchased each year.

"We know our bestseller types. You just pick up these things after working with them," Mulcrone explained. Novi residents like family saga-type novels, but not sci-fi.

MARY ELLEN MULCRONE

A concise history of Novi's library

With no money, no staffing and little space, a handful of volunteers launched the Novi Public Library in 1960 in a small room next to what was then city hall on Novi Road, explains current Library Director Brenda Evans.

They kept it open six days a week for a total of 24 hours, strictly with volunteers. The library was operated without tax support for a full two years.

"You wouldn't see that today," Evans said. "They must have believed it was very important."

Among the group was the first librarian, Dorothy Faquette, who started with 1,155 books, but managed to increase the collection to more than 8,500 in the first year, according to an article in *The Novi News* in 1966. Some 320 families reportedly used the library in that first year and 500 volumes were circulated. The budget was just a little over $2,000 – money raised in the fund drive.

The building had been constructed in 1956 and was deeded over to the Novi Township to be used as a library. An addition was tacked on in 1964, doubling the space to 1,300 square feet, according to a history written for the library in 1980.

Under Paquette's guidance, the library was able to get millage funding from voters beginning in 1963, and she took seat on the Library Board. That was when Dorothy Flattery was hired as the first full-time librarian.

The library moved to its current location on Ten Mile Road in 1976, but had to share the space with other city offices until the police department and Civic Center were completed in the mid-1980s.

Today, the library has a collection of just over 75,000 books and has a circulation (number of times books are checked out) of more than 272,000. The staff has grown to 40 full- and part-time employees, Evans said, explaining that the total manhours put in each week would equal 22 full-time workers. The budget is just over $1 million.

Since 1990, Evans said, the primary issue for the library has been coping with the growth of information and communications technology. Not only have the card catalogues been replaced by computer lists, but much of the information now available at the library is in an electronic form. From publications on CD to access to the Internet, much of the information given to patrons these days comes in as bits and bytes. And keeping up with the changes is a challenge.

"The people who were attracted to a career as a librarian weren't, maybe because of personality, risk takers or people who liked being on the leading edge," Evans said. "But now we find we are right on the edge."

Who's who at the Library

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Pauline Druschel, Assistant Director, Outreach Services
Georgia Grovesteen, Outreach Services
Donna Hollis, Reference Services
Marjorie Karp, Children's Librarian
Betty Lang, Reference Services
Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Technical Services
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MARGI KARP

Margi Karp

The kids all call her "Miss Margi," but the Story Lady does have a last name.

She's really Margi Karp, former fifth grade teacher and holder of a master's in library science from the University of Michigan.

Sure, you may think she's entertaining and amusing all those youngsters curled up at her feet, but Karp has a hidden agenda. Subtly, without the children realizing what's really going on, she's training them to open their minds, to use their imaginations, to stretch their abilities.

Sneaky, huh?

Many Novi kids today are already a little more advanced than in the past, Karp finds, possibly because their parents are educated and upwardly mobile.

"By the time they're in kindergarten they know their letters and sounds. They're a very sophisticated group," she said.

Karp lures them in with their favorite types of books, colorful ones full of discovery. One of the most popular is *The Indian In The Cupboard*, although the children also adore the writings of Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume.

Karp's own favorite is *The Yearling*, by Marjorie Rawlings.

She keeps them coming back for more at ten story hour programs a week, which draw in some 200 children. The summer reading program is another crowd-pleaser. This year, 1,100 kids under the fifth grade level signed up, while 20 were over the fifth grade level.

One group of children who may benefit most from the story hours are those who are slow or reluctant readers, who can reap the benefit of hearing books which they think are too tough to read on their own.

"I think it develops a keen sense of listening. They can then use their listening skills with their imagination. If they're not good readers, they can still hear the story and use it as an incentive to learn more," Karp explained.

"I really think storytelling and reading to kids should go on very early."

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Population continues to grow

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The State of Michigan may be losing population, but the City of Novi and the Novi Community School District can't say the same.

The city's population is expected to increase by 29,021 people or 88 percent by 2010, according to population projections provided by South East Michigan Council of Government or SEMCOG.

That's more than twice as many people who flocked to the city from 1980 to 1990 and 10,865 more than the number of people living here today.

In three weeks, the Novi Community School District will be asking voters to approve a $33 million bond issue to build a new middle school and renovate two others for elementary school use.

School officials contend the bond money is needed to build a new school to accommodate the student growth in the school district. It is the district's second attempt at getting the bond issue passed.

Nearly a year has passed since the district asked voters to approve their initial attempt. A year of construction has been lost and the district has taken in 275 new students since the first bond proposal failed.

The school district has met its projected enrollment of 4,920 students for the 1995-96 school year. The influx of 275 additional students is good news for the school district because each new student brings with him or her more than $6,500 in state aid, but bad news for a district having less room to handle more students.

SEMCOG
POPULATION PROJECTIONS CHART

	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Total pop.	26,350	32,962	51,118	56,147	60,051	61,983
Population by age						
0 to 4	2,979	2,835	4,472	4,877	4,932	5,215
5 to 14	3,941	4,915	8,296	9,024	8,969	9,038
15 to 19	1,837	1,928	3,142	3,583	4,140	3,854
20 to 34	6,924	9,044	12,492	12,371	13,284	14,019
35 to 44	4,499	6,342	10,757	11,773	11,298	10,731
45 to 64	4,401	5,389	8,571	10,682	13,119	14,702
65 or older	1,682	2,540	3,438	3,877	4,329	4,423
Median age	29.57	30.18	29.68	30.38	31.23	31.63
Persons per household	2.72	2.54	2.58	2.50	2.43	2.30

First week head counts taken by school administrators last week indicate the district met its projected enrollment by Friday but was hedging on it Wednesday with 4,917 students. The increase of 275 students reflects a 5.94 percent jump in student enrollment over last year's 4,645 actual student head count.

In five years, which is as far as the State Department of Education will allow school district's to project out because the youngsters who would be in kindergarten at that time have yet to be born, enrollment could be as high as 5,755 students, a 3.75 percent increase or 835 new students. The five year projection suggests a 22 percent jump in student enrollment by the 1995-2000 school year.

But SEMCOG's forecasts suggest the increase could be higher if enrollment keeps pace with the number of live births.

The city's population today is 51,118. In five years, SEMCOG predicts the city's population will be 56,147. By 2005, Novi's population could be as high 60,051. The trend will continue at least until 2010 when the head count is expected to reach 61,983, an 88 percent increase over the 1990 population count.

SEMCOG's research indicates that in 20 years there'll be an 83 percent increase in residents between the ages of 0 and four; an 83.9 percent increase in children between the ages of five and 14; and a 99.9 percent jump in teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19.

While those children are expected to be Novi residents, not all of them will be in enrolled in Novi Schools. Some may be attending private schools or other public schools in the Novi city boundaries.

In February of last year, Stanfred Consultants, an Okemos-based enrollment projection firm, provided three sets of enrollment projections for Novi Schools. The three sets provided estimates to fit three scenarios: low end, most likely, and high end.

For the 1995-96 school year, Stanfred projected student enrollment on the low end to be 4,655, most likely 4,796, and high end 4,948.

Novi's enrollment this year fell somewhere between the most likely and high end categories.

Novi Community Schools Enrollment

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
K	350	362	389	399	412	424
1	380	372	386	401	411	426
2	384	393	397	401	423	430
3	416	404	422	412	422	429
Sub total	1,530	1,531	1,594	1,613	1,668	1,711
4	404	430	426	436	426	430
5	365	421	458	431	448	433
Sub total	769	851	884	867	874	863
6	350	388	430	462	445	460
7	374	371	399	439	479	461
8	336	397	383	406	467	490
Sub total	1,060	1,156	1,212	1,307	1,391	1,411
9	347	355	404	391	423	478
10	313	366	365	412	407	435
11	314	330	375	375	425	419
12	311	331	334	383	385	438
Sub total	1,285	1,382	1,478	1,561	1,640	1,770
TOTAL	4,644	4,920	5,168	5,348	5,573	5,755
Percent increase from previous year:		5.94	5.04	3.48	4.21	3.27

Enrollment mirrors district's estimate

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projections.

By 1999, if growth continues to plague the area, Novi Schools will have taken in a minimum of 25 percent more students if school officials' projections match their enrollment.

"What we are saying is 'we can't fit 25 percent more students in the five, six building or 25 percent more in grades seven and eight,' the superintendent said. "To me that's a pretty strong justification and a pretty strong rationale to do it in a proactive way."

Pancake breakfast aids scholarships

The Pontiac Center of Oakland Community College will sponsor its Eighth Annual Pontiac Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the Betty Stogdill Pancake Shelter. The outdoor shelter is located on Water Street (just west of Wide Track Drive) in downtown Pontiac.

Money raised at previous breakfasts has been used to establish the OCC Pontiac Center and Community Scholarship. Since 1990, ten scholarships – including full tuition, registration fees and a $500 book allowance – have been awarded.

Felicia Geeter, the 1993 recipient, graduated from OCC in June 1995 with an associate degree in liberal arts. Marinique Price was the 1994 recipient and finished her first year at OCC with a 3.4 grade point average.

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Voters less tolerant of bonds

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proposals being approved by the electorate.

In 1984, 31 proposals were approved by the state department. Eighteen of them or 58 percent passed. A decade later, 94 proposals made it to the polls, but only 34 of them, or 36 percent, passed.

Thus far in 1995, 160 proposals have been approved. Of the 94 proposals that made it to the polls by the end of June, only 38 (39 percent) have passed.

Richard Kelley, the department chair of the school bond loan program, didn't return calls to *The Novi News* to explain why there's an increase in the number of proposals being turned down.

School bond business started picking up in the treasurer's office in 1987 when 67 proposals were approved and more than half passed. Since then an upswing in the number of bond proposals requested has kept pace with the number declined by voters.

Fifty percent of the proposals approved are for new construction, the balance is for renovation and remodeling work of aging school buildings.

Passage of Proposal A in March of 1994 seems to have had little effect on the number of bond proposals presented but may have played a significant role in the reason why many were turned down.

Novi Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Proposal A cut property taxes by 50 percent in the school district. Millage rates fell from 29.44 mills to 11.06 in Novi after Proposal A.

Nine months later Novi Schools was one of three Michigan school districts to be the first to ask voters to pay higher taxes to build new schools after Proposal A.

The proposal failed as did others in Southfield and Berkley the first time out of the shoots.

"People's taxes had just been rolled back by 50 percent and they wanted to keep it that way," Lippe said.

A anti-tax sentiment may be to blame for the majority of the 63 percent of bond proposals which were rejected in 1994 after Proposal A passed.

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools sought voter approval of a split ballot totaling $116 million in February of 1994. It was the district's third unsuccessful attempt to get a bond proposal passed.

Superintendent James Geisler credits an anti-tax citizens group for the trio of defeats.

"The problem is an anti-tax group," he said after the district suffered its third defeat. "They are committed, absolutely committed."

Anti taxes aren't the only reason. In Novi, a plan to centralize the district's fourth graders in one building reportedly contributed to the defeat. Price may have been a factor in Walled Lake.

A voter survey conducted in Novi after the defeat concluded the same findings. People didn't want to pay higher taxes nor did they want to relocate their fourth graders, the survey reflected.

Novi, like many other school districts in Michigan, is returning to the polls this month to get a similar proposal passed. More than 50 school districts in the state are holding bond elections this month. September and October are reportedly record months for the school bond elections, the department of treasury has indicated.

District officials may have a more successful time at the polls this time around because the fourth grade issue has been resolved and the bond proposal will cost voters less cash to do essentially the same thing the district proposed doing last year.

James Kosler, assistant superintendent of finance and administrative services, projects low interest rates will drive down millage rates so homeowners will pay less this time – even though the construction project will cost about the same, $33 million.

"The millage rate is half of what it was last time," Lippe said. "It's been reduced to one mill but it could even be less."

District officials will return to the polls on Saturday, Sept. 23 seeking passage of a $33,435,000 proposal. Walled Lake is making due.

Both districts have taken on increased enrollments this year. In Novi, there are 275 new students. Geisler projected his district would take in another 500 to 600 students this year.

"We'll need 26 new classrooms at the elementary level," he said. "There are ways to accommodate that with a little bit of pain and other ways to accommodate it with a lot of pain.

"But the basic problem is that next year we'll need another 108."

A historical look at bond proposals proposed and passed by Michigan voters 1984 and June of 1995

Year	Number proposed	Number passed	Percentage approved by voters
1984	31	18	58%
1985	37	12	32%
1986	46	23	50%
1987	67	36	54%
1988	66	37	56%
1989	62	36	58%
1990	66	31	47%
1991	87	39	45%
1992	79	28	35%
1993	59	24	41%
1994	94	34	36%
1995*	96	38	39%

*Through June.

Education Notes

Machine Tool Technology

Oakland's Center for Dislocated Workers is also offering an accelerated 15-week, 24 college credit training program in machine tool technology/computer numerical control operator. The program begins in early September at the Auburn Hills campus, and credits may be applied toward an associate degree in machine tool technology.

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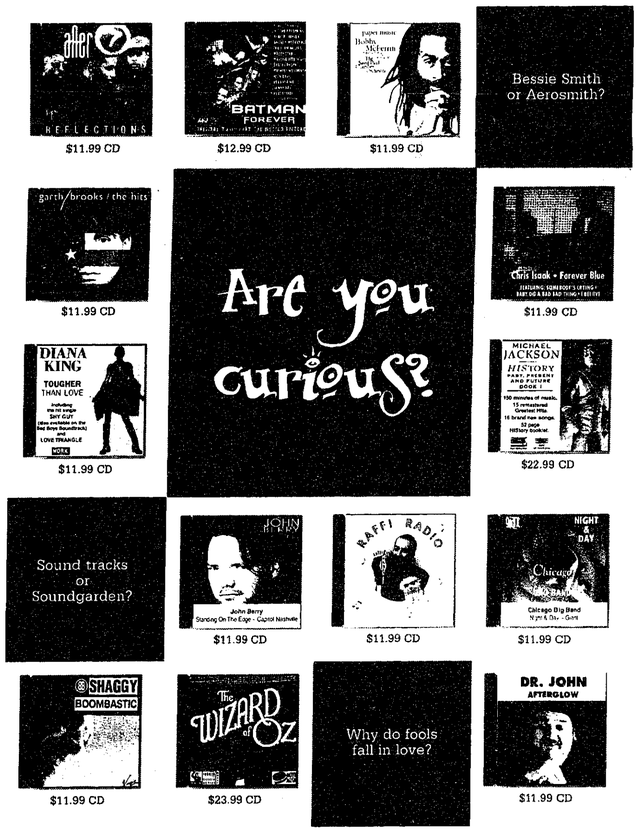

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Prosecutor to pursue Dr. Death despite expired law

The chief defense attorney for the physician known as "Dr. Death" said Oakland taxpayers – and county officials – should be upset with the Oakland prosecutor's office for wasting money by continuing to prosecute Jack Kevorkian under an expired state law.

"He (Prosecutor Richard Thompson) is wasting a lot of money," lawyer Geoffrey N. Fieger said after a pretrial hearing that ended with Feb. 12 being set as the date for Kevorkian to stand trial under an expired state statute that made assisting a suicide a felony.

The prosecutors in Livingston, Macomb and Wayne counties aren't prosecuting under the law, Fieger said to a group of news agencies gathered outside the courtroom of Oakland Circuit Judge Jessica R. Cooper.

"But the Oakland County prosecutor sees fit to spend money to prosecute under a law that's expired," said Fieger. "That's like prosecuting a rum runner after prohibition expired."

Fieger was referring to the state law that made assisting with a suicide a felony with a maximum penalty of four years in prison. The law – aimed at Kevorkian – was passed in 1993 and allowed to expire last November.

"The Legislature thought so little of the law it didn't renew it," Fieger quipped. "Oakland is the only county that wants to prosecute Dr. Kevorkian under that expired law."

Kevorkian was scheduled to stand trial in the 1993 deaths of Merian Frederick, 72, of Ann Arbor, and Dr. Ali Khalili of Chicago.

Thursday was the second day in a row that an Oakland Circuit judge said Kevorkian could stand trial for assisted suicide. Judge David F. Breck on Wednesday ruled there was enough evidence to justify Kevorkian standing trial in the 1991 deaths of Marjorie Wantz, 58, and Sherry Miller, 43.

Kevorkian did not appear at either court hearing. But his flamboyant attorney predicted he would win each trial. Prosecuting his client was an abuse of power, he said, and a waste of money.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office, however, reiterated his contention that Kevorkian should stand trial for assisted suicide, if not murder.

By assisting in the suicides of Frederick and Khalili, said chief assistant prosecutor Lawrence Bunting, Kevorkian violated state law as it existed at the time. "He should be held accountable," Bunting said.

Furthermore, the prosecutor's office will likely appeal that part of Breck's ruling that evidence was not sufficient to warrant Kevorkian going to trial for murder. "We think the evidence will show Kevorkian was an active participant in the deaths of Marjorie Wantz and Sherry Miller.

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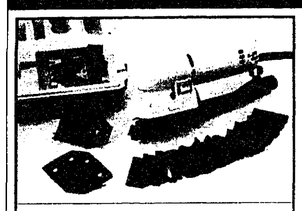

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Obituaries

FRED M. BANNATZ

Fred M. Bannatz, age 61, of Novi died Aug. 28, 1995, at his home. He was born on Oct. 17, 1933, in Detroit to Alfred and Genevieve (Morgan) Bannatz.

Mr. Bannatz was a resident of the Novi area for 33 years and was employed as a mill wright at Michigan Seamless Tube.

His survivors include his wife, Mary (Fawcett); sons, Frederick Louis of Milford and Robert Allen of Ohio; daughter, Karen Blake of Livonia; sisters, Nancy McOsker of Colorado, and Betty Rinadi of St. Clair Shores; brother, David of California; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. in Northville on Friday, Sept. 1. Pastor Mike Heusel of New Horizon, Novi Town Center, officiated at the service. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

The family would appreciate memorials directed to "New Horizon," Novi Town Center, Novi.

NOELLA L. HENDERSON

Noella L. Henderson, age 76, of Novi died Sept. 3, 1995, at her home. She was born in Canada.

Surviving are her daughters, Mary Ann Ferry and Michelle Henderson; son, Chuck Henderson; brother, Tom Desrocher; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mass was held on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Holy Family Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel-Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home Inc. in Novi.

The family has requested that memorial tributes be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

GORDAN L. OASS

Gordan L. Oass of Novi died Aug. 26, 1995, at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was 73. Mr. Oass was born on Nov. 7, 1921, in Rusk, Wisc.

He received his master's degree as a specialist in vocational education from Wayne State University. Before retirement, he was vocational director at McKenzie High School, Warren Schools. Mr. Oass was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Mildred (Sally); daughters, Ellen Sue Christopherson of Novi, and Wendy (Robin) Frame of Hastings; and six grandchildren.

Service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington with Pastor Daniel Cave officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be given to St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington, MI 48335.

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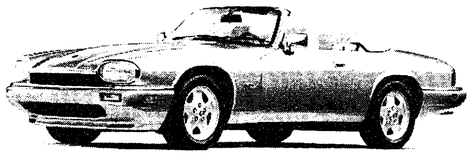

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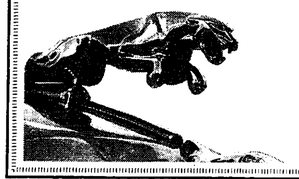

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Students take seats in leased school

Monday's successful opening of Meadow Lake Elementary School as part of the Walled Lake district went a long way toward ending months of agony and anxiety among parents who fretted about the forced shift of their children from Maple Elementary.

Many parents made the early morning trip to Meadow Lake – the school being leased from the Birmingham district – to bring their children for the first day of classes and see for themselves. It didn't take them long to relax about the situation.

"I don't mind so much," said Kelly Preiss, a resident of the Walled Lake district's Farmington Hills portion, who escorted first-grader Jamie and second-grader Joshua to Meadow Lake. "As long as the education is the same. The drive's not too bad, 15 minutes. But this is just for the first day. They'll take the bus home."

Preiss' sons are among the 350 or so who moved from Maple – along with principal Scott Little, six teachers and other school staff members – to ease a continuing enrollment spurt in e Walled Lake district.

The decision to lease Meadow Lake from the Birmingham district, made in the spring by Walled Lake school board members, followed the third defeat since October 1993 of a proposed bond issue that would have provided funding for the construction of new schools and classrooms.

To, in turn, fill the student void at Maple Elementary, a redistricting plan was implemented. With Susan Schreiber succeeding Little as principal, herself moving over from Wixom Elementary, an estimated 350-370 of Maple's 430 students were brought in from the Pleasant Lake, Hickory Woods and Decker attendance areas. The remaining 60-80 students attended Maple in 1994-95.

According to Patrick O'Malley, also a Farmington Hills resident, the switch from Maple to Meadow Lake for second grader Brandon isn't the best situation in the world, but it is an acceptable one.

We were talking about it on the way over," he said. "Even though we voted in favor of the millage for a new school it makes more sense to lease something that's already up than to pay money to build ... It's not the best of conditions, but we'll live with it."

Not as accepting was Farmington Hills resident Lisa Anderson, whose son Brett, 7, began second grade at Meadow Lake. She said she will have to drive from her Novi job to Meadow Lake every afternoon to pick up Brett after latchkey.

"I found out (about Meadow Lake) when I registered my son at the end of June," Anderson said. "There are two schools within a mile of me. It's something I have to accept."

The fact that principal Little was in place to welcome his former Maple students was of some consolation to parents.

The only redeeming quality is that Scott Little came with the kids," said parent Larry Harris, who brought his third-grade daughter Sara to school for the first day. "I don't really like the idea, but I don't know all the issues involved. But Sara has a few of her friends in her class. She likes Mr. Little...

"In a way it's a good experience for life. Not everything goes as planned. And you have to be versatile," Harris said.

After bringing their children, Harris and O'Malley were among the parents who stuck around Meadow Lake while Little welcomed the students and reiterated school rules.

"Are you ready to do?" asked Little, whose query drew enthusiastic applause from the students.

Meanwhile, some said Monday's smooth opening at Meadow Lake probably would render inconsequential all the attention paid to the leasing issue at school board meetings last spring.

"It's only about seven minutes longer," said bus driver Pattie Dluzynski, who handled the same Farmington Ridge subdivision route she had last year – although Monday's destination was Meadow Lake, not Maple. "It took 17 minutes to get here and it took 10 minutes to get to Maple."

Dluzynski, now in her eighth year in the district, said she sees nothing but positives coming out of the new situation.

"I think it's a beautiful school," she said. "I don't have a problem with it."

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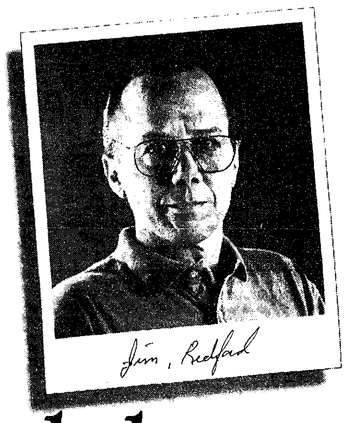

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Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's

A Bicycle Safety Workshop and Bike-A-Thon benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Novi Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme for the day is "Wheels for Life, Yours and Theirs."

The workshop will include bike identification etching, registration information, films and demonstrations on bike safety, safety helmets, and much more. This is free to the public and is being organized by members of Boy Scout Troop No. 407 of Novi.

The Bike-A-Thon will be running concurrently, following a two-mile course around the Civic Center and through an adjoining subdivision. Barricades, course markers and spotters will be placed along the course to guide the riders as they continue to circle the route, piling up the miles to aid the children treated at St. Jude's Hospital. The bikers may ride then donate, or may secure sponsors the miles they ride.

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The Bike-A-Thon is also being presented by members and friends of Boy Scout Troop No. 407. They are asking for donations of door prizes and refreshments for the riders.

For more information about either event, or where to pick up sponsor sign-up slips for the Bike-A-Thon, please call 344-2504.

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Try this on for size

Guess what Novi Public Information Director Cindy Stewart got as a going-away present at her city hall roast last week? Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford, who suggested Stewart might be too skinny, is behind the oversized shorts. Stewart accepted a similar job for the City of Dearborn.

Year will be one of transition at Maple

With students merging into Maple Elementary School from all directions, principal Susan Schreiber's task in getting the new year rolling was not unlike working on a puzzle.

But it's a task that Schreiber openly welcomes.

"'Growing Together at Maple' is our school-year theme," said Schreiber, herself new to Maple after transferring over from the Wixom Elementary where she also served as principal. "We're going to plant a new maple tree outside the school sometime in October.

"... We want them to focus on this as their new school home now. All of us are nervous at the start of this adventure, but it's already dissipating."

The challenge for Schreiber, however, is overseeing what will be a year of transition at Maple.

After the Walled Lake school board approved leasing Meadow Lake Elementary School from e Birmingham district, a redistricting effort shifted all but 60-80 students from Maple to Meadow Lake. Maple's principal last year, Scott Little, and six teachers followed the students.

Then, to fill the student void at Maple, youngsters were pooled from Pleasant Lake, Hickory Woods and Decker elementaries.

"The challenge, obviously, is that we're building a new community here, similar to when a new school is built, and making people feel welcome. We're here to do a good job of educating their children and want to communicate that to them," Schreiber said.

Parent Rose Copeland, whose son Bryan is among those 1994-95 Maple students remaining at the school, said she was willing to give the new setup a chance.

"I think he'll adjust without a problem," said Copeland whose son is entering the third grade. "Some of his old friends are still here. Kids have to learn to be adaptable anyway. But it remains to be seen. It's stressful on kids, for sure."

The importance of familiarity is not lost on Schreiber.

"We are making sure no student attending this school is without a friend from before," she said. "In one grade level there are three kids from Hickory Woods. So we put them all in the same class.

"If they see a familiar face, they will get more comfortable than if they feel alone."

CHADD support group announces its schedule

CHADD of Southwestern Oakland County – serving Novi, Farmington, Clarenceville and South Lyon – is a support group for adults and parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorders. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September-May (excluding December) at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road (between Eight and Nine Mile roads) in Novi from 6:45-9 p.m. A $5 donation from non-members is requested.

At the first meeting of the year, Sept. 12, attorney/psychologist Richard Landau will speak on the topic of "Educational Law: Your Child's Rights Within the Schools."

Landau, as a psychologist is not only familiar with ADD/ADHD but as an attorney, has had much litigation experience with regard to children's rights. He is an avid child advocate and will be able to inform and educate about IDEA, Section 504, IEPs and how to formally and appropriately seek the best education for a child with ADD/ADHD. Parents, teachers and school administrators all can benefit from this evening's topic.

Subsequent topics and speakers for the remainder of the year are: Oct. 10 – "Behavior Management Strategies for Home and School" with Carol Pearsall, MSW, Pinckney Schools; Nov. 14 – "Making Sense of ADD" with nationally-known Neuropsychologist Barbara Fischer; Jan. 9 – "Developing Self-Esteem" with Dale M. Duquet, MSW; Feb. 13 – "Camps and Summer Activities Night" with representatives from various camps; March 12 – "How to Plan for Your Child's Future" with Bonnie Ireland, Transition Coordinator for CAUSE; April 9 – "Neuroanatomy of ADD" with Pat Moyland, Ph.D., Pediatric Neuropsychologist of Children's Hospital and Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at Wayne State University; and May 14 – "Medications" with Viken Matossian, M.D.

For more information, call the CHADD hotline at (810) 486-2876.

Advice on handling new airport security

Increased security measures by the nation's airlines and at airports may cause additional congestion and delays for air travelers, according to AAA of Michigan.

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AAA Travel Agency, whose 45 travel agencies in Michigan sell more than $30 million in airline tickets annually, offers the following tips:

- Reconfirm your fight directly with the airline 24 to 48 hours prior to departure.
- Use public transportation or arrange to have someone drive you to the airport to avoid traffic and parking delays.
- Plan to arrive at the airport at least one hour prior to departure for domestic flights – at least two hours prior to international flights – to allow for increased security inspections.
- Make sure all luggage, both checked and carry-on, is tagged with the passenger's name. Identification should be placed both on the outside and inside of each piece of luggage.
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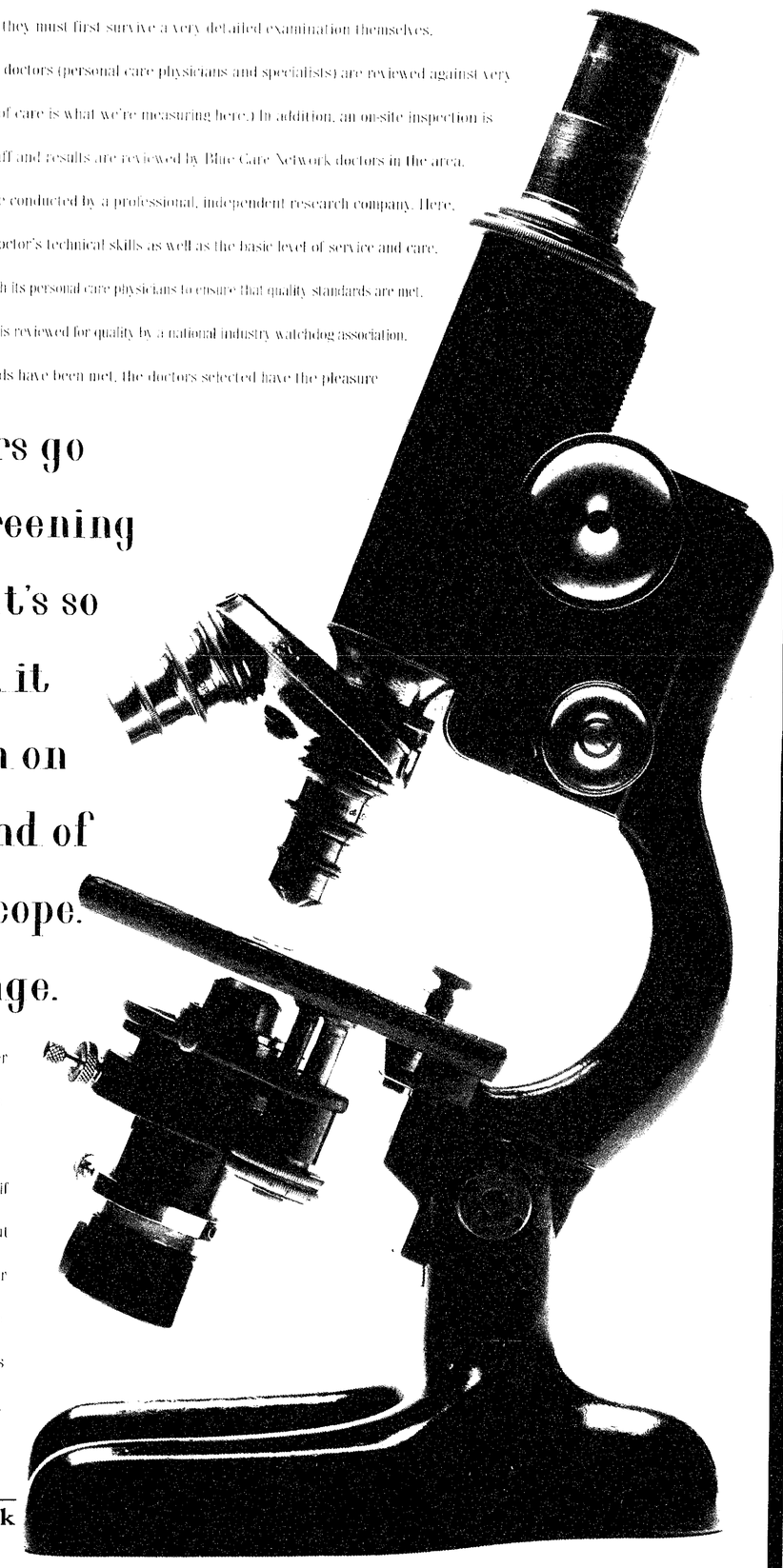

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Band boosters host annual bottle drive

Novi Marching Band students hit the streets in search of bottles and cans from area residents Saturday, Sept. 9.

The annual Bottle and Can Drive is a popular and profitable event coordinated by the Novi High School Band Boosters.

"Response from the community is overwhelming and all the deposits refunded by the drive directly benefit the band programs at Novi High School," said Toney Wilkerson VP Fund Raising for the Band Boosters.

Wilkerson directs an army of band students and their parents Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. till mid-day. Students are assigned specific routes to collect bottles and cans from residents. Homeowners may expedite the process by leaving the "collectibles" in plastic bags at the base of their driveway. Band students also visit door-to-door in their areas to remind residents and generate additional collections.

The bottles and cans are then taken to a special sorting station set-up by the Band Boosters at Farmer Jack, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook.

Last year, the one-day bottle and can drive netted $4,400 for the Band Boosters.

The funds are used to defer expenses on basic operating expenses of the Novi High School band program, such as music scholarships, uniform cleaning, and bank trips.

Marching band sets fall roster

The Novi High School Marching Band has announced its complete performance schedule for home football games and area competitions. As part of its fall schedule, Novi Marching Band will compete in five select competitions.

Scott Boerma, Director of NHS Bands, said he has the marching band primed for success.

"I am truly looking forward to an exciting band year. This year's band promises to be the most fun, the most successful and the most exciting group of people ever put together," Boerma said.

This year's musical show is taken from the Broadway hit *Anything Goes*. The program features music from Cole Porter's classic score, regarded as one of the most glorious in the history of American Musical Theater.

"Our *Anything Goes* show is already shaping up to be one of the best Novi productions to date," Boerma said. Three Cole Porter tunes including the smash hits 'I Get a Kick Out of You" and 'Anything goes - Overture' showcase the band's performance.

Besides the custom arrangements of the musical program, the band will use marching drills designed by Boerma.

"This opener is probably the hardest arrangement for marching band I've ever written in my life. The band is really rising to the occasion and performing very well."

A new look debuts for this year's marching band season. Following approval from the Novi Board of Education in February, the band ordered new uniforms for its 130 performers.

The new "cadet-style" uniform is white, with green piping and a sparkling emerald green and silver sash. They replace the green jacket/black pant outfits which were 10 years old. The color guard will be dressed in a "sailor" look ensemble to enhance the 1995 production of *Anything Goes*.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 8, Friday, Home Football Game vs. Hartland.
Sept. 22, Friday, Home Football Game vs. Mt. Morris.
Sept. 23, Saturday, Band Competition at Linden High School.
Sept. 29, Friday, Home Football Game vs. Milford.
Sept. 30, Saturday, Novi Fanfare Competition at Novi High School.
Oct. 9, Monday, MSBOA Marching Festival at Brighton High School.
Oct. 13, Friday, Homecoming Football Game vs. South Lyon.
Oct. 21, Saturday, Band Competition at Jenison High School.
Oct. 27, Friday, Home Football Game vs. Northville
Oct. 28, Saturday, Band Competition at Lakeland High School.
Nov. 4, Saturday, Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championships at Silverdome.

The Novi Fanfare Competition returns Saturday, Sept. 30 after last year's hiatus due to construction at NHS. The Fanfare features 10 top rated area and regional marching bands in an afternoon through evening competition. The Fanfare will be held at the Novi High School stadium. Over 100 band boosters and supporters volunteer to host the annual event. The Novi High School Marching Band will perform an exhibition program as the host band.

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Timco takes magic act to competition

Lisa Timco of Northville has always loved the art of magic. In 1993, she began serious study in her specialty - close-up magic. Learning from some of the nation's best, Timco made history this year by becoming the first woman ever to compete in close-up magic at Michigan's state magic competition.

With her out going personality and abundance of energy, Timco always has something up her sleeve for everyone. Children and adults both enjoy this talented performer.

Proud to be a member of the Society of American Magicians and representing 3 percent of the female magicians in the world, Timco is fast becoming one of Detroit's favorite magicians.

Timco frequently performs at America's Pizza Cafe in Royal Oak and Little Caesars Italiano in Dearborn. She has provided close-up magic for the American Cancer Society's 1994 black tie fund-raiser and Catherine McCauley's Health Center's Big Top Gala.

The public is invited to watch Timco in action on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. when she performs in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft Road prior to the Novi City Council meeting. The performance is free of charge.

For further information, contact the Novi Arts Council, 347-0400.

Remodeling show set for Expo Center

Aging homes are fueling a remodeling boom across the country and the metropolitan Detroit area. And that will be the theme of the third annual Fall Remodeling Show Thursday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Novi Expo Center.

"The average American home is turning 28 years old and Americans taste in homes have changed considerably over the years. The biggest difference is the desired size for kitchens and baths," said Janet L. Compo, president of the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. of Farmington Hills. "Kitchen and bath concepts are just the tip of the iceberg at this show where homeowners can find everything from major remodeling ideas to simple home decorating notions."

Special highlights include secrets of wallpapering, painting and faux finishes as seen on ABC's *Good Morning America* and Learning Channel's *Homebodies* by "Wall Wizard" Brian Santos, designer consultations and clinics from members of the American Society of Interior Designers, gardens created by members of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, local FTD florists' Christmas, Halloween and Welcome Home floral arrangements competition, Showcase of Distinctive Homes pictorial display of new homes sponsored by BIA, demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a treasure chest contest with daily prizes.

Over 200 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, interior design, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, pet accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center.

The Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are from 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $6 for adults; $4 for seniors; $3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for $9. Ample parking is available at the Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information call (810) 737-4478.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi firefighter Charlie Hughes cools off after battling an Eleven Mile Road house fire.

'We're not heroes' – Rohligs

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dog, Scooter, but Lenaghan says the woman reported otherwise. The pet apparently made it to safety on its own and is under the care of a neighbor.

Novi firefighters got the call at 6:55 p.m. and had the situation under control in 15 minutes. But due to the extent of the blaze, which spewed smoke plumes visible in Northville and at Twelve Oaks Mall, the department was on the scene stabilizing the building until 9:55 p.m.

Smith told the fire department that she lit a match in her living room and dropped it, when it ignited a blanket. She thought she quelled the fire out so she then went outside. But when she returned indoors, the living room was on fire.

The single-story, two bedroom home was made of masonry and Lenaghan said it's not known yet if any of the residence is salvageable.

Several of Smith's neighbors offered their assistance and helped in boarding up the windows after the fire was extinguished.

"A lot of people were pitching in," Lenaghan added.

Especially those new neighbors.

"We're not heroes. You do it without thinking. I think anybody would have done it," Kathy Rohlig said.

Maybury to host Honey Harvest

The Maybury State Park Farm's annual Honey Harvest will be held on Sept. 9 and 10 from 1-4 p.m. in the Demonstration Building.

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10:30 a.m. -- Basic Internet Resources
11:00 a.m. — Coffee and Conversation: 1994 Olympic Gold Medalist
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. -- Farmington Hills Police Journal
12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense With J.R.
1:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Vintage Volkswagens
1:30 p.m. — The Word of Life
2:00 p.m. — Your Library and Its Volunteers
2:30 p.m. — Totally Michigan II: Skydiving
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Founders Festival Pet Show
4:00 p.m. — Novi Police Memorial Day
5:00 p.m. -- U.S.O. Party and Awards Presentation
6:00 p.m. — Good Health: Exercise
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Indians of the Americas - The Ultimate Stereotype
8:00 p.m. — My Vote Counts: With Bill Costle
8:30 p.m. — Know your Rights - The Lease Agreement
9:00 p.m. — Senior Spotlight: Congressman Joe Knollenberg
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12
10:00 a.m. -- Cash Talks: Novi Fire Station
11:00 a.m. — Summit University
12:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger
1:30 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
2:00 p.m. — Focus on Families
3:00 p.m. — Paws With a Cause
3:30 p.m. — Community Kids
4:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Solar Powered Cars
5:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Fire Department Hot Stove
5:30 p.m. -- Living With Your Addictions
6:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Vintage Volkswagens
6:30 p.m. — Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: New Set
7:30 p.m. -- Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Novi's First City Council
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13
10:00 a.m. — Capitol Report
10:30 a.m. — Madonna Magazine
11:00 a.m. — Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m. -- Amvets
12:00 p.m. — The Way The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m. — That's Italian
1:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Women and the Right to Vote
2:00 p.m. — My Russian Friend
2:30 p.m. — Euthanasia: Advocates for Better Care
3:00 p.m. — Motorsports: EZ Rider and Drag Bikin'
4:00 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: Holocaust
5:00 p.m. — Impact Video
5:30 p.m. — Groove Session
6:00 p.m. — Chinese Cuisine and the American Pallett
7:00 p.m. — The Word of Life
7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
8:00 p.m. — Driving is a Privilege
8:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14
10:00 a.m. — AAA Summer Thing
11:00 a.m. — A Moving Experience
11:30 a.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: New Set
12:30 p.m. — Life Matters
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2:00 p.m. — North Farmington High School Percussion Ensemble
3:00 p.m. — Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Neal Rubin
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6:00 p.m. — Farmington Focus: Historical Museum
6:30 p.m. — Novi News Week
7:00 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: Holocaust
8:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal: Domestic Violence
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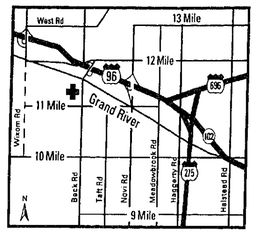

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Humanities is topic of seminar

Beginning this fall, a team of 18 teachers and six administrators from local school districts and six Madonna University faculty members will meet monthly to strengthen and enrich the teaching of humanities in K-12 schools.

The project, entitled "Bridging the Gap between Knowing and Teaching in the Humanities," has received support from The National Endowment for the Humanities which will provide Madonna University $172,000 in funding. School districts participating in this new undertaking are not yet finalized but so far include Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Grosse Pointe and Livonia.

"We are all partners in education," said Dr. Richard Sax, dean of Madonna's College of Arts and Humanities and project coordinator. "Education is lifelong, and we need to address this as a group."

Professional development opportunities for K-12 humanities teachers include 12 humanities colloquia scheduled over the next two years. This fall, Bert Hornbeck from Bellarmine College will lecture on Charles Dicken's novel, *Hard Times*, and, next March world-renowned novelist Chaim Potok will read from and discuss his novel, *My Name Is Asher Lev*.

Two two-week summer institutes will be held beginning in summer 1996. "Hearing Other Voices in American Culture: Multiculturalism and What We Teach," will examine the relationship between commonly taught texts and figures in K-12 schools in light of multicultural texts and issues. The summer 1997 institute, "Hearing Voices Across Borders: Internationalization and What We Teach," will explore texts from different international cultures.

Volunteer Notes

Museum needs volunteers

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff the museum gift shop. Volunteers can select dates and times convenient to their schedule. Training sessions are conducted monthly. For more information contact Barb Flis, Coordinator Volunteer Activities, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, MI 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

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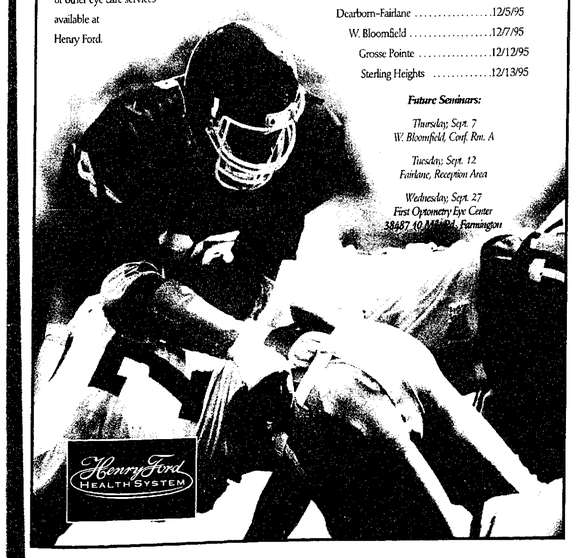

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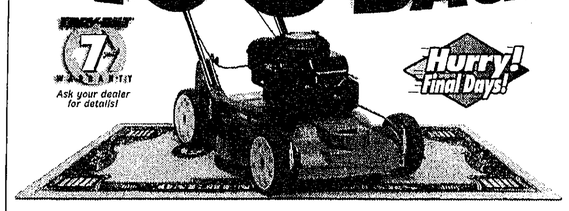

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As We See It

City must listen to concerns about Lakewood keyholing

Government

North end residents concerned about the plans of a development firm known as The Novi Group, to build a 231-home subdivision on the west side of Walled Lake called Lakewoods Preserve, have several very legitimate points.

However attractive the development may be to city officials, they would do well to keep the residents' concerns in mind.

The Novi Group, which consists of three building companies – Pulte Homes, Mark Jacobson & Associates and the Biltmore Development Corporation – wants to put $175,000 homes there on 206 acres. They've hired Bob Gibbs, who designed The Vistas, which were so well received by planners. They're looking to build a subdivision with a view of the lake, a swimming pool, a tennis court and a pavilion.

Northern Novi residents have said they are not opposed to the development; some even say it will be an asset to the area. But they do have concerns about the lakefront.

The subdivision would have rights to 49 boat slips, according to its frontage, but the developers say they simply want to deed the lakefront land the 231 new homeowners.

Current residents, members of the South East Shawood Homeowners Association and the Lakes Area Residents Association, say that will likely be a disaster, because they expect the home buyers will eventually want to convert the lakefront to boat access and a swimming beach. They fear it will eventually become a "keyhole" development, in which all the homeowners in the subdivision are given lake access rights.

Their concerns are well warranted. City officials would do well to remember the discontent of new city residents over the Greenway Trails system to recognize the potential for trouble with this plan. It does not matter what the plans were for the land, the new residents may well have their own vision of what it should be used for. And they'll be willing to fight for it.

Such "keyhole" developments have caused problems all across the state, radically increasing the boat traffic on lakes not large enough to handle it and, as a correlation, decreasing safety.

Normally we would take a slightly different view of beaches, since we believe access to bathing areas ought to be treated like a right. But this is a special case. The lakefront area in this case is breeding ground for fish and water fowl. Even swimming would likely be disruptive.

Several alternatives have been offered, including giving access rights to only 49 of the new homeowners in the subdivision.

But the suggestion we like best is the one that came from Planning Commission chair Laura Lorenzo, deed the property to the city. Any restrictions on its use, like no boat access and no swimming areas, should be written right into the deed, and then turned over the city government.

That seems to us the surest way to minimize impact on the lake, and assure that those restrictions will be upheld for the future.

Boat parade a success for area

North end residents have reason to be proud this week. The South East Shawood Homeowners Association held its first ever Boat Parade over the weekend, and by all measures, the event was a success.

The parade brought out 35 decorated boats and an estimated 300 people. In addition, the event raised $1,000 for the HAVEN, Oakland County's domestic abuse shelter.

Of course, the association says it plans to make this an annual event. We think that's great. It is exactly the kind of activity that help build community spirit. And in doing this, the association is using a feature unique to the area and often overlooked in the city – namely Walled Lake.

To the association, we offer a: "Good job, and good luck for the future."

Beautification is worthwhile cause

Make no mistake about, we're proud of our city. And as we all know, Novi is a pretty little town.

But, well, there are a few spots here and there that could use some sprucing up.

So it came as good new when the City Council appointed a Beautification Commission and put it on the job of encouraging property owners along Novi's main roads to spiff up a bit.

Ernie Aruffo was chosen as the commission's chair. The panel was rounded out with the appointments of Barbara Greenberg, Katherine Consentino, Elinor Holland, Connie Lake-Noble, Pamela Superfisky and Patricia Taub.

The commission will take over the city's annual beautification awards, and will be trying to come up with additional ideas of what can be done to encourage beautification efforts.

So far, the commissioners are looking to neighboring communities to ideas they can use. For example, in Farmington, the city honors any business which makes a significant improvement in the condition of their site. In Northville, beautification award winners are given framed photographs of the site.

The commission also hopes to coordinate efforts of residents who would like to upgrade the looks of intersections in the city. And it plans to coordinate with the Keep Michigan Beautiful Program.

It's nice to see such a program taking place. We wouldn't want anything more extensive, involving spending of taxpayers' dollars for esthetics, which be beautiful to some but not to others.

So simply working with the property owners to encourage them to do their best with their own land is exactly the right approach.

And besides the obvious benefits of improving the look of the city, you might just be surprised to find out how much aesthetic improvements can do for the attitude too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, and taste.

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

Libraries are magical places

Michael Malott

Libraries can be magical places. I knew that once a long time ago, but I'd forgotten it ... until this week when I got a heavy dose of reminders.

For one, this week is the 35th anniversary of the Novi Public Library. The library will celebrate with a "Brunch with Books" event Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

And as *The Novi News* prepared its coverage, Director Brenda Evans told me the story of how just a handful Novi residents — led by Dorothy Paquette — opened the library in 1960 and kept it open six days a week operating strictly a volunteer basis for several years. Eventually, voters approved a permanent millage for library operations.

"You wouldn't see that today," Evans said of the volunteer effort to keep the library open despite the lack of money. "They must have believed it was very important."

After hearing that story, I couldn't help but think about the hours I've spent in libraries over the years. It's nice to know somebody realized how important it was, even if I didn't.

I was about 12 when I started making regular treks by bike in the summertime to a small branch of the Flint Public Library about five miles from my home. It was a pretty small library now that I think back on it, but I could browse in it for hours. And it seemed like I was always alone ... just me and all those books just waiting to be discovered.

It was there that I developed the rather bad habit that I have in the way I use libraries. I'd wander among the shelves, looking at the titles, picking up this volume and then that one. When some subject finally captured my interest, I'd abscond with the librarian's foot stool and plop down right there in between the shelves to read. It was as if taking the time to check the book out or even walking to a table to sit down and read would somehow break the trance.

I've always figured libraries would save a lot of money spent on tables and chairs, not to mention floor space which could be better used for more bookshelves and of course more books, if they'd just invest in more of those little foot stools.

Another reminder of the magic libraries can contain came when my wife, Dana, dragged home a copy of *The Pagemaster* from the video rental store for our kids. It was an instant hit in with 2-year-old Zachary and 3-year-old Charlie as soon as the main character, Richard Tyler, was surrounded by a tidal wave of paint and turned into an illustration. One of the main characters in our household, Zachary turned to Mom and Dad after that scene and intoned an emphatic, "Wow."

Within a day, 7-year-old Samantha had turned her bedroom into a library, complete with "llabry cards" for every member of the family, a "fieshen" section and an exit sign above the door. Sam, of course, was the "llabryen."

Dad got to be her first customer, and I browsed her little collection until I came across a copy of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Of course, I couldn't help but sit down in the aisle and start reading right there.

Sam and I noted that it was one of the many classics mentioned in *The Pagemaster*. We started flipping through the pages looking at the pictures until we found an illustration of a squid, which Sam pointed out was the very same picture that the character Adventure had turned to in the movie, unleashing the creature in the library and forcing little Richard Tyler into the first act of bravery of his life in order to escape from its tentacles.

Yes indeed, libraries can be magical places ... even those set up in children's bedrooms.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell

A teary-goodbye

Cindy Stewart wipes a tear at her going away party

I may begin feeling older

Carol Workens

After a really bad run in with a nasty neighbor a few weeks ago, I was going to make that the topic of my column this time around. But after I calmed down, I decided to keep the nasty neighbor news for the longer story which will appear in the near future. (Incidentally, if you have had a run in with a neighbor, call me.)

I think it curious sometimes when a writer in a local daily newspaper frequently mentions her age, 43, in her columns because the reader will know the columnist can identify with her source because she's close to the same age.

There was a time when most physicians were older than me. When the tide turned I can't remember but now, the physicians seem to be younger.

When I went for an eye exam about six months ago, the still wet behind the ears optometrist, took one look at my paperwork and when he reached my date of birth information, looked up at me and suggested I should consider bifocals. This from a young man who probably hadn't even hung his diploma on the wall yet. In fact, we had to skip one test because he couldn't figure out how to turn on the machine. It took a month to get used to my new bifocals, but he was right. It was probably just a lucky guess on his part.

My recent physical from a doctor who had the nerve to suggest that at my age she would be conducting a baseline stress test, EKG and a chest x-ray. Followed by a lecture on how I should be exercising a half hour a day. Well, she's right on that account. I have been a non-exerciser. Which is the reason I was riding my bike two weeks ago when I separated my shoulder, which is doing much better by the way. So I had to give up exercising for a couple of weeks.

I didn't think we needed to do a separate stress test since the doctor was a half hour late for our appointment which made me late for picking up my children from day camp. That's stress enough.

Now, if I were to close without mentioning my age, would it make a difference to the story? Probably. You might think I'm 40-something, when in fact I'm only 42. Forty-something sounds as if you're close to 50 but can't quite admit it so you say 40-something instead.

Young at heart is what I am. So why do I need all those "old people's tests." My outwardly appearance suggests good health. I'm a trim 122 pounds, 5-foot-4-inches tall

You're as young as you feel is the counter side. If the inside ain't working right, no matter how young at heart I think I am, I may begin to feel older than I should if I don't start taking care of myself.

Carol Workens is a Staff Writer for The Novi News *and* The Northville Record.

How come parents ignore responsibility

Phil Power

When I was a little boy, my mother wouldn't let me go to the swimming pool from time to time during the summer.

"There's a polio outbreak," she'd explain. And she'd show me a picture from the local paper with a sad looking, paralyzed child trapped in an iron lung.

I remember the day long ago when the doctor told me to chew the sugar cube with the pink liquid on it. And I recall how proud and grateful I felt earlier this summer when I attended the ceremony at the U of M honoring Dr. Salk and the successful field trials for his vaccine against polio myelitis.

So it was with feelings of shock and dismay that I heard the news that Michigan ranks last – dead last! – among all the states in the percentage of preschool kids who are immunized against preventable childhood diseases.

According to the study just released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Michigan's 61 percent immunization rate for 2-year-olds is dwarfed by the national average of 75 percent. (The highest score was Vermont, at 88 percent, followed by Hawaii and Connecticut, at 86 percent.)

Not surprisingly, the biggest problem in Michigan is in Detroit, where only 50 percent of preschoolers have received their immunizations. This number is up substantially, however, from the measly 29 percent immunized according to the 1990 study, said Cynthia Taueg, Chief Health Officer for the city.

So how come so many parents ignore their overwhelming responsibilities to their own kids? The public health experts I talked to at the U of M offered a variety of explanations:

• It takes no less than five visits to the clinic to have immunized properly a 2-year-old against measles, rubella, mumps, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and hepatitis B. That's a hassle for any family, especially if both parents are working and don't have much health insurance.

• A lot of parents put off immunizing their children, and they don't learn about the state law requiring immunization until their kid goes to school on the first day of kindergarten. Not surprisingly, the immunization percentage increases dramatically after age five.

• There is a kind of Catch 22 at work here. Through past efforts at immunization we have dramatically reduced – in some instances virtually eliminated – childhood diseases. An entire generation of protected parents has no idea how lethal these diseases can be and, hence, little recognition of how important it is to immunize their children.

Be this as it may, it's still hard for me to tolerate the idea that two out of five Michigan parents are so irresponsible – so lacking in family values – as to leave their preschool children unprotected against terrible disease.

There's a wider dimension to this issue as well. Immunization is one of those cases in which the welfare of society as a whole depends heavily on the willingness of individual members to act responsibly.

It's an idea in public health called "herd immunity." Essentially, it means that if a high enough percentage of the entire herd is immunized against a disease, that sickness cannot be transmitted through the total population. But if herd immunity drops below a certain number, disease transmission increases dramatically.

The level of herd immunity required to protect society as a whole against measles, for instance, is nearly 90 percent, that's much higher than existing levels in many places in Michigan, which is why you keep hearing about periodic outbreaks of measles, especially in inner cities.

The herd immunity level required to interdict the transmission of polio, however, is much lower.

What a sad irony it would be if continued irresponsibility of individual parents would reduce Michigan's herd immunity level for polio to the point that I, in my turn, had to keep my son away from swimming pools in the summer, just the way my mother did for me.

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

Hit-and-run victim forgives driver

An open letter to the driver:

We met 11 years ago and though we were never formally introduced you made a huge impact on my life. We were both on our way to work when you hit my motorcycle and left me on the side of Eight Mile in front of Meadowbrook Country Club.

I suffered a fractured femur, a concussion, a closed head injury, a fractured vertebrae in my neck, a temporary loss of memory, and head and facial lacerations that required plastic surgery and hundreds of stitches.

I have had four operations on my right leg and hip, years of physical therapy, 10 years of almost constant never ending pain, and depressions so dark and deep that they made the ocean look like a puddle.

I lost the ability to read and reason for a time, alienated my girlfriend, family, friends and strangers. Lived an isolated, lonely, pain filled nightmare existence for a great many years, and thought that I would never recover.

I gained the ability to create beautiful objects from wood and metal (a 30-foot sailboat), an appreciation of my health (I'm training for the Leukemia Society marathon), a profession I hadn't considered and love (I'm a Novi teacher and coach), and an understanding of who and what I am that holds no illusions.

I'm writing to let you know that I forgave you years ago for hitting me, that was an accident. Though it took longer I've also forgiven you for leaving me. That was a decision made in panic and fear. I can only imagine what you felt as you drove away and how you've dealt with it over the years. I truly hope that you have forgiven yourself and haven't measured your life by that moment. I'm positive that you are a good person who made a mistake under extraordinary conditions.

I honestly believe that I came off the better for our meeting. I thought that it had destroyed me but now I wouldn't change a thing. I've gained more than I lost and I'm looking forward not back. I appreciate my life and health, am grateful I still learn and teach, and am amazed at how deeply I'm loved and love.

I've moved on and let go. I truly hope that you've forgiven yourself, and have gained something positive from our meeting. Take care.

Eric Hansor

Letters

Taub: Thanks for all the support

To the editor:

This is just a short thank you to the residents and business people who have written letters to the newspaper, have called me, and approached me in Novi to support me for my volunteer work on the Planning Commission.

I intend to continue serving on the planning commission until I am finally replaced by Mayor (Kathleen) McLallen.

I appreciate the fact that I have had an opportunity to serve and wish all well. I believe those who volunteer their time and efforts mean to do so in a positive manner and I wish the best and thanks to the City Council.

Again, I thank the many people who have supported me in the community and urge them all to remain active in community pursuits.

Robert E. Taub

Do you read own newspaper?

To the editor:

Do you read our own paper?

Since when is Novi CARES just a group of "PTA mothers" as you suggest in last Thursday's edition? Look closely at where CARE's financial support to tout bond and millage issues comes from: those who stand to gain (or who have already gained) financially; the architect of record – Fanning/Howey Associates, the underwriter for the 1993 bond issue – A.G. Edwards & Sons, contractors for the district – Data Serv Inc., the computer network installers – Childs Consulting Associates Inc., ... Where are the PTA mothers? I see big business who'll gain the millions taxpayers cough up to build. I had wondered who CARES was ... I now know.

CARES should have to pay a hefty fee for not filing the necessary reports detailing the group's expenses. If the group's treasurer, Barry Moore, CPA (Parker, Wittus & Co.) is involved as treasurer, doesn't he know his responsibilities? The report still would not be filed if it wasn't for a concerned citizen who took the time to look into CARES at Oakland County offices. (She was repeatedly told by those in the know that all was OK and she was wrong.) If Barry Moore thought waiver status was automatic to groups who spend less than $1,000, why wasn't the report filed? The group did not spend just $255 to print signs Sharon Condron's article uses several numbers to show expenditures – "$2,741" to get bond info out, and "$1,108" in expenses. Both numbers are over $1,000. What's the problem?

It seems that CARES represents special interests, and hasn't been all that up front in our community. Check their funding, then confirm the sloppy paperwork. A PTA mother probably would have taken care of this! CARES is a nice front for a local concern.

Rosemarie Denton

Editor's Note: State campaign finance law allows the reporting waiver if less than $1,000 is spent *per election*.

Novi CARES reports it spent $255 in the June '95 millage renewal, making it eligible for the waiver in that election.

The $2,741 and $1,108 figures were expenditures in the 1994 bond issue election, for which pre-election and post-election reports were filed.

Special thanks to parade support

To the editor:

The South-East Shawood Homeowners Association (SES) would like to express our sincere appreciation to area merchants and residents for their generous support. The first annual Board Parade and Picnic to benefit HAVEN could not have been the success it was without you!

Special thanks to:

Grand Marshall – The Honorable Judge Brian MacKenzie, 52-1 District Court Ruth Hamilton, Committee Chair ... You made the impossible possible!

Jim Korte for arranging for the clowns – they made the kids' day.

Robin Reeves – what a way to get to know your new neighbors and businesses.

Novi Village by the Lake seniors who decorated the Bingo prize bags.

From Novi, thanks to the following merchants: Frigate's Inn, Hamilton Services Inc., Carol Mason Inc., Red Carpet Keim, Gatsby's, Lakeview Grocery, K. Wood – Mary Kay Cosmetics, Grandma's Loft, V. Murff-State Farm Insurance, Olive Garden, Running Pit, Rosebud Home Decor, Kitchen Glamour, Salon Nadwa and Your Hair & Us. From Walled Lake, we thank: Key Largo Lakeside Grill, Walled Lake Marine, Big Apple Deli, Lake Plaza Market, and Town & Country Cyclery. And Feed Rite Pet Supply in Redford, King Marine Inc. in Commerce Township, Longshots Bar in Redford, Varsity Club Bar in Dearborn Heights, Wixom Bar in Wixom, Red Dog Saloon in Milford, and last but not least, Martin & Snyder Products Inc. in Detroit, also gave generously.

To all the many people who donated their time and efforts ... we would like to say a special thanks. The success is yours.

Sarah Gray
Secretary/Treasurer

Editor doesn't read own letters

To the editor:

It is questionable whether or not Mike Malott reads his own "Letters to the Editor." A letter to the editor printed in the Aug. 31 edition of *The Novi News* listed the major financial contributors to the school's Novi CARES committee. The committee was responsible for the signs and other costly propaganda supporting the last bond and millage proposals. These supporters were not – as Mike Malott stated – from "a small group of PTA mothers who felt they had something to say about a local school election." They are not even Novi residents. The big contributors are people and businesses who will benefit financially from receiving additional school district contracts.

The approved June millage renewal will generate hundreds of millions of dollars from Novi homeowners during its nine year time span.

Novi taxpayers, wise up and take care.

Frank Mikolajczak

District responding to survey results

To the editor:

Last spring the Novi Board of Education conducted a community survey to gather information about attitudes and opinions of voters regarding school issues. The results of this survey have proven to be very valuable to the board and administration as we prepare for future needs.

As a result of the survey, we learned that:

• Increased communication about a bond proposal was important.

• The community was committed to the neighborhood school.

• Parents preferred that fourth graders remain in a K-4 setting.

• Parents strongly supported building a new middle school and converting existing buildings for 5-6 and a new K-4 school.

• Bond proposal costs are important to voters.

These suggestions have been taken to heart. Every effort is being made to respond to community input by providing extensive information to the residents about the upcoming bond proposal for Saturday, Sept. 23. The decision to go with a Saturday vote was made in an effort to provide the greatest convenience for citizens who work outside the community. To date, we have received very positive responses to that decision.

In response to the community survey, the following actions are being taken:

Increased Communication

In keeping with the effort to improve communications about the bond proposal, I am happy to report that citizens are very pleased at the way that the school district is reaching out to inform the residents.

• Over 50 neighborhood coffees already have been planned with parents and community members.

• There will be two public forums held: one on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Novi Meadows, and one on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Village Oaks. Both are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

• A special edition of the Novi School's FOCUS newsletter will be mailed soon.

• An informative video about the bond proposal is being prepared for cablecasting.

Commitment to Neighborhood Schools

In response to the survey, the school district is committed to neighborhood schools which allows all fourth grade students to remain in their present elementary setting.

Bond Proposal Projects

The Sept. 23 bond proposal addresses the option supported by most of the voters in the Community Survey; i.e., build a new middle school and renovate and refurbish the present buildings for a new K-4 and a remodeled 5-6 building. Since this was what most of the respondents to the survey supported, the Board concurred. In addition, after reviewing facts that were presented during the survey, voters also realized that the school district had to address the growing enrollment.

Enrollment

As was mentioned in my letter last week the growing enrollment situation was addressed in a 1994 report by the Facilities Committee. Over the years many committees and individuals have studied enrollments in order to make projections. Although we know that projecting enrollments is not an exact science, the history of these studies in Novi shows that these actual enrollments were very close to projections. As school opened this week, the actual school district enrollment matches the committee's projections for the second year in a row.

Bond Proposal Costs

Residents should be pleased that the cost of the present bond proposal is approximately one mill. This millage represents a 50 percent decrease from the two mills requested the last time. The reduction is a result of the increased value of property in Novi and the very favorable interest rates available at this time. These conditions provide the community with a window of opportunity to address facility and educational needs of our students.

Next week I will elaborate on the school projects included in the bond proposal, and the costs of these projects.

I appreciate the interest and concerns that have been presented about the bond proposal. I continue to look forward to meeting with individuals and groups concerning any questions and comments you may have.

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Legislators back off of proposed reforms legislation

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Michigan legislators will be in no rush this fall to adopt the radical reforms on the State Board of Education's agenda.

"There's no chance the House Education Committee will adopt any of them," predicted Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, a former teacher who won back his old seat in 1994 with help from educators.

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, agreed, saying there was a large bloc of House Republicans who are cool if not chilly to the ideology of Clark Durant, president of the State Board.

Bankes said many Republicans are reluctant to speak out for fear of damaging Gov. John Engler's national ticket prospects. Engler recruited Durant as a State Board candidate and appointed similar ideologues.

"Stay loose on State Board or other specific proposals as to how the School code might be revised," Rep. William Bryant Jr., R-Grosse Pointe, advised his colleagues in a letter last month.

Bryant chairs the House Education Committee, through which all of Durant's proposals must be channeled. Bryant said new school laws in recent years should be given a chance to work, "not to throw that system into chaos or anarchy, or to destroy it."

Republicans have a razor-thin 56-54 control over the House.

Engler started the furor in his State of the State address when he proposed scrapping the entire School Code, to the delight of the Religious Right. Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, hopped aboard with an announcement that "Senate Republicans Repeal School Code," although the repeal movement stalled almost immediately in the Senate Education Committee.

Bryant said Engler "has told me, however, he did not realize then – but does realize now – that the Public Act 25 standards have really become appreciated and broadly well accepted over the past few years.

"Those items would be school improvement process and plans, the model core curriculum, the endorsed diploma test, MEAP testing, the annual (school building) report, accreditation (of school buildings), some form of assurance of teacher competence, and professional development."

Durant and his followers have attacked state regulation, a part of the Michigan Constitution since 1837, in virtually every form. They want to loosen the core curriculum standards, ease teacher certification rules, take off the cap on charter academies, allow total school choice, loosen the definition of "public schools," and allow districts and portions of districts to become "autonomous."

Bankes said business people at a Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce gathering this summer were disturbed at the State Board's agenda. Many reforms – particularly endorsed diplomas and proficiency tests – were adopted at the suggestion of corporate leaders.

Bryant said some portions of the School Code could be revised without repealing the entire act:

- Do away with different population classes of school districts.
- Give all districts "broad general, rather than narrow delineated, powers."
- Simplify the charter school sections once the courts rule on the constitutionality of the Noah Webster Academy.
- Reduce rule-making by the State Board.

Meanwhile, another lawmaker is pushing a plan to remove election provisions from the School Code and cover them in the Election Code. Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, would confine the entire state, including schools, to three election dates a year, reducing the number of millage elections.

House Speaker Paul Hillegonds, R-Holland, packed many religious conservatives onto Bryant's Education Committee this year. But Bryant, supported by moderates like Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, and Democrats have the votes to control the committee.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Walk to stamp out hunger

1995 Novi-Northville CROP Walk organizers are hard at work coordinating the annual event to raise funds for the Church World Overseas Program, a hunger relief effort. Dave Black, Chuck Jacobs and Carol Ann Donnelly look over this year's recruitment materials during a recent registration drive. The walk is a 10-K affair beginning at Novi Meadows Middle School at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 1. Call 349-2652 or 344-4464 to sign up. The target goal is $22,000 and 375 walkers.

Principal breathes life into profession

When Jerry Hartsock was growing up, he thought school was absolute drudgery. Now he's a high school principal trying to make going to classes so thrilling that students "dread Saturday."

Go figure.

The 50-year-old Hartsock, a veteran educator who last week began his first year as Walled Lake Central High School principal, explained why he joined the very field he despised as a youngster.

"For me it was dull as a stick," said white-bearded Hartsock, who doesn't look or act anything like a traditional principal. "I wanted to change it. I didn't want other kids to go through what I did."

Listening to lectures or watching slides on an overhead projector added up to complete boredom for the young Hartsock, enough so that he graduated near the bottom of his high school class in Indiana.

"It wasn't that I couldn't do the stuff," he said. "I just wasn't interested in it ... If not for SAT scores I'd never made it into college."

somehow, Hartsock – who spent 15 years as a principal in Alaska before serving as Howell High School principal in 1994-95 – ended up at Oregon State University. Decades later, he is on go to lead what he calls one of the most-forward-thinking high schools in the country.

JOB OF A LIFETIME

Yet his move to Walled Lake is a bittersweet one. Hartsock enjoyed being at Howell, only that the retirement of former Central principal Richard smith opened up the job of his dreams.

"I absolutely loved Howell," he said. "But Central High School is so innovative. There are very few schools like this in America. This is probably the only job I'd have left Howell for. It (the job) just happened to become open."

In terms of being progressive, Hartsock inherits a school where – despite a lack of classroom space – a new program called extended block scheduling was successfully implemented in January.

The program calls for students attending 95-minute classes, which are double the length of traditional classes, as well as team teaching. In the spring, for example, classes on subjects as diverse as creative writing and physics pooled energies to help build an electric car. This year, Hartsock said the computer drafting, English and social studies classes will combine efforts to design a golf course.

Hartsock explained that blocked scheduling enables teachers and students alike to get deeper into a subject, and not worry about jumping from calculus to gym to foreign language, which all require different thought processes.

The program fits his enthusiastic approach to education.

"I want kids to dread Saturday," Hartsock said. "that they'll skip Burger King and come to school. They need to experience success and know that it should be a thrill. Learning doesn't have to be drudgery."

NO ORDINARY GUY

Central students already are finding out their new principal is anything but dull or boring. All they need to do is look at someone who insists on wearing his hair a little longer, not to mention the beard.

"It at least gets their attention," Hartsock said. "I've heard a lot of that so far, 'Are you the principal?' They want to know if I wear an earring or ride a motorcycle."

Hartsock noted that his appearance should help him connect with some of the 1,500 students at Central.

"The problem with a school this large is letting people know who you are and what you stand for. So it's a struggle ... Next week I'm going to go to all the classes and have a conversation on what I believe in. Kids like to know stuff about you."

They might find out he once lived in a log cabin in Alaska, with no running water and an outhouse. "You didn't sit around and read magazines," he joked. "The first winter I was there it was 72 degrees below zero one day."

Protecting himself against frostbite meant sitting on a piece of Styrofoam packing.

They'll also fine someone with a Wayne Dyer-ish positive attitude.

"I think it comes from not being particularly bright," he said, with a big laugh. "There are plenty of things to be bummed out about."

Hartsock also will show Central students that he hasn't lost the inner child.

"Kids ought to see adults who still enjoy their lives and what they do," he said. "I think kids see adulthood as this long decline into geezerhood. I don't want them to see that. I don't think that's the way it is."

At least Central students won't leave their school with that impression, if Jerry Hartsock has anything to do with it.

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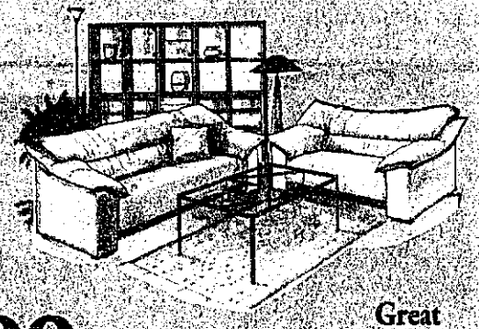

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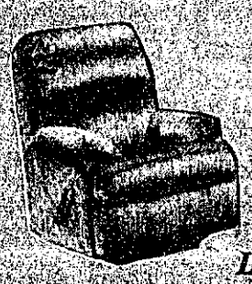

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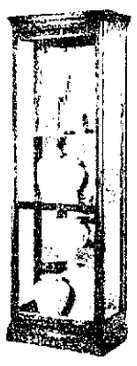

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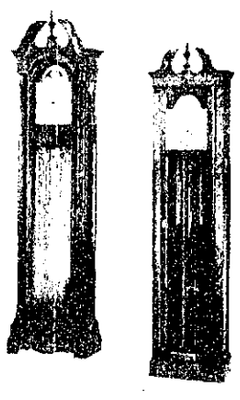

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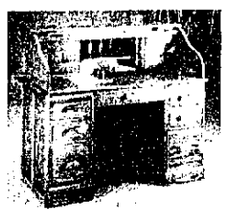

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opening doors to modern Victorian visitors

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Built in 1912, this home is typical of prairie architecture with its evenly matched sides and roof slopes which begin at a central point.

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The list of things to see and do at the Victorian Festival on Sept. 15, 16 and 17 is staggering. But one new activity that coincides with the festival and is a must see is the Northville Historical Home Tour on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For the first time in 16 years, some of the oldest homes in Northville are going to be open to the public.

"This is an interesting and fun event to add to your calendar of events during Victorian Festival days," publicity chairperson Betty Griffin said.

Of the five homes on the tour, three were built in the late 1800s, one was built in 1912, and the oldest was receiving its first renovation in 1840. All the homes are within a short walking distance of each other.

"This is the first public tour since 1979," said Nanci Olgren, chairperson for the Northville Historical Home Tour which is being sponsored by the Northville-Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Some renovations to these homes were in keeping with the homes' original architecture while others have changed the structures so dramatically the original homeowners would probably not be able to recognize their own homes.

Such is the case with the first home on the tour which was built by Nelson Schrader in the prairie architecture design which was popular between 1900 and 1920. The present owners carefully blended the old with the new when they added a large family room and upstairs bedroom in 1992. The American foursquare home was built in 1912 for $2,000 on land that cost half as much as the house and included indoor plumbing and electricity. The evenly matched sides and roof slopes on this home are characteristic of prairie architecture.

Schrader, a funeral director, also had a barn on the property for his two horses—a black horse for funerals and a white horse for family use. A fire in 1920 destroyed the barn, which was replaced with a garage.

The original oak pillars and woodwork can be seen in the living room.

The next home on the tour, which is also the oldest, is a simple cottage John Blackwood built around 1830 and has gone through more changes than owners during its lifetime.

During the 1930s, it was the home of Dr. Linwood Snow who operated Sessions Hospital, located three buildings to the west of his house. Snow also owned the two buildings between his home and the hospital which he used as nurses quarters and as his office.

The Italianate-Victorian facade seen on the home today is much different than the simple cottage look it sported well over a century ago.

Highlights of the home include the dining room's walnut pocket doors, a restored 10-foot by 4-foot table from the University of Michigan Law Library and a window seat believed to have been a porte cochere, or carriage entrance, where guests could stand while waiting to be picked up or dropped off.

In the guest room are antique file cabinets and an antique chest made of mahogany from Scotland. The current owners of the home have a large teddy bear collection, some of which are having a tea party in the dining room at their own small table.

A sea captain built the third home on the tour in 1874 with lumber shipped from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Hahns, who owned the home during the 1930s, remodeled it, creating the federalist colonial style seen today. The dormer windows in the upstairs bedrooms are original to the 1874 period.

A seating bench at the entrance to this home is a grain bin salvaged from the family farm. Other antiques include an English coffee table, armoire from the Starkweather House in Plymouth and dressing table from Vermont, which the family has collected over the years.

The current homeowner's grandmother made an assortment of quilts in common patterns such as Grandmother's Flower Garden and Dresden Plate which can be seen in the guest bedroom. The silk bedspread used in the master bedroom was crocheted by one of the great-grandmothers.

A notable addition to this home is the cherry paneled den. Northville craftsmen installed the paneling which had been individually wrapped in tissue paper to

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The oldest home on the tour, it has undergone many renovations in its lifetime.

Volunteer

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

LINDA HANDYSIDE

Handyside sees the future in kids

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"The kids are our future," said Linda Handyside in defense of the activities of Northville Youth Assistance of which she is an advisory council member.

What they are and what they do today can give us a preview of what they will direct for us tomorrow.

And that's why she cares so much about them and is now in her second term on the advisory council of Northville Youth Assistance. There are seven members – three men from the city, three women from the township, and one woman representing public schools – who meet monthly with Mary Ellen King, director, giving her guide lines and setting policy.

"It's a well-rounded group of people," she said with a variety of interests. "I'm employed as a medical assistant and I'm in organizations in Northville."

But not all volunteers or sponsors live in Northville. There are some who live in Plymouth. And one new sponsor is in Livonia. Mary Ellen King recently acquired a grant from Target Stores there.

Handyside's husband is also in NYA, as a mentor.

"He went through training five years ago" and was appointed mentor for a 10-year-old boy. "They go on special trips together, meet to talk, have breakfast, and we have him here at the house."

Northville Youth Assistance has no big money raisers, but it does make an appearance at the Victorian Festival. "We have a booth – sell pop. Everybody takes a turn."

Handyside has two children, a son, 22, and a daughter, 19.

If you are interested in being part of Northville Youth Assistance, call 344-1618 about the next training course for mentors.

Or if you want to look in on a monthly meeting, come to the high school on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. It's in room 157.

It's A Fact

Students Galore

Initial back to school figures show an increase of 257 students in the Northville Public Schools.

New and on-going classes offered for seniors

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

September is a busy month for those attending activities at the Novi Senior Center. In addition there are plans for November as well as the coming months.

The annual Flu Shot Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1 – *not* Nov. 2 as was printed in the Parks and Recreation brochure recently received in the mail.

For information call Jan McAlpine, center manager, at 347-0414.

Stop by and pick up the September calendar at the information rack by the Parks and Recreation information area.

While there, go down the hall and see Jan McAlpine who will be more than happy to discuss the programs with you. If you do not drive, ask her about van transportation, one of which was just recently provided by Providence, or the cab service when available.

She invites you and a friend to visit the center, transportation provided by their van service, and lunch for a minimum contribution of $2. Where else could you get transportation, lunch and entertainment for that price?

Many of the programs are planned before or after lunch which makes it convenient for all seniors in the area. Some of the programs include meeting with Medicare counselor Jack Main, reservations requested, who will help you with your concerns and questions. Other continuing programs are cards, Bingo, blood pressure every Wednesday, oil painting, and much more. New programs include one called deaf services presented by the Area on Aging who will check hearing, fix aids, etc.

A new Quilting Guild will start this month and you don't have to be one who quilts. Also new is senior stretch and strength class. Flyers are available at the counter.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL

An annual event will take place this Sunday, Sept. 10 when the church holds their Rally Sunday as well as the Chickenfest. On Rally Sunday the new fall programming season begins with the children in church school and the return of the chancel choir and their special music.

In addition, the community is invited to stop by the church grounds for a delicious dinner, either sit-down or take-out. The dinners include a half-chicken au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, desserts and beverages. Dinners are available from 1-4 p.m.; tickets will be sold at the door for $6.50 adults and $2.50 for children 8 and under, half portions. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile or call 348-7757 for information. If you want tickets ahead of time contact the church office or call Roy Dailey at 477-1621.

As you go into the church, notice the plantings in front of the meeting house on the east side. As a service project, Girl Scout Troop No. 481 has done the watering and weeding of that area. In addition, the church gives thanks to Louise Coleman for the planning of new landscaping but also for her efforts in caring for the plantings.

Novi Highlights

Also coming up will be the big fund raiser of the year – Meadowbrook's Second Annual Auction on Saturday, Oct. 21. The committee has received donated items from famous people, businesses and sports celebrities. In addition they are looking for new items, value $20 minimum, or services, for example, babysitting, addressing Christmas cards, restaurant certificates, concert tickets, etc. Dinner will be added this year from 5-7 p.m.

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

Over 30 adults were present at the first neighborhood service unit meeting recently held at the Civic Center under the leadership of Janice Church. The team members working with her this year include Genie Dupell as registrar; troop organizers Mary Reichel at Novi Woods, Tina Goodearl at Orchard Hills, Lynn Buccella at Parkview, Cathy Slovan at Village Oaks, Jeri Sunisloe at Novi Meadows-Novi Middle School, and Junior/cadette programmer, Jill Baty.

Those who will be heading up the neighborhood product sales will be Maria Caruso with the calendar and nut program, and Sally Collins as cookie manager. Also present at the meeting was Marci Shannon of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council located in Detroit. The 1995-96 calendar was presented with events starting Tuesday, Sept. 12 with Round-Up at Novi Woods; Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Parkview; Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Orchard Hills; Thursday, Sept. 21 at Village Oaks.

The next leaders meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Civic Center at which time the leaders will also be registering their troops. At the last meeting, Genie Dupell explained several new changes in procedures so those unable to attend the Sept. 27 meeting are encouraged to call Dupell. Leaders are also reminded that annual financial reports of troops are due at this time.

Many program ideas were presented at the meeting with a new service project called "Dress a Bear" for the Salvation Army. Novi has received 72 bears for dressing of which arrangements are being made to have them displayed at the library.

Other programs include the 1st annual Junior-cadette treasure hunt-road rally; mother and daughter bake-off and silent auction; ski trip to Mt. Brighton; Junior and cadette girl scout Olympiad, and father and daughter bike tour around Kent Lake. The date for the Novi Neighborhood Encampment for next year is Sept. 27,28,29, 1996. In addition, dates for our current Great Escape is Oct. 13 and 14.

NOVI NEWCOMERS

Reservations are to be in by Sept. 12 for the annual Kick-Off Dinner and program scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Novi Hilton. Everyone in the community and the surrounding area is invited to belong to the club, you need not be a newcomer. Those interested in the programs should come and find out more about the goals and ambitions of the club. The admission for the evening is $17, social hour at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. Jacobson's will present a fashion show following dinner. The committee has also arranged for hundreds of dollars worth of door prizes which will also help make this an enjoyable evening. Those attending are asked to bring a canned good to help with the holiday food baskets.

At the dinner there will be an Interest Group sign-up and also time to renew memberships. Presently there are over 200 members.

A reminder of the annual November craft auction set for Thursday, Nov. 16. The October general meeting will be held at Kitchen Glamour, Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Owner Toula Patsalis will present "Festive Holiday Menus."

The general meetings will be staggered this year so that those who have standard commitments elsewhere can attend at least some of the general membership meetings.

In the interest groups there is something for everyone. A new Ten Pin bowling league is being formed for Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15 a.m. at the Novi Bowling Alley. A nursery will be provided in September. Wednesday, Oct. 18 will be ladies day out, a bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The first annual "Best Ball" golf outing will be Saturday, Sept. 30 for couples at Glen Oaks, openings for 20 couples only. A fall color canoe trip family event is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 23 at Proud Lake. Other interest groups are available.

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

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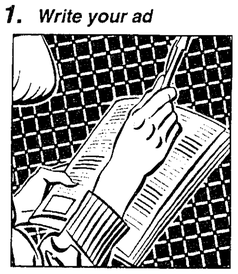

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Still time to get Town Hall Series tickets

There is still time to reserve your seat for the 35th season of the Northville Town Hall Series.

The lecture and luncheon series include four renowned speakers at 11 a.m. on Oct. 9, Nov. 13, March 11 and April 15 followed by a luncheon.

Opening the season will be Hope Mihalap on Oct. 9. Mihalap, a descendent of the first Greek family to settle in Virginia, has been compared to Lily Tomlin with her true-to-life impressions that come directly from first hand experience. She has her own Greek and Southern heritage to draw on, but she also spent a considerable amount of time taking in the accents and mannerisms of the North.

Mihalap graduated with honors from Vassar College where she was elected president of the student body, and spent four years as private secretary to Sir Rudolf Bing, general manager of the New York Metropolitan Opera. She married a Russian language professor, and raised three children and a dog.

Mihalap has been a newspaper columnist, an arts commentator on public radio and the voice behind many radio commercials. She speaks French and Italian, and sings in Greek for her church choir.

Throughout a long, award-winning speaking career, Mihalap has been funny without causing offense.

"I figure," said Mihalap, "the only person it's safe to make fun of is yourself. If I decide to sue myself for libel, I'm sure there are enough lawyers out there chomping at the bit."

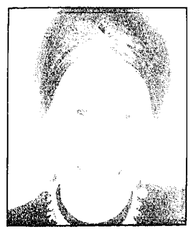
On Nov. 13, Phil Marcus Esser will be the guest speaker. For the last five years, Esser has located his base of operations on Old Mission Peninsula in the middle of Traverse Bay where he designed entertainment for the Grand Traverse Resort.

He created and produced shows for the Traverse City Opera House and produced, developed and designed special entertainment for corporate, municipal and national organizational events. Now he has come back to the Detroit metro area to refresh his spirit.

Esser has been a singing performer all his life. Twenty-one years ago he began a second career as director with the musical *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris.*

The success of this production done "cabaret style" in Detroit's first dinner theater was followed by *Personals, In Celebration of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya, Cole Porter at the Book Cadillac* and over 50 other original concepts.

Described as "the perfect romantic baritone," Esser has been acclaimed both for how he sings and for what he chooses to sing. He received the Eighth Annual Michiganian of the Year Award for his work and its contribution to Detroit. He is recognized for his support of human and civil rights. He loves Detroit because, he says, "All my heroes live here."



HOPE MIHALAP

KAYE LANI RAE RAFKO

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Miss America 1988, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko, will be the speaker on March 11. The former Miss America holds the distinction of being the first registered nurse to be crowned.

Her education began in Monroe at St. Mary Academy, and she is now pursuing a master's degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She has been recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans of 1993 by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Rafko holds memberships in the American Nurses Association, the Oncology Nursing Society and is licensed both in Michigan and Ohio. She belongs to the American Federation of TV and Radio Artists.

She uses her visibility as a former Miss America to focus national attention on critical health care issues including AIDS, pulmonary disease and cancer. She has traveled to 48 states and six countries. She addressed a Congressional subcommittee in Washington, DC, in 1987 about nursing concerns.

Rafko has prepared public service announcements, participated in fund-raisers and made presentations to many groups from junior high school to medical associations. She married in 1989 and is the mother of a 3-year-old son.

Dr. Vladimir Sakharov will close the series on April 15. Once described by the CIA as "the most knowledgeable defector on record," Dr. Sakharov gained a reputation for his unique and totally unconventional foresight into what was to happen in Russia.

Born into the ranks of the Moscow international elite, he became a leading diplomat and intelligence officer representing the Soviets. Later, he became a special operative courting Egyptian counter-intelligence agents and gained access to Anwar Sadat. During this time he worked as a "double agent" passing information to the United States.

He despises being called a defector because he came out when "glasnost" and "perestroika" did not exist. Disillusioned with the Brezhnev regime, he risked his life to become an American.

Since coming to the West, he has accomplished a great deal, beginning with his international best seller, *High Treason*. He received his Ph.D. in international relations and law from USC, and worked at Stanford University, Universidad de Mexico, the United States Air Force, and served as an advisor to the FBI.

He has been featured on the *60 Minutes* segment "Three NBC White Papers," worked as a commentator with CNN during the Persian Gulf War, and has appeared on NBC, CBS and BBC broadcasts.

The price for the season lecture and luncheon series is $90. Lecture only is $40 and individual luncheons are $15.

The lectures and luncheons for the 1995-96 season will be held at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia.

For more information regarding The Northville Town Hall Series for 1995-96, call the general chairman, Nancy Ishac, at (810) 489-9622 or the ticket chairman, Barbara Armada at (810) 349-7255.

To order, mail a check with a stamped, self-addressed envelope with detailed ticket information to Northville Town Hall-Tickets, P.O. Box 93, Northville, MI 48167-0093.

Michigan's ACLU leader is guest speaker at Rotary

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Howard Simon, head of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan since 1974, spoke to about 50 members and guests of the Novi Rotary Club on Aug. 31.

Simon took this opportunity to set the record straight about the ACLU which was founded 75 years ago and answer a few questions from the audience.

"It was the founding of our organization 75 years ago, whether you agree with lots of things we do or disagree with lots of things we do, it is the case that we have had more influence than any other organization in shaping how we all understand what constitutional rights are.

"The people that founded our organization essentially invented a way for enforcing the rights that people had written into the Bill of Rights as a commitment from the government to the people," Simon said.

"The founders of our country who wrote things like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, are genuine American heroes and are widely regarded as farsighted geniuses who gave the world a unique form of democracy that has lasted in this country for 200 years.

"Those were very nice sounding phrases and they were rights promised to the American people, rights that the government promised to respect and yet without being implemented there is no way to make them a reality."

"Frankly I think the public schools do a lousy job of teaching people about it (American democracy)," he said.

There are two major principles in the American system of democracy, according to Simon. The first one, and the one kids learn first in school, is that the majority rules.

"What people don't understand is that there are limits to the power that the majority has and those limits are found largely in the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments of the United States Constitution," he said.

"Whatever the majority says does not go," he said. "On those things that are fundamental, even the majority cannot interfere.

"We have a system for enforcing the rights, not empty promises," he said.

"That's what makes the work we do, almost by definition, unpopular because what we do is stand up for these rights and basically say to the majority you have exercised the power of government in a way that intrudes upon the fundamental rights of individuals, or minority groups, or unpopular groups," he said.

Simon gave the example of whether a resident had the ability to put up signs on his own property, even though the majority of residents didn't want the signs up or didn't approve of the content of the signs. The resident still has the right to free speech.

Misunderstandings Simon came to clarify are that the ACLU is not an agency of government.

The ACLU is a volunteer organization of about 300,000 members around the country, with 8,500 in Michigan providing free attorneys in some 6,000 cases around the country per year, with about 75 cases in Michigan in which people's constitutional rights have been violated.

The ACLU is non-partisan. "We sue Democrats and Republicans alike," he said.

Simon said the ACLU is not a liberal organization but more like a fourth branch of government. "If we didn't exist someone would have to create us," he said. "We have become part of the legal system and evaluate its constitutionality."

The ACLU is not anti-religious, according to Simon, but they do believe that state does not belong in church.

Simon also said that the ACLU is not anti-police or anti-law enforcement.

The ACLU is now involved in issues about privacy, physician-assisted suicides and the public education system.

Questions from the audience asked for Simon's thoughts on the use of cyberspace and free speech versus the rights of future victims.

"Sexual assault is a crime and should be prosecuted," Simon said. "Writing disgusting stuff is not a crime. The law has to make a distinction between a college kid who sits in his room and fantasizes about sexual episodes, even violent sexual episodes."

"My rights stop when it begins to interfere with some other person's right.

"Every right has a limit. There are limits on where I can speak, how I can speak, what the government cannot do is regulate the content of what I say. I have a right to protest something you stand for but I don't have the right to do it at three in the morning.

"There is a difference between regulating something and regulating it out of existence," Simon said.

The last question addressed the problem of applying the principles the founding fathers set forth in a technological age today that they could never have dreamed possible.

Simon also encouraged every one present to join the ACLU.

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.

"On Being Single: From the Pain of Loneliness to the Joy of Self Reliance" or "Gender Babble" will be the topics on Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Bill Rowell, Ph.D., and Sylvia Rubach, respectively. The cost is $4.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will run for seven weeks on Thursday evenings from Sept. 14 through Oct. 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $30.

"Looking at Ways to Find and Keep Lasting Love" will be the subject of speaker Robert Handelsman on four Thursday evenings, Sept. 21 to Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $28.

"The How-To's of Healthy Relationships" will be the focus of The Fall Retreat Oct. 13-15 at Miniwanca Retreat in Shelby, Mich. A $50 non-refundable deposit is due Sept. 28. The cost is $135.

Volleyball is played every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Place Apartments on Eight Mile Road between Griswold and Meadowbrook in Northville. The cost is $1.

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

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 holiday cruise will leave for Nassau in the Bahamas on Nov. 24 and return Nov. 27.

For more information call (810) 478-9181.

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Church Notes

The Jim Browne Memorial Chickenfest at **THE MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will be on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are available in advance and at the door for $6.50 for adults, $2.50 for children age 8 and under. Carry out is available. For more information, call Derek Fournier at (810) 960-0174.

The WSC Fall Rummage Sale will be held Friday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m and Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 348-7757.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road, just west of Haggerty, in Novi celebrates the beginning of fall with "Welcome Back Weekend" on Sept. 9 and 10. Worship Services will be held Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. and, at the same time, a "Family Forum" for adults and youth will be offered with an emphasis on relationships in the home.

At noon, all are invited to a Hot Dog and Corn Roast on the back lawn of the church grounds. There will be good food, fun and fellowship for all ages old friendships are renewed and new ones are made. Visitors are invited.

For more information, call the church at (810) 477-6296.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty Road in Northville, will begin its Ladies Tuesday Bible Study on Sept. 12. The morning women will begin at 9:15 a.m. and study the book of Judges, Ruth and I Samuel this year. Child care will be available through kindergarten age.

The evening study begins at 6:55 p.m. and has child care available for toddler through young elementary. The evening group will begin with basic Bible study skills titled "Face to Face with Jesus," and will be studying the book of Luke during the fall semester. All are welcome.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will hold its first youth and adult Sunday school sessions on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m.

Youth classes are initially grouped for non-readers (ages 3 to 5), early readers (ages 6 to 8) and readers (ages 9 and above).

The first adult class is titled "Archaeology and the Bible." The six-week course is taught by congregation member Mike Cooley, who previously taught this course in local Lutheran churches. He has an engineering degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles.

Worship follows at 10 a.m. on the theme of "Coming Home."

The mission's first youth confirmation class begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12.

The mission meets at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, on the Kellogg Park Square in downtown Plymouth.

For more information contact pastor-developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a mandatory parent orientation for Religious Education students in grades pre-K through eight on Sept. 10 or Sept. 17 at 10:45 a.m. in the church. One parent must attend.

A volunteer orientation meeting will be held on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. in the church. Volunteers need not attend the parent orientation meeting.

For more information, call the church at 347-7778.

The Adult Volunteer Choir of the **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY,** 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will resume weekly rehearsals on Sept. 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining can call the church office.

The church's mixed bowling team needs teams. The season begins Sept. 10. For more information, call 348-5316.

For more information, call the church at 349-8847

The Youth Choir of **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH,** 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will resume rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Any child from first through eighth grade is invited to join. Sign up at the church office.

For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

Youth group leaders are all geared up for new school year

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

When students return to Northville United Methodist Church's youth program on Sept. 13, they will find an updated program with more trained adults than in the past.

The motto this year is "Remembering who you are and whose you are."

"We have implemented positive changes," said David Holder who took over the voluntary position of youth director in January. "There will be a greater emphasis on treating each other as children of God."

Over the summer, eight adults along with Pastor Douglas Vernon attended a three-day LOGOS System/Youth Group training session.

The emphasis this year will be to turn the LOGOS program which has been in use since 1973 into a LOGO System, with complete parent and community involvement. To participate community members need to love God, love youth/children and have a talent to share.

New this year will be the installation of a youth group board of directors who have been meeting once or twice a week since June in preparation for opening day on Wednesday.

The student/adult ratio this year will be about 8 to 1, with about 85 adults working various times throughout the year. Approximately 160 to 165 students are expected to attend each of the three sessions which begin Sept. 13, Nov. 29 and Feb. 28.

The youth group draws fourth through 12th graders from seven school districts – Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Farmington, Walled Lake and Plymouth-Canton.

The church first began the LOGOS program in 1973 with 25 students. Two adults who have been with the program since day one, Oliver Collins and Doris Close, were among those who attended the recent three-day training program.

The LOGOS System incorporates the whole church and community into the four-part context – Bible study, recreation time, dinner or family time and worship/choir skills.

"The heart of the program is Bible Study," Holder said.

Changes to the weekly Wednesday evening program include the fourth through sixth grade students attending the recreation time when they first arrive at 4:15 p.m. Another change to the program will be the dinner hour. The fourth through sixth grade students will have dinner time at 5 p.m. while the seventh and eighth grade students will eat at 6 p.m.

"Dinner time is a relation building time with each other and the table parent," said Holder.

"We are children of God and should treat each other that way by kind acts," Holder said. Activities during recreation time are designed so that they are at no ones expense.

Holder has been a parishioner for almost 12 years. He and his wife have been involved with the youth group for about six years and have two daughters, 14 and 17, participating in the program.

Novi scout attends world event in Europe

Ryan Velzy recently returned from Holland where he was among 30,000 teenage youths from more than 100 countries who attended the XVIII World Jamboree in Holland Aug. 1 through 11 near Dronten, Flevoland, which is approximately 40 miles north of Amsterdam.

With the theme "Future is Now," Velzy tested his skills with teenage youths from many lands, taking part in competitive events and enjoying the fellowship and pageantry of world Scouting. Jamboree activities included touring while en route to and from Holland.

Ryan and three other Scouts from Northville Troop 755 joined with Scouts from across Michigan and formed Troop 323 under Scoutmaster Bruce McCrea for the trip.

Ryan is a junior at Northville High School and the son of Jerry and Barb Velzy of Novi.

Wedding

Dr. Timothy and Katherine McKernan

Katherine Elizabeth Veldman of West Bloomfield and Timothy Bernard McKernan M.D. of Novi were married on July 8, 1995, at St. Regis Church in Birmingham.

A reception for 225 guests was held at the Italian American Center of Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Henry and Mary Veldman of West Bloomfield. She graduated from the American School of Paris in 1989 and the University of Michigan in 1993. She is employed by Comerica Bank and is currently a student at Wayne State University in the master's of business administration program.

Kelly Beidinger, cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Olivia Lee of Birmingham; Sara Sjoberg of Bloomfield Hills; Adriana Rodriguez of Tallahassee, Fla.; and Katie DuBois of Ypsilanti.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Nancy McKernan of Pinckney. He graduated from Novi High School in 1986, Wayne State University in 1990, and Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1994.

Dr. McKernan is employed as an emergency medicine resident at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Patrick McKernan, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Dominick Veldman, brother of the bride; Steven Hendrick M.D. of Detroit; Alan Rosenberg of Farmington Hills; and Gary Cubberley of Plymouth.

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preserve the finish on the walls of the former screen porch.

The fourth home on the tour has gone from private residence to hospital, to medical clinic, to bed and breakfast and back to a private residence.

Darius Knapp built the home in 1882. It was purchased by Dr. R. E. Atchison in 1926 who converted it into a hospital. In 1960 the building was used as a medical clinic for the next 27 years.

In 1988 the current owners bought the building and ran a bed and breakfast inn for 3 years. Over 100 hands were joined in marriage during that time. In 1991, it was restored to a private residence.

Some of the many antiques in this home are a pre Civil War cabinet, a rare European English bench and chairs with lions heads and two Murphy beds with faux fronts and heavy casters which enable it to be turned 180 degrees for use at night. A pre-Hoosier baking table which is now used as a desk for the family's home-based business with the flour and sugar bins serving as their bookcase.

Changes in the home are apparent through the use of five different types of wood used in the floors.

Lastly, the cottage Gothic style four room home built in 1880 by William Stark, a store owner in Northville, has more than doubled in size. Stark's son-in-law, James Congo, added the dining and kitchen area. The present owners also made an addition.

The home's original fireplace still stands in the living room, which was probably the kitchen area when the home was first built.

Only the exterior of this home meets historical specifications set by the Historic District Commission of Northville. The interior renovation work was directed by the homeowner.

The home has been completely refurbished with new wood floors, windows and ceramic tile in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Renovations to the home and carriage house, which took a year, include a large family room and laundry area downstairs and a bedroom/bathroom upstairs.

The first floor of the original carriage house is now used as a garage while the hay loft serves as office space for the current owner.

Over 70 hostesses will be available to answer questions. Some will be in period clothing.

A limited number of tickets which include a map and an informative guide to each home are available for $10 and may be purchased from any AAUW member, Bookstall on the Main, Brickscape, Kitchen Witch and the Chamber of Commerce. Call the Chamber at 349-7640 for information. Ticket prices the day of the tour are $12.

Proceeds from the tour will be used for scholarships at Schoolcraft Community College and Oakland Community College at the local level and at a national level. The AAUW math and science camp for girls which is held annually every summer at Maybury State Park will also benefit from the proceeds of the tour.

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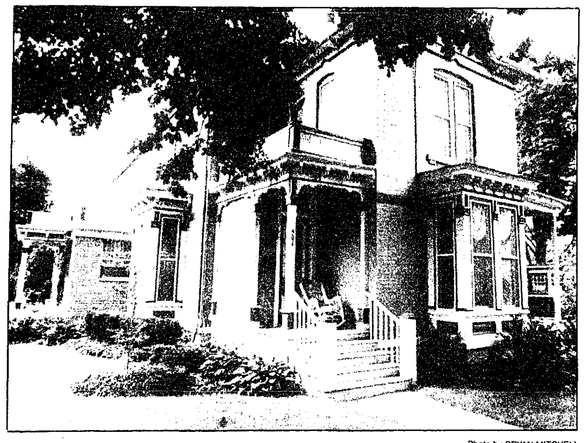
After extensive remodeling, the facade on this home is now Federalist Colonial.



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This home has been a private residence, hospital, medical clinic, bed and breakfast before recently being returned to a private residence.

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This home has a Michigan basement and the original carriage house which is now a garage.

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Northville Players perform melodrama

The Northville Players will be presenting *The Black Cloak*, an original melodrama written and directed by Brian McGinn, during the Victorian Festival. Performances will be Friday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16 at 1, 3, 4:30 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. All performances will be at the American Legion Hall on the corner of Center and Dunlap.

In the play Rosalind has a problem. She has arranged for her brother's girlfriend to make a surprise visit to him on his birthday but Amanda brings more surprises than Rosalind anticipated. Amanda has problems of her own, not the least of which is the fear that what she wants most in life could lead to her untimely doom. And what of brother Henry? Will he lose both the woman he loves and his life because of the secret plot against him? And just who is this mysterious Black Cloak person who has been thwarting local criminals, and will he be able to get to Rosalind in time to save her from the deadly clutches of the mysterious Dr. Mago?

photo by SUE SPILLANE

The Black Cloak includes as its cast members from left, Julie Norback, Nancy Schuster, Craig Hipsher, Brent Albrecht and Fred Wicks.

The cast includes Brent Albrecht, Cynthia Bullington, John Bullington, Frances Colucci Hill, Mary Anne Colucci, Robert Hill, Craig Hipsher, Brian McGinn, Julie Norback, Nancy Schuster, and Fred Wicks. Tickets are only $3 for adults, $2 for senior citizens and children under 12 and will be available at the American Legion Hall before each performance.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for both the Wizard of Oz and The Pale Pink Dragon will be held in September.

Auditions for the Wizard of Oz will take place Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and on Sept. 10 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Adult auditions will be on Sept. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Performers must provide their own sheet music and be prepared to sign a song in their vocal range. An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions for the Halloween show, The Pale Pink Dragon, will be held Sept. 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Boys and girls ages 8 to 16 will be asked to recite a poem for the audition. The show will open Oct. 14.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call (810) 349-8110.

MIDWEST DANCE THEATRE: Auditions for the full-length production of The Nutcracker Ballet will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the academy located at 1160 Welch Road in Walled Lake.

Dancers ages 7 to 12 will audition from 2 to 3 p.m. and intermediate and advanced dancers from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Adult actors will audition from 4:30 to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 669-9444, 437-6786 or 437-5434.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions by appointment will be held two Tuesdays, Sept. 12 and 19, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Some openings remain for sopranos and altos, but the greatest need is for tenors, baritones and basses.

For additional information call 669-9444 or 437-6786.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders include an autograph session with Eric Carle, author of the children's books The Very Quiet Cricket and The Very Busy Spider, on Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.

On Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Narcisse Loba Akou entertains with rhythms of Africa at Cafe Espresso.

On Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. a free Workshop on Household Safety will be available for babysitters. Also on Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. flute and violin duo Euterpe perform as part of the Classical Music Month of Sundays.

On Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Sir Morgan from the Michigan Renaissance Festival will give a demonstration about armor and talk about life as a medieval knight.

The 1995 Teacher Reception will be held Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Local young adult author David Skinner (You Must Kiss a Whale and The Wrecker) will be signing books.

Bring your finished or incomplete works to Poets in Cahoots on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. for helpful hints.

Borders is located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the performances that are held at 7:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to select city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner 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: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS: Performances of the melodrama *The Black Cloak* will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville, during the Northville Victorian Festival, Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performance dates for *The Shoemaker and the Elves* will be held Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24, at 2:30 p.m.

For further information, call (810) 349-8110.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner/theater program continues at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are $27.95 per person.

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

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

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENITTI'S: *Holey Matrimony* runs through October.

The audience will become the friends and relatives at the wedding of Myron Feigenbaum and Serafina Spazzolino.

Admission to the wedding and reception is by reservation only.

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

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

MUSIC

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents the light jazz music of Gary Cooper on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 p.m. to midnight through Sept. 16.

On Sept. 13, Detroit Symphony Orchestra harpist Christa Grix will perform from 9 to 11 p.m. Christa also performs with the Grix Trio.

On Sept. 14 guitarist Michael King will perform.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For more information, call 305-8629.

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

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

Upcoming cigar mixers will take place Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Included are three exclusive cigars, a five-course meal and a blend of wines and cognacs.

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 everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming performances are Sept. 8 Brad Dase, 8:30 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 9 Carol Smallwood, 3 to 5 p.m.; and Shedding Pony Moon, 8:30 to 11 p.m.

The cafe is located at 110 Main-Centre in downtown Northville.

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

MR. B's FARM: Mr. B's Farm, a fun, casual place on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, 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 349-7038.

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

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

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues "jam" every Tuesday by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m.

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

ART

ATRIUM GALLERY: The gallery is presenting Christine Unwin of West Bloomfield. Unwin is inspired by the sights and thoughts of traveling throughout the United States and the world. Her style ranges from abstract to the realistic, from watercolors to collages and mixed media.

Unwin has also published a collection of fine artwork, *The Artistic Touch*, which is available at the gallery. The show will continue until the end of September.

The Atrium Gallery is located in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call (810) 349-431.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Summertime is flower time in Northville and flowers are all over the walls in the studio and gallery of Caroline Dunphy. Watercolor paintings of spring and summer flowers may be seen in the windows and on the walls of the gallery at 140 North Center Street.

Look for Dunphy's one-person show in the fall of her recent visits to gardens and villages in Germany and Austria.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday, or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

GATE VI GALLERY: The works of pastel artist Bill Whikehart will be featured through mid-October.

Gate VI is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

MUSEUMS

MOTORSPORTS: The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span.

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The national Hall of Fame honors 66 Heroes of Horsepower, from 10 different categories, from air racing to motorcycle racing, from the early part of the century to current champions.

The museum also showcases exhibits and photographs of the personalities, manufacturers and machines of all types of racing and their rich legacy.

The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center, at I-96 and Novi Road (Exit 162).

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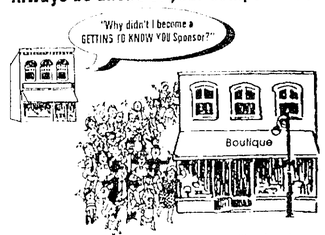

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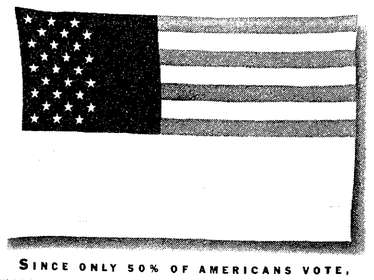

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Travolta spices up "Saturday Night Fever"

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER
By Helaine Binstock
Novi

While the Bee Gees' outstanding music and the film's many exciting dance numbers spice up "Saturday Night Fever" (1977), it's characters make it exceptional.

First, there's Tony (John Travolta) — a "nobody" to his family. His brother, a priest, is the family's pride and joy. Tony, on the other hand, gets no respect from his parents, just repetitive heads bops. At work, it's no better! He works for meager wages at a paint store and knows he'll probably stay there forever. He considers himself a loser, a bum ...

Not so, on Saturday nights! At the dance hall, he's the king, respected and loved by everyone! He's the best dancer, best looking, best dressed, revered for his talent. He spends all week preparing his wardrobe for the big night, the Saturdays that preserve his sanity and self respect.

There's a girl who attempts to better herself pretending to be something she's not — and another, Annette (Donna Pescee, formerly of "Angie"), who'll do anything to get Tony's interest.

Tony's peers' conceptions of "machismo" is to swear, take dope and "make out" in the back seat – so carefully observe the R rating!

View this video some Saturday night, for an absorbing evening and possibly a nice fever.

THE FIRM
By Dan Clark
Novi

Director: Sydney Pollack

Cast: Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Holly Hunter, Ed Harris, Wilford Brimley, Hal Holbrook, David Strathairn, Gary Busey.

Forget the fact that Tom Cruise is playing a Harvard law school graduate and concentrate on his surprisingly low-key (and overall effective) performance in this amiable adaptation of John Grisham's best seller.

Cruise plays a happily married man who joins a prosperous Memphis law firm that enables him to a high salary and delectable benefits. But he soon discovers he must partake in his company's corrupt dealings or not make it out of the firm ... alive.

Outstanding turns by the supporting cast lend strength to this thriller. Jeanne Tripplehorn ("Basic Instinct"), Gene Hackman ("Wyatt Earp") and Best Supporting Actress nominee Holly Hunter, who steals the film from Cruise, are gripping; and Wilford Brimley is uncharacteristically menacing.

Sydney Pollack's direction is stylish and Dave Grusin's score is impeccable.

Although a bit long at times and difficult to stay with, "The Firm" is still worth viewing. Rated R for profanity and violence. (1993) 154 minutes.

WATERWORLD
By Mike Kapusky
Northville

What do you get when you take a "Mad Max" atmosphere, fill it with water and throw in 200 million dollars? First impression may be a waste of time and money, but "Waterworld" is more than just an overloaded bomb set to explode.

In the future, the polar ice caps have melted leaving the world covered with water. The few survivors adapt to the new environment beginning a mad search for fresh water, food and even dirt.

Legends tell of a little girl who bares a tattoo that maps the way to land. Who else but the one and only, part fish/part human Kevin Costner stumbles upon this little legend when he saves her from certain capture when the Smokers attack the city.

By the way, the Smokers are the bad guys, led by Dennis Hopper, who never seem to run out of resources and cigarettes. Anyway, Costner leads the few survivors to what they have only dreamed of in a descent ending to another expensive saga.

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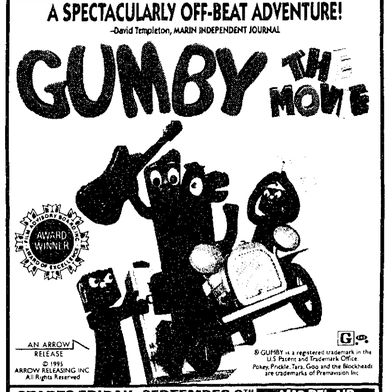

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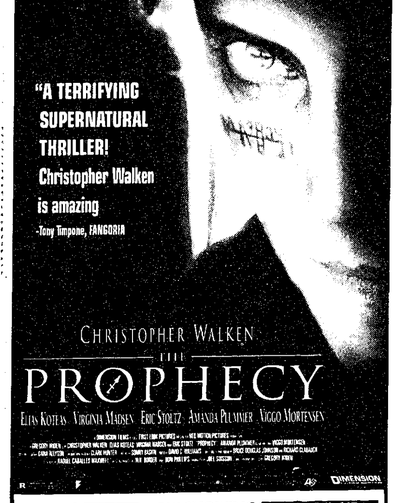

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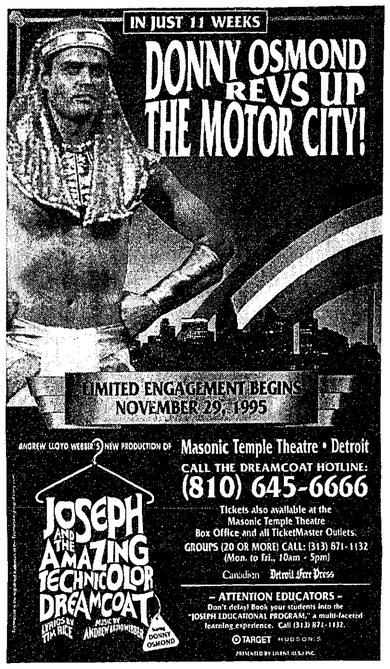

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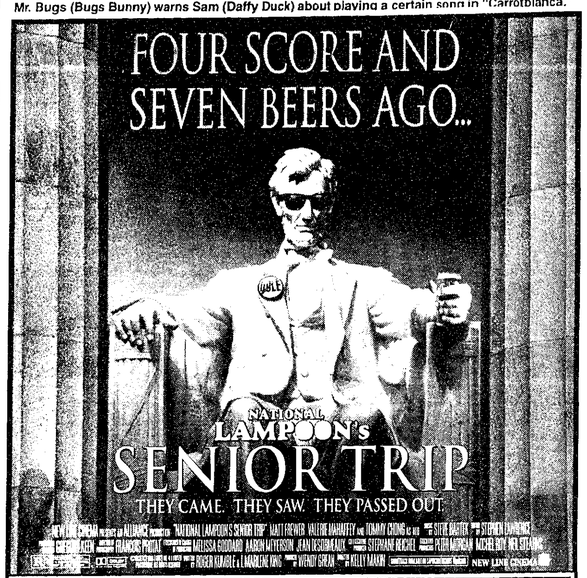

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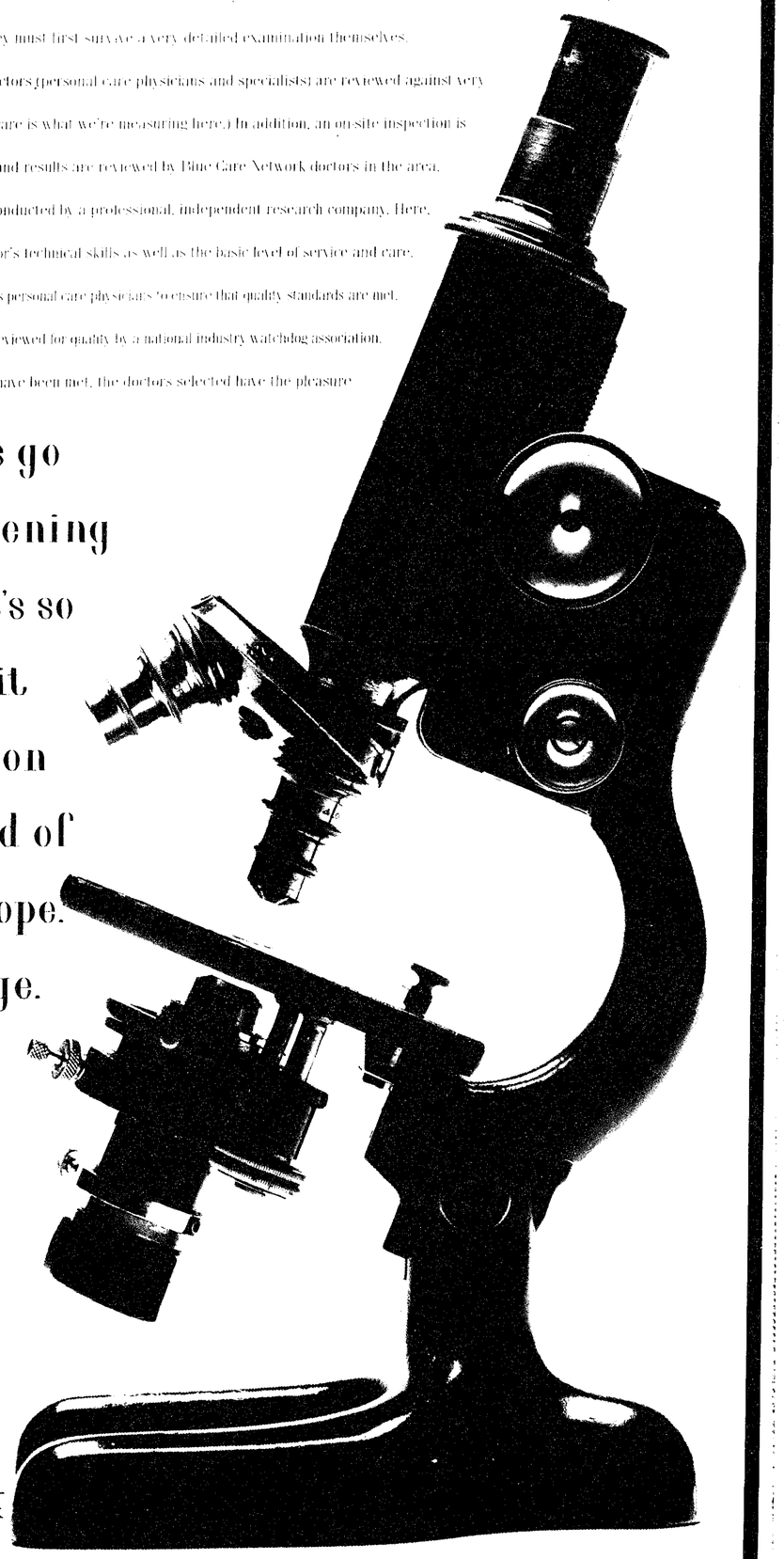

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Walled Lake thumps Novi 17-7 in opener

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's hard to win football games when you don't block.

That gridiron axiom is valid at all levels, including high school. Walled Lake Western proved the point by upsetting Novi at home Friday night 17-7.

The Warriors dominated Novi's offensive line and left little to no room for Wildcat backs Jason Witherspoon, Matt Buck, Mike Hicks and Chad Dicken.

"We didn't do a good job with our blocking," coach John Osborne admitted. "We tried to run a power game, but we were not strong enough to run a power game."

The loss came as a surprise to the coach.

"I thought we'd be the better team," said Osborne. "But that certainly was not the case."

Defense dominated the game. Neither team gained 200 yards on offense.

"It was an ugly game," Osborne said. "I was disappointed."

The Wildcats will have to find some answers in a hurry. Hartland comes to town tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game came down to chances. The Warriors made the most of theirs while Novi squandered the few it had.

The Wildcats first drive was a perfect example. After starting on their own 21-yard line, the 'Cats moved slowly down the field.

A roughing the kicker call on fourth down from their own 37-yard-line helped, too. That play moved it into Western territory.

Seven straight runs moved the ball to Walled Lake's 37-yard line. Facing fourth down and four, Novi tried a sweep with Witherspoon.

Western stuffed the play for a loss of five and took over on downs.

Novi stopped the Warriors after just eight yards. On fourth down, the Wildcats blocked the Western punt and appeared to recover at the home team's 33-yard-line.

But a yellow hanky changed everything.

Novi was called for 12 men on the field. Walled Lake got the ball back – all the way on Novi's 40-yard-line.

On first down, Warrior quarterback found Kevin Crane over the middle and he ran it in for a touchdown to make it 7-0 at the 1:46 mark.

The Wildcats did manage to capitalize on one Warrior error.

On Western's next possession, nose guard Skip Becker recovered a fumble at the Walled Lake 47. Nine plays later Novi scored to tie the game.

Dicken hit split end Jason Callender with a 30-yard pass on fourth down for the score. Unlike much of the game, Dicken had

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Jason Callender eludes Western's Michael Coulter to score Novi's lone touchdown Friday night. Walled Lake won, 17-7.

Tankers kickoff season tonight

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A familiar face will be guiding the Wildcat swim team tonight.

Dave Maker is back for his second tour of duty with the Wildcats. He coached the boys' team in 1993.

"I knew probably a half-dozen of the girls from before," Maker said. "They knew of me so I wasn't a total stranger."

He replaces Andrea Johnson, who resigned last spring after two years as coach.

Maker took the job less than a week before the season started. That didn't leave a lot of time to get to know his swimmers, he said.

"Anytime you're in a first year situation," Maker commented, "there's a feeling out process."

He'll get his first chance to lead Novi High tonight at 7 p.m. The Wildcats host Farmington Hills Harrison.

A large, talented squad will square off against the Hawks.

Novi boasts its biggest squad in years with 41 swimmers. Maker said he's got some extraordinary athletes, but he's concerned about overall depth.

"We'll win a lot of events," he said. "But our depth will dictate whether we go anywhere."

The Wildcats are scheduled for 10 duel meets this season. While he'd like to have a winning campaign, Maker said he's more concerned about getting swimmers in the state finals.

"I'd like to get four girls to the finals," he said, "and all three relays."

Novi's three seniors are good candidates to make that trip.

Michelle Pantaleo will specialize in the backstroke while Shelley Williams is a breaststroker. Christina Tardella works in the butterfly and sprinting events.

"It's a solid group," Maker said of his seniors, who are also acting as team captains.

He's been particularly impressed with Williams.

"I like the way Shelly looks in practice," Maker said. "She might have her best year."

The Wildcats also return a strong junior group. Jamie Vandermass, who finished 15th in the state in the 100-yard freestyle last fall, leads the way.

"She's working very hard," Maker said, "and seems to be very enthused."

Michelle Sveller is one of Novi's stronger sprinters. She also competes on relay teams.

Meghan Mutch specializes in distance events such as the 500 freestyle. A.J. Utz is another top junior.

More than half of Novi's roster is made up of sophomores and freshmen. Maker said some of the youngsters are ready to make an immediate impact.

Sophomore Jeanne Smith has been a standout thus far. She'll swim in the 100 freestyle and in relay events.

Kristin Levin is trying her hand at diving for the first time. Emily McGuckin, Katy Nicol and Erin Stevens have shown promise as well.

For most of the younger swimmers, Maker said he's teaching basics. He said he's also trying to help many of them work through minor injuries.

"We've got to keep them in the pool," he added.

Among the the freshmen, Kristy Vermillion looks good. She's a longtime member of the Spartan swim club and is a versatile performer, Maker said.

Tiffany Eaton and Amber Emmenecker are others to watch for.

"She looks like the real thing," Maker said of Emmenecker. "She has a good feel for the water."

Other team members include: Katie Bailey, Brandy Bally,

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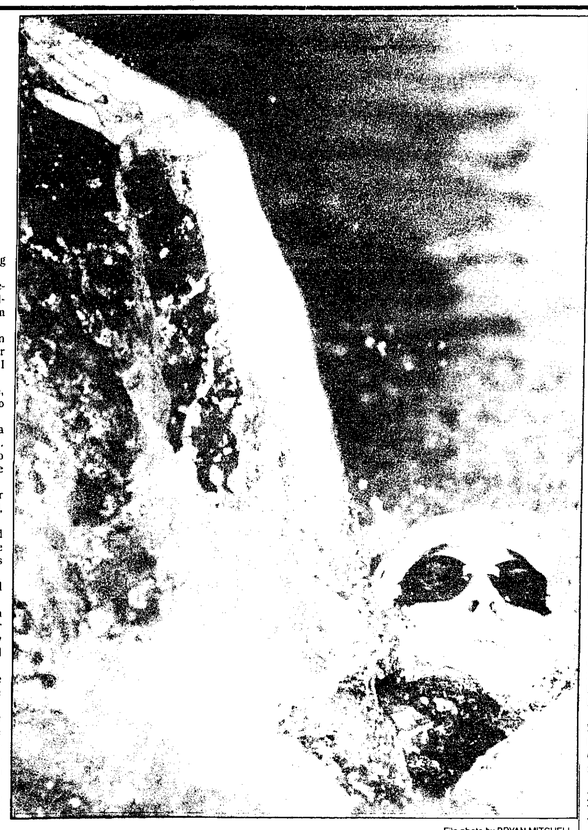

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Michelle Pantaleo is one of Novi's strongest returning swimmers.

Cagers start fast by ripping WLW

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It took all of about two minutes Thursday night to see how different 1995 is going to be for the Wildcat basketball team.

In that short time frame, Novi High made two steals, a couple of fast breaks and scored five points against Walled Lake Western.

While that may not seem overwhelming, it showed athletic prowess, skill and a bit of attitude – things that were lacking a year ago. It showed in the box score, too: Novi 69, Walled Lake Western 28.

The Wildcats used a deep bench and good defensive pressure to crush the Warriors on the road. Coach Dennis Cichonski was very impressed with his team's play, especially his bench.

"We got some good games off the bench and from everyone," he said.

The only downside to the game was an injury to Kelly Kearney. The senior reinjured a foot and had to leave the game. She was later taken for x-rays.

"It took some excitement out of (the win)," Cichonski said. "The kids felt bad because they know she's the leader."

Junior Lindsay Drury also missed the game because of injury. Sophomore Katie Copp had problems with a knew during the game as well. Both were not expected to miss any games, however.

Novi hosted Walled Lake Central Tuesday night (after *The Novi News'* deadline).

The new-style Wildcats showed their stuff right away.

Guard Jessica Kenny made a steal with just seconds gone by and drove to the hoop where she was fouled. The sophomore sank one of two shots to give Novi the

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Cross country team wins one, loses one

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's not often you win and lose on the same day.

But the Wildcat girls cross country team did just that Aug. 30 at Cass Benton Park. Novi faced Northville and Farmington in a non-conference tri-meet.

Novi beat the Mustangs 15-50 but fell to Western Lake power Falcons 23-35. As you might expect, coach Norm Norgren had mixed feelings about the meet.

"I was very pleased with my younger runners," he said. "But we had a couple of girls not finish where I thought they'd finish."

Besides being the first meet of the season, heat may have played a part in some performances.

Norgren said it was 87 degrees and high humidity at race time. The coach said most of his runners prefer colder weather.

"The cooler the better," Norgren said.

It probably won't be much cooler, but Novi will open its league season today. The Wildcats face Hartland on the road at Village Elementary School at 4:30 p.m.

Angel Root was one runner unaffected by the weather. She overcame a slow start to challenge for first place. Root sprinted near the end of the race but came up just short and placed second overall in 21:28.

Kendra Matheney wasn't far behind and took third overall in 21:34.

"It was a nice surprise to see her there," Norgren said.

Farmington took places three through eight to win the meet. The Falcons had a pack running together and all finished within a minute of each other.

Behind Matheney, Novi's next finisher was Angela Pelletier. She was ninth in 22:51.

Katie Zimmerman was 10th overall in 22:55. Sophomore Brooke Albright, who was running her first race ever, came in at 23:30.

"She was quite nervous," said Norgren.

Alaina Chipponer., a freshman, was 12th overall in 22:38. Marisa Herman ran a 23:40 race and was 13th.

Novi was missing one of its best runners for the meet.

Lorna Camp is trying to work through injury problems. Norgren said she's making progress and has begun to run. He was unsure when she might return to the lineup.

Sports Shorts

NBA

The Novi Baseball Youth Alliance will be holding tryouts for its 9- and 10-year-old travel team Sept. 17. The tryout will be at 1 p.m. at Power Park's yellow diamond. For more information contact coach Mike Hart at (810) 348-3246.

Baseball Manager Sought

The Novi Baseball Alliance is seeking a manager for the 15-year-old travel baseball team for the 1996 season. The team will play in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation league as the Novi Expos. Contact Brad Krause at 347-4782 or John Balagna at 349-7705.

Spartans

The Spartan Aquatic Club finished 10th overall with 200 points in the Long Course State Swimming Championship held at the University of Michigan in early August.

Julie Kern provided the fireworks as the high point runner-up in the girls' 13-15 division. Kern finished second in the 400 free, third in the 400 IM, sixth in the 200 IM, second in the 100 fly, first in the 1,500 freestyle, among other events. Other top Spartan finishers included Michelle Aristeo, who finished fourth in the 100 butterfly and in the 50 butterfly in the girls 10 and under division. Katie Clark finished seventh in the 50 breast while Chris Danker was third in the 200 IM. Steve Domin finished eighth in the 100 butterfly and Jim Mellis was second in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Spartan Relays also did well. In the 10-years-old and under division, Aristeo, Beth Cambridge, Erin Cook and Katie Sondergaard finished fourth in the 200 medley and fifth in the 200 freestyle. Katie Clark, Leslie Nimer, Christina Moceri and Kris Utley were third in the 200 freestyle and sixth in the 200 medley in the girls 11-12-year-old division.

In the 13-14-year-old division, the relay of Julie Kern, Marti McKenzie, Megan Moceri and Kristin Kalymon finished seventh in the 800 freestyle and fourth in the 400 medley.

Golfing star

Novi resident Jeremy Sova won the Hartland Challenge tournament recently. Playing in the Meijer Great Lakes Amateur Tour, he shot a 78 for first in the Blue Division. His score was second lowest among all players.

Motor Sports Hall of Fame

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff the gift shop. Volunteers select dates and times convenient to their schedule. Training sessions are conducted monthly. If you like racing, you'll love the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Students needing community service hours and retirees are welcome. For more information write or call Barb Fils, coordinator of volunteer activities, Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box. 194, Novi, Michigan, 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

The hall features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 Novi Indy Special, 1903 Packard Grey Wolf, Art Arfons' first jet-powered "Green Monster," and much more. The hall of fame honors 66 Heroes of Horsepower, from different categories, from air racing to motorcycle racing, from the early part of the century to the present.

The Museum is located in the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. Admission is $4 and $2 for senior and children.

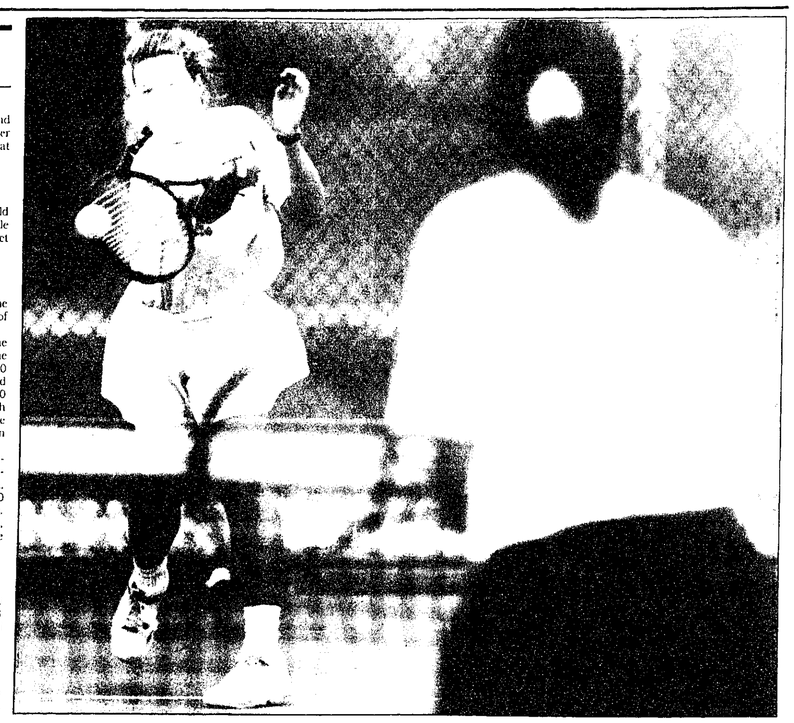

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Jessica Roemer has played both doubles and singles for Novi this year. She won a pair of matches last week.

Netters beat Walled Lake – twice

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat tennis team toured Walled Lake last week and found it to their liking.

Novi played both Central and Western in duel matches and won both. It moved the squad over the .500 mark to 2-1 on the season.

Western was a 7-1 victim Thursday. Coach Jim Hanson said the match was a bit closer than it sounds.

"There were two matches that went three sets," he said. "We won both of them."

The coach continues to tinker with his lineup. For this match, Jackie Gabriel moved into the top singles slot.

She lost to Western's Erica Combs 6-3, 6-2. Gabriel had been playing at second singles.

Jenny Diedzic dropped down to No. 2 and fared better by beating Dana Holeman 6-4, 7-6. Hanson said Gabriel and Diedzic are very close in terms of ability, which isn't unusual for this team.

"We could take our top five or six girls and they all can beat each other," he added.

Jenny Buckman was a three-set winner over Tonya Lamse 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. Jessica Roemer took a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over Melissa Bottke.

Novi cruised through doubles matches.

Jenny Cowley and Christien Garden defeated Cari Sargent and Megan Murrow in straight sets. Shannon Andrews and Amanda Curly beat Megan Hamp and Alyson Bottke 6-3, 6-1.

At third doubles, Akiko Shiratori and Andrea Burger were two set winners. Carole Wineman and Emily Waller defeated Siara Keegan and Heather Dalton 6-3, 6-2.

Novi plays at Brighton today at 4 p.m.

NOVI 5, CENTRAL 3

Novi started off the week with Walled Lake Central on Aug. 29 on the road.

Hanson was pleased with the win. But, he said, he sees room for improvement.

"We have to get the doubles teams more aggressive," he said.

Diedzic played at top singles for this duel meet and lost to Becky Clanton 6-1, 6-0.

"She's one of the best players in the area," Hanson said of Clanton.

Gabriel also lost in two sets. Novi took the final two singles matches as Buckman beat Amy Thirsurg 6-1, 6-2 and Roemer ripped Katie Baumgarten 6-2, 6-3.

"Jessica is probably one of the most athletic players on the team," Hanson said. "She's strong. I think she can be an excellent player."

Cowley and Garden fell in two sets at top doubles. Andrews and Curly whipped Emily Reseigh and Sue Slusher 6-0, 6-1.

Shiratori and Burger bageled Stephanie Altman and Laura Atkins. Wineman and Waller closed the match with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Alyson Bond and Shannon Kroll.

Swimmers ready for season opener

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Ramona Benton, Jenny Brownell, Erin Craddick, Andrea Dilorenzo, Shoshana Glick and Nicki Hart.

Tiffany Heaton, Sara Hofer, Katie Hurt, Kari Kokko, Heather Kortlandt, Dawn Kukuzke, Beth Leib, Tricia Lutes, Carrie Mainella, Allison Martell, Crystal Mitts, Beth Newton, Hillary Nims, Eileen Ong, Nicole Pelletier, Marla Rose, Amy Schenkel, Roxanne Warner and Corey Wolowiec are also on the team.

Golf Guide

NOVI-NORTHVILLE PUBLIC COURSES

Brookiane Golf Club
44115 W. Six Mile, Northville
(810) 348-1010

Brookiane is an 18-hole course playing 3,949 yards. Par 61.

Fees: For nine holes, $12 on weekdays, $13 on weekends. For 18 holes, $16 on weekdays, $19 on weekends. Seniors play nine holes for $7.50 and 18 holes for $9.50 on weekdays. Juniors (15 and under) pay $9 for nine or 18 holes. Carts are $11 for nine and $17 for 18 holes.

Downing Farms
8145 W. Seven Mile, Northville
(810) 486-0990

Downing Farms is a nine-hole course playing 3,222 yards. Par 36.

Fees: For nine holes, $11 on weekdays and $14 on weekends. For 18 holes, $16 on weekdays and $20 on weekends and holidays. Discounts for juniors and seniors. Carts available.

Links of Novi
50395 W. Ten Mile, Novi
(810) 380-9595

The Links of Novi is a 27-hole course. The East course is 3,209 yards (par 35), the South course is 2,805 yards (par 34) and the West course is 3,288 yards (par 36).

Fees: Weekdays prices are $17 and $23 (with cart) for nine holes, $29 and $40 (with cart) for 18. Weekend prices are $27 for 9 holes and $45 for 18 holes with carts being mandatory until 4 p.m. After 4 p.m. prices are $17 and $20 (with cart) for nine holes and $22 and $27 (with cart) for 18 holes.

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City works hard for residents

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Deanne Adaschik took time out from her busy schedule to play summer softball.

Summer is slowly winding down ... but not our dedicated parks and recreation staff. After wrapping up summer concerts, youth softball and T-ball, adult softball, sand volleyball and three-on-three basketball leagues, Camp Lakeshore, Walk Michigan, summer trips, Youth Theater – Performance Plus, soccer and baseball camps, just to name a few, the staff is getting ready to provide residents with the very best of fall and winter activities.

Novi Parks and Recreation not only offers the best in programs and classes, but the very best in fields, parks, rooms, staff and volunteers. Many of the parks and recreation staff work behind the scenes, but the events would not be possible without their hard work.

Steve Tillman, John Neff, Tim Zylka, and supervisor Jack Lewis work year round maintaining all Novi parks, baseball, softball and soccer fields. Building Supervisor Cindy Uglow maintains the Novi Civic Center, inside and out, and organizes the set-up and clean-up of all programs and events. Don't be surprised to see her any day of the week, any time of day or night. She also has a very dedicated staff of part-time building supervisors to take care of everything going on at the Civic Center.

Questions regarding activities? Need to sign your kids or yourself up for a program? Well, parks and recreation has some of the very best waiting behind the counter to help you. Liz McCloskey, Kelly Stanley and Shannon Janes work hard to help residents, and always with a smile. There's never a dull moment with kids, seniors, clogging and more happening down by the multi-purpose room, but they maintain a positive attitude to help their customers.

We certainly can't forget our recreation coordinators who work non-stop to offer all those fantastic programs year round. Kathy Crawford and Jan McAlpine never stop planning fun-filled activities for Novi's seniors. Stop by the Senior Center for lunch and find out just what great things are happening every day.

Marilyn Troshak and Deanne Adaschik take care of planning and implementing each and every program, league, activity and event offered all year long. Each season offers special events such as the Fall Classic Power Play, Halloween Carnival, Light Up the Holiday Ceremony, Chilly Willy Winter Festival, family trips, photo contest, Youth Theater, classes in karate, fitness, clogging, weight training, gymnastics, basketball and volleyball leagues, and much more.

Scott Mercer makes sure all of the city's softball leagues run smoothly, too.

There are also a number of special interest groups that come together under the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, including the Novi Arts Council, Novi Garden Club, Novi Camera Club, Novi Trackers Running Club, Novi Youth Baseball, Novi Senior Social Club, and the Livonia-Novi Spartans, just to name a few.

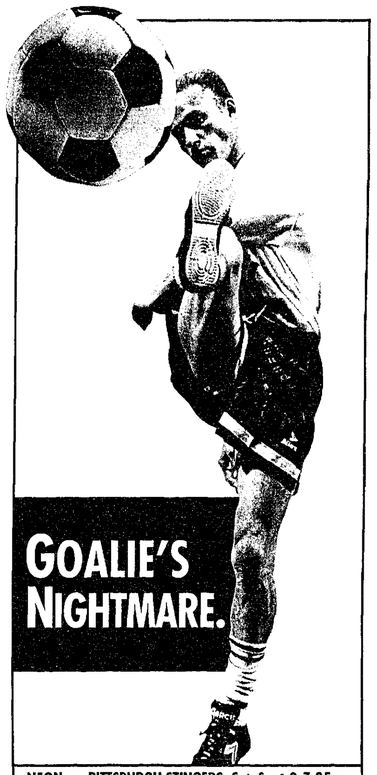
Call 347-0400 for more information.

All this comes together under the direction of parks and recreation Director Dan Davis.

According to Davis, "Novi Parks and Recreation is an excellent program thanks to our dedicated staff. We all work together as a team to provide the very best for our residents."

Parents, after school shopping is done and the kids are back in school, why not take a leisurely afternoon and browse through the new parks and recreation fall brochure. There's something for every member of the household.

Cindy Stewart is the former Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.



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New test available for pregnant women

Timothy Johnson

Pregnant women now have to decide whether to have a new blood test to screen for certain types of problems during pregnancy. The triple-screen test has replaced the previously available maternal serum alpha feto-protein (MSAFP) test. Many states now require that the new test be offered to patients and it is recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The triple-screen test requires one tube of blood to be drawn, and it poses no more risks than any other blood test. The test measures three substances: maternal serum alpha feto-protein (MSAFP), unconjugated estriol (UE3) and beta human chorionic gonadotropin (BHCG). The screen should not be done before 15 weeks and should be performed by the 20th week of gestation. To understand whether you should sign up for the test, it is important to understand the various components and problems associated with the test.

MSAFP is a protein produced by the fetus. The value can be abnormal if the pregnancy is farther along or not as far along as thought, if there are twins, and in women carrying fetuses with certain types of birth defects such as open neural tube defects (open spine or brain defects), incomplete closure of the abdominal wall, and certain rare kidney conditions. The MSAFP is also elevated in women who subsequently have such complications as pre-term delivery and low birth weight babies. The MSAFP is low in cases of Down Syndrome and Trisomy 18 (genetic abnormalities).

Unconjugated estriol is produced by the placenta and the fetus. Low UE3 can be associated with Down syndrome.

BETA-HCG also is produced by the placenta. BHCG is the hormone usually measured in pregnancy tests. A high BHCG in the maternal blood can be associated with Down Syndrome.

Triple-screen analysis combines these three blood values to predict the risk of potential problems. In order to interpret the triple screen, you must know about the length of the pregnancy (gestational age), maternal age, maternal weight, race and the presence of diabetes. Any of these factors can affect the analysis.

Generally, if the MSAFP is elevated, ultrasound is recommended to confirm the gestational age, rule out multiple pregnancies and identify any fetal anomalies. Once ultrasound results are obtained, further tests such as amniocentesis may be offered depending upon the blood and ultrasound test results. If the combination MSAFP, UE3 and BHCG triple-screen shows that the fetus is at risk for Down Syndrome, it is considered a positive screen. Ultrasound is used to confirm gestational age and then amniocentesis is offered for chromosome studies. Generally, the triple screen is not repeated if it is abnormally low because this decreases its effectiveness.

The triple screen is a screening test, not a diagnostic test. Most patients with an abnormal triple screen have a normal child but offering the screen allows for the detection of 85 percent of open neural tube defects and approximately 60 percent of babies afflicted with Down syndrome.

Whether you have the test depends upon risk factors but also on whether the information would be useful to you. Many patients feel that prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome helps in making choices about the pregnancy.

If you have questions about this test or any questions about women's health matters, please call the Women's Health Resource Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center, (313) 936-8886.

Timothy R.B. Johnson, MD, is a professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Michigan Medical Center. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the University of Michigan Medical Centers.

Rec Briefs

Novi Garden Club

Welcome to a new season, new officers and a new beginning. The Novi Garden Club, a branch of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, meets every third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Meeting topics include gardening tips, guest speakers, workshops and "hands-on" creativity with herbs, wreaths, plants and flowers. The club is open to all ages, male and female.

Anyone interested in gardening, good conversation and fun, can call Club President, Elinor Holland, at (810) 477-7913.

Novi Camera Club

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Novi Civic Center. Anyone interested in joining or who has questions should call Hugh Crawford at (810) 349-5079.

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. - Novi High School.

Saturdays at 8 a.m. - Sundowner Restaurant (parking lot across the street from the Northville Post Office).

For more information, call Hub Copp, Club President, (810) 348-7779.

Karate

Learn "Tang Soo Do" style Korean Karate under the direction of 5th degree Black Belt, Master Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of Black Belts assist with instruction.

Fall Session: Sept. 5-Oct. 24 (8 weeks). Day: Tuesday. Time: 6-7 p.m., beginners; 7-9 p.m., advanced.

Fee: beginners, $28 ($33.60 non-resident); advanced, $36 ($43.20 non-resident). Age: 8 and older.

Location: Novi Civic Center.

Registration deadline: fall session: Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Please note time and fee changes.

Soccer sign-up

Novi Parks and Recreation will be forming all new teams this fall. Teams remain the same for the spring season. Therefore, as a convenience, Novi Parks and Rec is offering a combined fall/spring league fee.

Games are played on Saturdays. Practice times are subject to the availability of our volunteer coaches on weekday evenings. Birth certificate must accompany registration (unless previously verified - contact the Parks and Recreation office). Volunteer coaches are needed, inquire when registering.

1996 Spring

Season Dates: April 20-June 8.

Practices: Two weeks prior to games.

Notification: By phone prior to March 31.

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Girl's junior - born 1988-89.

Senior - born after Aug. 1, 1986-87, co-ed,

Registration fees:

Fall (95) and spring (96): $55 resident ($66 non-resident).

Fall (95) only: $30 resident ($36 non-resident).

Registration deadline: Thursday, July 13, 5 p.m.

Birth certificate must accompany registration unless previously verified.

Normal:Two left feet? Give dance a chance. Waltz, slow dance/fox trot and upbeat patterns for fast music are included. Progress is at an easy, no-stress pace. Weekly review and pattern sheets are provide. Anyone interested should plan to attend the first class, even if their partner cannot.

Dates - Sept. 15-Oct. 20 (six weeks).

Day/Time - Friday, 8-9:15 p.m.

Cost - $60/couple ($72 non-resident).

Normal:You're through the basics and now the fun really begins. Continue with more interesting patterns in fox trot, waltz and disco. Polka and Cha Cha are introduced. Prerequisite is beginners class.

Session I - Sept. 15-Oct. 20 (six weeks).

Session II - Oct. 27-Dec. 15 (six weeks) - No class Nov. 10, Nov. 24

Day/Time - Friday, 7-8 p.m.

Cost - $60/couple ($72 non-resident)

Holiday Dances

Do you only dance when the spirit moves you? Feel confident on the dance floor after learning a versatile couples disco, some Cha Cha and new moves in slow dancing (fox trot). You'll waltz out of class with patterns and step sheets. Those interested must attend the first class, even if their partner cannot.

Dates - Oct. 27-Dec. 1 (four weeks) - No class, Nov. 10, Nov. 24).

Date/Time - Friday, 8-9:15 p.m.

Registration information - cost - $40/couple ($48 non-resident).

Location - Novi Civic Center.

Instructor - Annette Mac.

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Western dumps gridders 17-7

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time to throw on the play.

"He found the right man," Osborne said of the pass. "It was a two-way look."

Callender's grab came with 8:24 left before halftime. That was the end of Novi's highlights for the evening.

The Wildcats fumbled the ball away on their next possession. Running an option play, Dicken tried to pitch the ball back but fumbled at Novi's 15-yard-line.

Three plays later, Walled Lake's Donny Davis scored and made it 14-7 at 4:21.

Western closed scoring in the game with just 17 seconds left in the first half. The Warriors drove 45-yards in just more than a minute to set up a Pat Gibson 40-yard field goal.

Novi couldn't crack the Walled Lake defense in the second half. The Wildcats farthest penetration was to the Western 43-yard line.

The Warriors, meanwhile, missed a couple of chances to put the game away.

A 51 yard field goal attempt by Gibson missed midway through the third quarter. A second Novi fumble gave Walled Lake the ball at the Wildcat 11.

Western moved it to the 3-yard-line before being stopped.

"The defense did a nice job," said Osborne.

It would've been a blow out without a fine defensive effort.

"That game should've been worse than it was," Osborne said. "It should've been a good 34-7 whipping."

Eric Hoffman and Mike Sill deserve some attention. The linebacking duo had 11 and 12 tackles, respectively.

"They were our strength," Osborne said.

Offensively, Witherspoon had just 57 yards on 20 attempts. Dicken ran for 31 yards and passed for 54 more.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Wildcat halfback Jason Witherspoon had little room to run.

Harriers win big at Northville as depth, quality shine brightly

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Getting off to a good start is important for any team.

But when you're coming off a frustrating season, it's even more vital. So when the Novi boys cross country team beat both Northville and Farmington in a tri-meet last week, well, it was quite welcomed.

The Wildcats dominated the Aug. 30 race at Cass Benton taking five out of the top 10 finishes. Coach Bob Smith said his team is improving.

"We'll take some lumps," he said. "But we'll win more than we loose.

"We have a lot of potential."

Scored as a tri-meet, Novi came out on top with 32 points. Northville was second with 47 and Farmington third at 53.

While it was a legitimate race, Smith said he didn't approach the meet like it was a league meet or a regional.

Having put in a tough practice the day before, the coach, in fact, pulled several runners from the race. Adam Hagfors, Scott Shepley and Dave Walle were each pulled out of the race after a mile.

Smith said it would've been silly to let the trio continue and risk injury.

"I told them to stop running if they felt hurt," he added. "It's far too early."

Conditions were less than ideal for racing. It was hot, in the mid-80s, and the course wasn't quite up to snuff.

"It wasn't a comfortable run," Smith said.

Cameron Chipponeri didn't let anything bother him, however. He took second place overall in 18:34.

"He looks really good," Smith said. He's grown a couple of inches and has a faster leg turnover."

Jukes Namm was also solid. He ran an 18:39 race for third place.

Novi's next three runners came in together. Brian Fischer led the way in 19:20 for seventh while Ryan Henderson was ninth in 19:35. Chris Duprey finished 10th in 19:36.

"We've been running this race for 12 years," Smith said. "That was our best pack one to five.

"I'm really excited about this team."

Mike Girard was close behind Duprey and finished in 19:39 for 11th place. Ty Clark was 13th in 20:04.

It was the first competitive race for about half the team. Smith said he was proud of the way his runners carried themselves and did things like warmup and cool down correctly.

"It's an easy team to coach," he added.

Novi runs at Hartland today and Schoolcraft on Saturday.

Cagers win big at Western

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lead.

Kristen Sullivan and Julie Britton followed with baskets to make it 5-0 at the 6:45 mark.

Novi forced numerous turnovers in the quarter. Walled Lake, in fact, made nine of them.

It translated to an 18-4 lead for the 'Cats.

Britton, Sullivan and Copp, who came off the bench, each scored four in the period.

Kearney hurt her foot late in the period and didn't return. Walled Lake, meanwhile, tried to fight back in the second quarter.

The Warriors scored eight straight points to cut the lead to 18-12. Cichonski instructed his team to drop the ball into Britton at the post.

She responded with five points and helped Novi push the lead back out to 23-12.

"She showed more than I initially thought she would," Cichonski said of the senior. "She played with confidence and was decisive on her moves."

Novi maintained its lead and led 34-21 at the half. Britton had 10 points and Sullivan seven to lead the way.

The second half, needless to say, was all Novi.

The Wildcats outscored Walled Lake 35-8. Western didn't score a single point in the fourth quarter.

Sullivan led all scorers with 17 while Britton had 13 and Amy Edwards 12.

Cichonski, again, emphasized the steady play of his bench. He liked the game Edwards had, in particular.

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