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City averts arbitration, settles pact

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Just two days before they were slated to go into arbitration, the Novi Police Department's Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) and the city reached a consensus on a union contract which had expired in 1993.

The stumbling block, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said, was the department's changeover from 12-hour daily shifts to eight hour shifts. This had earlier been protested by Novi Police Officer Association, which represents officers in the ranks.

"That was the sticking point. They were reluctant to go back (to eight hour shifts)," Klaver said.

"One year ago we investigated the same hours and there was difficulty with scheduling. With the change over in the City Council and the change over in the union and the realization it would be going to arbitration, there seemed to be some support for it."

Beginning in June, sergeants and lieutenants will work one of three daily eight-hour shifts and will also report to work 25 minutes early for briefing. The 25 minutes allows an overlap between each shift. Two sergeants will be assigned per shift.

On Feb. 3, the contract was approved by the Novi City Council. The union represents two lieutenants and seven sergeants.

> "I'm not very much in favor of arbitration. You never feel the same way about the contract because somebody forced it on you."
>
> Craig Klaver,
> Assistant City Manager

The contract runs from July 1993 to July 1997. The officers will get a retroactive wage increase of four percent for the first year and three percent for each additional year in the contract. In reality, they will get the four percent increase for the second year as well as the first, but this figure was not written into the contract, Klaver said.

Salary for sergeants ranges from $48,672 in 1993 to $54,781 in 1997. For lieutenant, the pay runs from $51,106 in 1993 to $57,520 in 1997.

The contract offers vacation and 13 paid holidays, including the birthdays of Washington, Lin-

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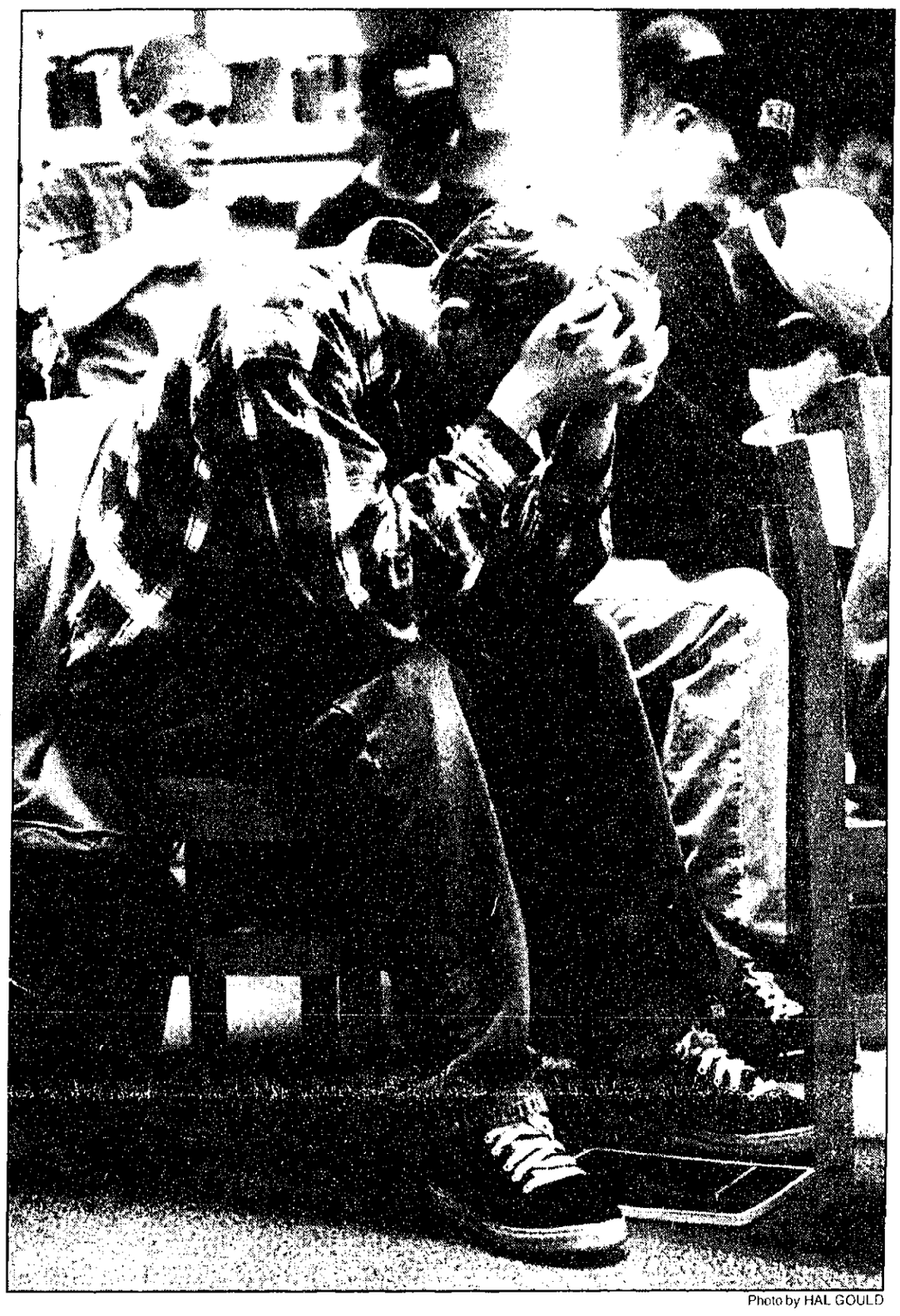

Photo by HAL GOULD

Oh my aching head ...

Just thinking about college apparently has some students at Novi High School stressed out. Novi High School hosted a Community College Fair Day recently and students learned what is available to them in the way of colleges in the area and received tips on how to survive higher education. Judging by their expressions, they're going to need those tips.

Novi hit by armed robberies

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi police are looking for two men involved in separate armed robberies at two Novi gas stations earlier this month.

A white male got away with $312 from the Mobil Gas station at the corner of Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue at approximately 10 p.m. on Feb. 5, according to police.

The cashier said he had just returned to the small, enclosed station after straightening out the cigarettes outside the structure. When he reentered the structure he realized someone had followed him.

He told police he saw a man with reddish brown hair and a beard approach him.

"Hi. How are you?" he asked the cashier and with his hand in his coat pocket appeared to be pointing a weapon at him.

He told him "this is a robbery" and demanded he give him the money in the drawer then get down on the floor.

The cashier did so and the suspect fled. There were no other witnesses.

The suspect was described as having a "dirty" appearance and wearing a black Kansas City Chiefs baseball hat, a blue or brown ski jacket, blue or green sweatpants, and prescription glasses. He was about 5 foot 10 inches to 6 foot tall and 220 pounds.

On Feb. 9, a white male with blond hair robbed the Mobil Gas station at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, driving away with $833, police said.

The cashier said the man entered the convenience store about 9:45 p.m. and wandered around. Another employee was in the back room counting inventory.

As the cashier stood behind the protective enclosure the man pulled out a nickel-plated revolver and pointed it through the customer opening. "Give me the money," he said in a low and steady voice.

The cashier handed over the

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Photo by HAL GOULD

District champ

Three Novi High wrestlers head to the state championships this weekend, including Lenny Christoff, Taka Watanabe and Skip Becker. Above, Becker won the districts last weekend at Walled Lake Western by pinning his first two opponents. He took the next two by decisions. The story is on page B9.

District to unveil school additions

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Gone is the orange carpet. Gone is the yellow paint. Gone is the 1970s-era Novi High School that so many resident had come to love.

Attention school fans: Novi High has stepped into the year 2000 and the school district wants you to see it.

Nearly two and a half years and nearly $20 million later, Novi High School is ready to show off the fruits of the labor used to renovate the 20-year-old building.

"The community has been very, very supportive of the renovations and in providing educational areas for the students to support their learning," said Dr. Jennifer Cheal, assistant principal. "It's kind of a 'Thank You' to the community."

The high school and the Board of Education will host an Open House, Feb. 25, intended to display the 40 percent larger school now equipped with state-of-the-art computers, instructional centers, an immense physical education complex and a telecommunications system.

The community is invited to a special Dedication Ceremony to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Performance Gymnasium. School offi-

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File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

This drain pipe, believed to be the source of contamination from the landfill into Bishop Creek, has since been plugged.

Cellular towers sprout like weeds

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

They are springing up in locations around Novi.

They require little or no sunlight. Do not need to be watered. And it doesn't matter what kind of soil is nearby.

They do, however, require an electrical box and space enough to grow up to 120 feet high.

It's not a new plant variety.

These are cellular towers, which operate on radio frequency to connect cell calls with their destination.

Due to the increasing use of cellular phones and pagers, Novi has seen four of these towers erected over the last few years. At least three more are pending and that's making Novi Planning Commissioners ask a city committee to take a closer look.

"You're dealing with the FCC and freedom of speech issues," said city consultant Brandon Rogers. "It's not an easy question."

Ameritech recently came to the city with plans to put its second tower in Novi. There is one near the post office operating at maximum capacity already but it is

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Munn Landfill suit trial set to begin

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Location, location, location.

Those are the key words in real estate and never more so than in the case of 59 acres of vacant land near the old Munn landfill, which has been on the state's Public Act 307 list of contaminated sites since 1984.

These days, it's also litigation, litigation, litigation.

Three lawsuits have recently focused on the 1950s-era dump. One could come to trial this week.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, February 22

Board of Education

The Novi Board of Education meets at Village Oaks Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

Baseball Registration

Novi Youth Baseball registration will take place from noon-3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. All players 7-18 years of age are eligible. Players must be 7 by July 31, 1996. Birth certificates must be shown to register a player. For additional information call Barbara Herbst at 349-5669 or Tim May at 348-4418.

Sunday, February 25

American Legion Breakfast

The Sons of American Legion Post 224 are sponsoring a country breakfast at the VFW Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children 12 and under. The public is welcome. For additional information call 624-9742.

Trailblazers

The Novi Trailblazers 4-H Horse Club will meet at 2 p.m. at Haflinger farm in Northville. There will be a tour of the farm and an introduction to their newest foal. All ages and experience levels are welcome. For more information call Susan Smith at 624-0452.

Monday, February 26

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Bereavement Support Group

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

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Tuesday, February 27

Business Network International Novi

The weekly meeting of the Business Network International Novi Chapter is at the Novi Sheraton Oaks Grille, 2700 Sheraton Drive at 7 a.m. For further information contact John L. Clements at 1-800-662-8775.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

LARA

The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at 7 p.m. at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Beth at (810) 669-5836.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

Business Network International

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

Baseball registration

Novi Youth Baseball registration will take place from 5:50-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. All players 7-18 years of age are eligible. Players must be 7 by July 31, 1996. Birth certificates must be shown to register a player. For additional information, call Barbara Herbst at 349-5669 or Tim May at 348-4418.

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Saturday, March 2

Preschool Open House

The Novi Cooperative Preschool is having an open house from noon -3 p.m. The school is located in the United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd., just west of Meadowbrook Road. The preschool is not affiliated with the church. Applications are being accepted for the 1996-97 school year. For more information, call 471-4928.

Folk Dance and Taffy Pull

The Walled Lake City Library is sponsoring their 13th annual Folk Dance and Taffy Pull from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Community Center, 1485 Oakley Park Rd. in Commerce Township. Dance caller Karen Missavage will lead a combination of traditional and modern line dances. No experience is necessary. Following the dance will be a pull-your-own chocolate taffy treat. Bring the whole family. Admission is free. For more information, call 624-3772.

Monday, March 4

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Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

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Church celebrates 150 years

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

In a town that has seen growth and population explosions in recent years, there aren't too many of the old things still hanging around.

One that is is the First Baptist Church on Eleven Mile and Taft roads. The church, which first was housed in a white wood building near Novi's Four Corners at Grand River and Novi Road, has survived 150 years in the city.

"Anything that lasts 150 years must have something going for it," said Betty Anglin, a church mem ber since the 1950s. "It must have something most people need because most things come and go. Anything that stays on and remains that steadfast must be genuine."

Anglin and many other congregation members are looking forward to the official anniversary celebration on Sunday. They've prepared for it all month.

Each Sunday night for the last several weeks, church members gathered together to learn about and celebrate the history of the church in Novi. They completed sermons in the style of the time period and performed skits about life in that day and age.

"I knew it had a lot of history," said Rev. Gary Elfner. "But when we got into it, it was fascinating."

Elfner came to Novi in 1990 with his wife of 30 years, Thanna. The pair spent their lives ministering to congregations in the south and then came north to Milford for a couple of years before setting up shop in Novi. He has six children and 11 grandchildren.

He said learning about the history has helped him learn about the people in the congregation.

"We have a couple of black families from Salem and they've told us about the Underground Railroad in the area," said Elfner. "It was real interesting."

Church members, totalling a little more than 100, come from many different backgrounds and races and many of them have been with Novi since its township stage.

"The biggest change was probably going from a little, wood country church to a big, brick one," said Gilbert Van Sickle. Van Sickle has been a member of the church since 1946.

He can remember stories about when the Baptist Church and the Methodist Church each needed a bell in the early 1900s but the foundry only had two left. So the churches scrambled to get to the foundry to get the first choice.

He said he was told the Methodist Church got the first pick of the prettiest bell, but the foundry workers told the Baptist Church "we got the best sounding one."

While many of the things around the church have changed, The church itself has remained relatively stable while continuing to meet the needs of its members. For instance, in the 1970s, a parochial school was created to fill a void in the private school options for Novi.

But now, Elfner and the church members are looking at becoming a more visible ministry to the community. "One of the concepts we wanted to get back to is reaching out to the community," said Elfner.

"We are obligated by the word of God to minister to the community where God has put us," he explained.

The church is involved in charities and community functions, adult and youth Bible studies are meeting consistently, women's and men's groups have formed, a daycare and preschool program have been established and now Elfner is involved in the Police Chaplain Program.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Rev. Gary Elfner will lead the 150th anniversary celebrations.

"We older churches are not keeping up with Novi and the young community," said Elfner.

So the Baptist church is making a heightened attempt to do more of what people want.

Beginning March 10, First Baptist Church will hold a more upbeat 9 a.m. service with lots of praise songs and a 45-minute service.

"We have to find out what are the needs and fit those needs," said Elfner.

Elfner said during the past 20 years people aren't as dedicated to religion.

"We live in a different world," he explained. They didn't have the stresses back then we have now."

The church will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a special 11 a.m. service Feb. 25 singing old fashioned songs and with a special sermon from a former First Baptist Church reverend, Arnold B. Cook.

Then there will be a potluck banquet feast.

Elfner said he sent away to missionaries for international recipes which volunteers will cook up. "But we're going to have American food just to fill everybody up," he said.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS RICH HISTORY

The History of the First Baptist Church of Novi

1846 The Novi Baptist Church was organized Feb. 21, 1846 by ten Novi settlers: Deacon Loren Flint, his wife Betsy and daughters Rachel and Catherine from New York, Loomis and Margaret Thayer, Moses Maxim and Elizabeth Munn from Walled Lake, Orrin and Harriet Thayer from New York.

1847 The first church was erected in February of 1847 at a cost of $1,080. It stood on south of Grand River on the west side of Novi Road in Novi Corners. Also at Novi Corners was a hotel, two taverns, two general stores, the Town Hall and a shoemaker.

1850s In the 1850s, the church spoke out against slavery in the south and offered itself as a refuge for the oppressed.

1872 The population of Novi was 1,350.

1877 There were 134 members of the congregation.

1876 Church members tore down the building and built a larger church costing $3,800.

1914 The church was struck by lightening and burned to the ground. The Town Hall was also destroyed by lightening that night.

1915 A third church was built on the site.

1959 The congregation authorized $65,000 for a new church to be built at Eleven Mile and Taft roads. It was dedicated in June of 1964. It is the building still used today.

1977 The church answered a call asking for a Christian school in the area. The 12,000-square-foot Novi Christian School was built on the church property in 1977 and completed in 1983.

1996 The First Baptist Church celebrates 150 years of service in the City of Novi.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Just what's in the old Munn dump

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

While complaints about the contents of the Munn Landfill stretch back as far as the 1950s, government regulatory agencies first began assessing the 20 or so acres in the early 1980s.

What's underground, according to a 1987 study commissioned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is believed to be predominantly building demolition materials and municipal trash in an unlined site.

However, the report noted that this refuse wouldn't account for the presence of phenol in contaminated water analyzed in 1981. Phenol is a poisonous chemical derived from benzene and used in resins, plastics, disinfectants and pharmaceuticals. Benzene is classified as a carcinogen.

As grim as that sounds, the risk to nearby residents was not deemed to be great by the EPA.

"This does not appear to be a hazard as all new housing is on Novi water. Some homes may exist in the area that are on private wells," the 1991 study said.

But the document noted that eating plant or animal life living in the area could be potentially injurious due to possible chemical contamination.

In the fiscal year 1996 edition of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Michigan Sites of Environmental Contamination, the Munn Landfill is listed, as it has been since 1984. The listings are required by Public Act 307 of 1982 and the Novi locale has been a standard almost from the beginning.

The DNR notes that elevated lead and fluoranthene levels were found at the site, which is given a rating of 26, a contamination ranking midway between the most hazardous, 48, and the least hazardous, zero. The Munn Landfill is classified as a Category Two site, said Soheil Ghaveni, a DNR environmental quality analyst. This means there has been some cleanup action and investigation.

"There has been an interim response. There has been some contamination of lead and PCBs," he said.

The most recent complaints about the Munn Landfill focus on the same issue which was of concern in 1981, when a state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) analyst "discovered" the landfill. That's the seepage of chemical-carrying water, or leachate, from the dump into a roadside drainage ditch. From there, the ooze apparently works its way through a culvert under Meadowbrook Road to Bishop Creek and the surrounding wetlands. It's also run across the surface of the road. The incidents are believed to be more significant after a heavy rain.

The location is one-quarter mile east of Bishop Creek and neighboring wetlands and one mile north of Walled Lake Brook.

However, the pipe was plugged after Weiss Construction Company, which owns the land across the street, sued landowners Holtzman and Silverman and road right-of-way owner the City of Novi. The real estate firm, the city and Holy Family Church stopped the leakage and the lawsuit was dismissed in November 1994.

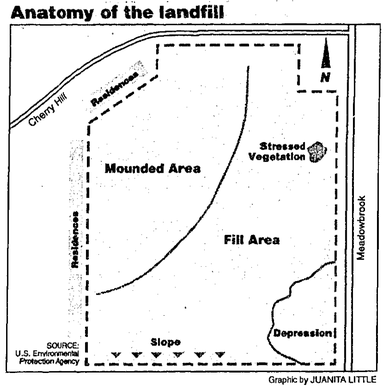
Singh Development Company, when it entered into a purchase agreement with Weiss Construction Company, commissioned an environmental study of the Weiss property. That research, undertaken in April 1994 by CTI and Associates of Farmington Hills, found low levels of contamination in surface water and soil near the culvert on both sides of Meadowbrook Road.

The firm also installed monitoring wells on the Weiss land. Within a radius of one mile of the property are located three Act 307 sites and three DNR-documented leaking leaking underground storage tank sites.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Bishop Creek flows through the land being disputed which is bordered by Grand River and Meadowbrook roads. The creek contains contaminants believed to be coming from the old Munn landfill

Anatomy of the landfill



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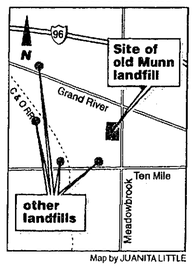
Novi area landfills



Map by JUANITA LITTLE

Arsenic concentrations ranging from five to 23 parts per billion were discovered in the monitoring well samplings. The DNR standard for cleanup is 0.02 parts per billion. In two of the wells, lead was found at concentrations of 21 and 44 parts per billion, above the DNR standard of 4 parts per billion. Surface water samplings were below DNR standards, the analysts found.

Back in 1986, the DNR passed on its own preliminary assessment of the Munn Landfill to the EPA, which then commissioned a Chicago firm, Ecology and Environment Inc., to determine if it posed an immediate human or environmental threat. As many as five landfills are believed to be located in Section 23.

Holtzman and Silverman, which owns the landfill location and built Meadowbrook Glens subdivision, told the EPA that in 1968 they'd had soil borings done on the property. The old landfill was found to be between nine and fourteen feet thick, under a cover then from two-and-a-half to six feet deep.

Because the Munn Landfill site is heavily vegetated, the EPA didn't find much danger of toxins or other materials being whisked from the site by the wind.

In the early 1980s, the owner of a Kings Point Road home reported infiltration of methane gas into his basement through a sump pump well.

The EPA study found no evidence of more modern landfill treatment at the Munn site – no liner, no caps and no leachate collection system.

"The site has not been properly closed," it concluded.

Landfill lawsuit set to proceed in circuit court

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densely developed portion of the city, therefore the property near Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road looked like a prime place for a new subdivision to Singh Construction Company, which already has a series of projects in town.

But according to two of the civil suits, after negotiating option-to-purchase agreements with the owners of the two parcels – Duane and Anna Ackert and the Weiss Construction Company – the developers were stunned to learn that the land is contaminated by runoff from the landfill.

Singh – which still wants the Meadowbrook Road land – is suing Weiss and the Ackerts, saying they fraudulently misrepresented their knowledge of the contamination and failed to close on the property. Seeking damages in excess of $10,000, it's asking the court to reduce the purchase prices.

Scheduled for trial Thursday is the lawsuit against the Ackerts. In response to the papers served on them by Singh, the Ackerts have tackled the construction company in a counter suit seeking over $60,000 and additional punitive damages.

Both sets of landowners are accusing Singh of using coercion to knock down the purchase prices. Lawyers for the Ackerts say Duane Ackert's subsequent stroke may have been caused or aggravated by the negotiations with the development company. Weiss also slapped a countersuit on Singh.

Singh's attorney Scott Stirling said it is not likely the Ackert trial will proceed this week. He wouldn't say how much of a price cut for the land Singh wants.

"That's for the court to determine, how much reduction they're entitled to," he said.

"Whether the parties will settle (out-of-court) remains to be seen."

A March 29 trial date is set for the Weiss case, but mediation continues.

In August 1993, Singh agreed to pay $2 million for the Weiss site and in December 1993, $665,000 for the Ackert land. The family lives on their property, which had once been a farm owned by Anna Ackert's father.

The next step before finalizing the contracts was an environmental assessment of the plots, which revealed the proximity of three former rubbish pits, one of them – Munn's – directly across Meadowbrook Road.

In testimony, Singh Vice President G. Michael Kahn said he was "flabbergasted, quite frankly," to learn about the landfill.

"It was difficult for Singh to believe that Weiss Construction, which had owned the property directly across Meadowbrook Road from the Munn landfill since 1972, had no knowledge or existence of the landfill and the resulting contamination of the property," Kahn said in an affidavit.

All parties approved extending the agreements to permit further investigation of the pollution, as well as a possible clean-up plan.

And in January 1994, Daniel Weiss, president of Weiss Construction Company, wrote the City of Novi demanding that it cease contaminating his land. While the bulk of Munn landfill is owned by the real estate firm Holtzman and Silverman, developers of Meadowbrook Glen subdivision, Novi has title to a road right-of-way along the site.

Weiss, formerly Weiss Pollution Control Company, earlier slapped a suit on the City of Novi and the landfill's current owners, the Holtzman and Silverman real estate firm, to force them to plug the landfill, where leachate from a "blow hole" was oozing through a culvert to the Weiss land and from there to Bishop Creek.

That lawsuit was dismissed in November 1994 when outlets from a pipe in the landfill were plugged on their respective properties by the city, Holtzman and Silverman and Holy Family Church. Novi's Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said.

Meanwhile, Singh invested $100,000 for surveys of the land, its woodlands and wetlands and preliminary site plan preparation, as well as the environmental work.

Legal briefs submitted for Singh agree that the company failed to meet its payment schedules for the purchase agreement extensions because it felt the landowners breached the contract, in which they indicated they had no knowledge of any toxic problems on the land.

In April 1995, Weiss said it would consider the agreement void if Singh didn't write the checks. Singh filed both lawsuits that month.

"In April 1995, Weiss Construction, motivated by the rising property values in Novi and its belief that it could command a higher price for the property from another purchaser, performed an about face and ceased cooperating with Singh," the lawsuit against Weiss contends.

Lawyers for the Detroit-based Weiss Construction Company, on the other hand, charge that Singh must have known about the landfill and call the litigation "an extortion device": "Plaintiff has little chance of convincing anyone that a major real estate developer like itself was unaware or misled about the risks and possibilities of environmental conditions on a parcel of property on which the plaintiff itself was abut to make an environmental investigation prior to purchase."

In its lawsuit against the Ackerts, Singh's argues that they "negotiated in bad faith" to resolve the constraints in the time limits attached to the purchase agreement and then dropped the discussions, unless the developers agreed to "a substantial increase in the purchase price for the Ackert land." Singh's brief alleges that the Ackerts of engaging in fraud by not disclosing "the considerable local notoriety regarding the potential contamination which could result from the existence of the landfill and which could have a serious detrimental effect on the development potential of the Ackert land."

The Ackerts in their countersuit against Singh are even harsher. They accuse the company of defaming their good name and causing permanent damage to Duane Ackert, who suffered a stroke on Jan. 22, four days after Singh filed a claim of interest against their land in Oakland County Circuit Court. Such a claim can keep an owner from selling their land until a pending lawsuit is resolved.

On Feb. 25, to "avoid aggravation of his illness," the Ackerts offered to return $18,400 of the $20,000 down payment Singh made on their land. The firm did not accept this.

"During the time Singh was negotiating with the Ackerts it already knew or should have known that there were potential environmental problems. Singh concealed such knowledge with the intention of entrapping the Ackerts into an unfavorable position with regard to the contract being negotiated," the Ackert's countersuit reads.

"Several days after the execution of the purchase agreement Singh purportedly 'discovered' the existence of the landfill and demanded that the Ackerts renegotiate the agreement, including paying for a portion of the cleanup costs."

Munn Landfill, and problems, have a long history

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

One of Novi's earliest cases of NIMBY (not in my backyard) came in the late 1950s when residents of Willowbrook battled to keep a landfill out.

"If it's not wild dogs, it's garbage," lamented one Willowbrook housewife.

Novi Township officials agreed and looked what was then termed a "stunning" $75,000 lawsuit in the face, to no avail.

Basically, it was the story of a local government attempting to protect its residents from a perceived health hazard, while the county court backed the rights of the property owner.

In February 1958, Chris Nielson, who owned and operated Silver Brook Farm on Ten Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road, threatened to take the then-township to court because it refused him a license to operate a dump on his land. Professional haulers were already streaming there and residents of neighboring Willowbrook Village protested, saying the landfill stank, created a health hazard and endangered their water supply.

In a 1991 report prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, former Novi police chief Lee BeGole identified the Nielson property as the site of what is now known as the Munn Landfill.

Nielson explained then that his plan was to fill in low spots on his land, with the goal of selling the land for development as a subdivision.

"I'm doing this to beautify the farm, not to make money," Nielson said in a *Novi News* article.

"The rubbish haulers pay two cents a yard to me, but it's already cost me thousands of dollars to prepare for it. It would be different if 15 or 20 loads of garbage were left uncovered for a month or two. But this is rubbish, not garbage and we cover it up as fast as it comes in."

The expediency of the 1950s led to the environmental concerns of the 1980s and 1990s. But even back then local residents were concerned about potential health hazards. At the time, Novi residents preferred to jettison their rubbish to a landfill in New Hudson, as rubbish from the Detroit metro area flowed west.

Followed was several years here of what was called in the terminology of the era a "rumble." The Meadowbrook Road landfill was described a public nuisance which threatened to pollute the area's high water table.

Twice the township board denied Nielson a permit and agreed to duke it out in court, despite the advice of the township attorney that they'd lose. Willowbrook residents urged that they carry on the battle, among them lawyer David Fried, who is now Novi's city attorney.

Explained then-township supervisor Frazer Staman in *The Novi News*: "We should at least try to enforce our ordinance. There are 300 families nearby and we should consider them too. It may cost us money but we should have our day in court."

In April 1958, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Frank Doty upheld the trash coalition. Nielson was in business, with the proviso that only rubbish and not garbage be placed in his landfill. No dumping was permitted between June 30 and September 1 each year and in warmer months he was required to spray pesticide on the dump. Nielson was also ordered to close shop by June 30, 1960.

Township Attorney Anthony Renne urged the board to agree to the settlement: "If cases of contamination do occur, private suits can be filed against the dumpers."

By 1960, Novi residents were up in arms about five local landfills, variously along Ten and Nine Mile roads, as well as one proposed for Twelve Mile Road. Willowbrook householders complained about the stench of the Meadowbrook Road site, as well as the odoriferous foam which filled a neighboring stream. A contemporary photo in *The Novi News* showed the stuff floating along.

However, steps were taken to make the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook Road landfill "more sanitary." Among them were the use of a disinfectant, the dumping of dry rubbish only and a ten-foot dirt barrier between the landfill and a stream which ran there through Willowbrook subdivision.

In July 1960, Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem upheld a case brought by the Munn Contracting Company against the Village of Novi, which protested Novi's refusal to grant it a license to operate a new landfill at Ten Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Novi Road near what was called the McCreedy dump. Ziem found Novi "unreasonable" and "arbitrary."

Munn, who apparently was now operating the Meadowbrook Road site reached a compromise with Novi, including these concessions:

- No more landfilling would take place on the Nielson farm near Willowbrook and Meadowbrook Lake subdivisions.
- Village rubbish would be accepted free of charge.
- The new landfill would be filled within 18 to 24 months.

Exhibitionist strikes in library

Librarians were surprised to find a man was doing a little more than reading books on a local trip to the Novi Library.

They had noticed a white male in his mid- to late-20s wandering around the teens' and childrens' section "acting weird" at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13, but didn't think anything of it, according to police reports.

It was only after a parent called the library an hour later that they thought something was wrong. The mother and her young daughter had just returned home from the library when the girl told her a man had exposed himself to her.

At 7:30 p.m., the librarian spotted the man and secretly followed him through the building. She saw the man lift up his shirt to expose red boxer shorts to a young girl and coughed to let him know he was being watched.

He let the shirt drop and wandered around some more, then sat down to read but looked uncomfortable, she said. He left the library at 8:30 p.m.

The man was described as 5 foot 6 inches in height, 150 pounds with sandy blond hair. He wore steel rimmed glasses, a green and black ski jacket, white baseball cap, gray sweatshirt and jeans. He walked with a limp.

The incident was reported the next day.

Police News

RANGE RAID

Police are looking for suspects who broke into three homes currently under construction on Lochmore.

Police said someone tried to steal the stoves from the homes the night of Feb. 18. They gained entrance into the homes by kicking in the windows.

Police said only one range was successfully taken, the two other stoves were bolted to the floor. Thieves also caused damage to those stoves and damaged the floor of one home by dragging the range across it.

Police followed one set of footprints from the home where the suspects appeared to have dragged the stove through the snow and to the street where they must have loaded it into a vehicle.

There were no witnesses. Police were put on extra patrol in the area.

FURNACE FILCHED

Thieves caused $2,500 worth of damage stealing a $5,000 furnace from an unoccupied house on Fuller the night of Feb. 1

Police said the suspects gained entrance by breaking the doorknobs on the inside garage doors and damaged the ceramic floor by dragging the furnace across it.

BANANA TOSS

A Novi man told police he only threw two banana peels and two scraps of paper out the window of his Ford Thunderbird while driving only because "he didn't want his foot to slip onto the accelerator and speed and kill someone."

An unmarked officer was driving along Meadowbrook near Nine Mile Road the afternoon of Feb. 16 when he saw the man in front of him toss the objects out the window. He called the police station for a marked officer to join him and followed the man to the Saddle Creek Apartments, according to police reports.

When the man exited the car, the officer identified himself and confronted the man who admitted to the act, but said it was for the safety of others.

When marked officers arrived the man was issued a ticket for littering.

The officer went back to retrieve the banana peel for evidence but said it was "smeared all over the road."

HE HIT ME FIRST

A Walled Lake man called police Feb. 3 to report a traffic altercation that started on the I-96 freeway and continued to the corner of South Lake Road and Owenton in the north end of the city.

The man said he and a friend were driving in his Dodge Stealth at 3 a.m. when the Jeep in front of them on the freeway began throwing objects out the window. The Stealth sped up to get in front of the Jeep and accidentally cut him off, police said.

The Jeep progressed to follow the Stealth off the freeway and north. Although the Stealth tried to elude the Jeep, the vehicle bumped the back of the Stealth as he came to a stop sign.

When the Walled Lake man got out to look at the damage the two men in the other vehicle jumped out and began hitting the car and then attacked him. His passenger was unwilling to enter into the fight.

The Jeep driver, a Novi man, got into the Jeep and rammed the back of the car, then drove away as the passenger hopped back in. The Walled Lake man was able to get a license plate number.

According to the report, while an officer was on the phone with the Walled Lake man, the Novi man and his friend entered the station to make a full report. They accused the other car of throwing things and starting the fight. And said they only ran into the car by accident as they were trying to get away. They did, however, admit to drinking before the altercation.

Outdoor show set to start at Expo

The intriguing mysteries of Michigan's great outdoors come alive at Outdoorama. For 10 exciting days visitors to the "Wonders of Wetlands" exhibit will learn the functions of wetlands, one of nature's most precious gifts.

Outdoorama is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

The "Wonders of Wetlands" 2,400-square-foot interactive exhibit displays the four different wetlands found in Michigan: bog, swamp, marsh and wet meadow. Each display consists of natural vegetation, native animal mounts, plus hands-on education and activities that feature the importance of wetlands' functions in nature. The "Wonders of Wetlands" exhibit is cosponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Metro Detroit Landscape Association.

The "Wonders of Wetlands" is a must-see for the home gardener, and provides a variety of naturally creative landscape ideas for the environmentally-conscious homeowner. Native Michigan pine seedlings will be available daily to visitors at the "Wonders of Wetlands" exhibit.

Outdoorama is Michigan's most popular and longest running outdoor show, now in its 23rd year. Over 350 exhibits feature the latest in fishing and hunting equipment, fishing and power boats, recreational vehicles, plus travel and outfitting destinations throughout North America.

In addition, there are weekday theme nights that focus on popular pastimes of outdoor life.

Special "Theme Nights" include: Michigan Out-of-Doors Fishing Night, Monday, Feb. 26; Sporting Dog Night, Tuesday, Feb. 27; Bowhunting Night, Wednesday, Feb. 28; Big Buck Night, Thursday, Feb. 29; and Kids' Night, March 1. During Kids' Night, the first 1,000 kids 15 and under who enter and complete the Wildlife Challenge will receive an array of prizes.

Outdoorama show hours at the Novi Expo Center are: Friday, Feb. 23, 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 24 and March 2, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 26-27, 4-10 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon to 10 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, Feb. 29-March 1, 4-10 p.m.; Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission to Outdoorama is adults, $6.50; children 12 and under, $3; children under five are admitted free. Proceeds from Outdoorama benefit MUCC's conservation and education programs.

For ticket or show information, call 1-800-777-6720, or write to MUCC, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909. After Feb. 20, call the Outdoorama show office at (810) 380-7000.

Novi Briefs

Asleep at the keyboard

An article in the Feb. 15 edition of *The Novi News* inexplicably referred to Novi City Council Member Richard Clark as John Clark.

Mark your calendars

Now's the time to figure out what you're going to wear to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner dance and charity auction on March 23. Tickets are $45 per person for "A Night to Remember" at the Novi Hilton. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner's fashionably early at 7 p.m. and the live auction is on at 8:30 p.m. Then, its time to dance the time away 'til midnight.

Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. For more information, call 349-3743.

Taxing faxes

The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that taxpayers can now order and receive Michigan tax forms by fax. Callers must use a fax phone and may order up to six forms per call. This is a fully automated system that is available 24 hours per day. To obtain forms by fax, call (810) 754-0362.

Callers are provided with step-by-step instructions for using the fax system, including how to obtain a menu of the forms available by fax and how to select those forms. Callers should be aware that the transmission will begin immediately. The fax service is available for forms only. Instructions can be ordered by calling 1-800-FORM-2-ME.

Shiny new buses

Novi schools received three shiny yellow presents in January. Now they have to pay for them. The Novi School Board awarded bids to purchase three school busses to Wolverine Truck Sales in Dearborn in March of 1995. Three new district school buses were delivered last month but now comes the time to pay up.

Novi schools are sending out bids for a $120,000 loan to cover the cost of two 65 passenger busses at a cost of $47,218 each and a special education bus costing $58,220.

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Two new courses set for high school next year

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Supply and demand. Civil Law.

Just a few of the topics two new courses at Novi High School will address beginning next school year.

The Novi Board of Education is expected to approve two new courses, Civics and Economics, at tonight's 7:30 meeting at Village Oaks.

"The goal for both is we feel it's important if we're going into a global economy and, regardless of whether it would be on the (new High School Proficiency) test or not, it is important to be studied," said Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction.

"And civics is the idea of giving people at an earlier age a chance to learn more in-depth about government and citizenship," Traynor explained.

The changes are needed in order to comply with state and national curriculum standards for social studies as well as to prepare students for new social studies content to be tested during the 1998 or 1999 high school proficiency test.

"It seemed unfair to have these kids taking tests when they haven't had the chance to take the course," said Traynor.

Tenth grade students will be required to take the courses as part of the social studies curriculum.

The high school proposes Civics replace the currently required 12th grade course of American Government.

"The idea is to have students have a political awareness of the different local, state and national governments," said Gary Kelly, head of the social studies department at Novi High School

The students will learn by role playing and making judgments for themselves, he explained.

An added benefit of moving the course to a lower grade means students may be able to take another course to further explore political science.

Economics will be based in the social studies department, also, and teach practical and consumer applications as well as survey the theories of micro- and macro-economics.

"It's always been referred to as the dismal science," said Kelly. "We want to have kids leave and say 'Hey, I can really use this' such as in personal finances."

"We want kids to be a able to decode what they hear (in the world)," explained Kelly. "What does the stock market mean? What is a deficit and how did we get it?"

Both courses are intended to be taught with textbooks and lectures as well as team projects, computer programs and other multimedia.

"We know we can make it exciting and make it more of a real-life experience, not just dry reading from a book," said Traynor.

The total start-up cost for the each of the new courses is approximately $12,000. These materials will be budgeted from district textbook funds.

The courses are the last phase in the updated K-12 social studies framework adopted by the school board last spring.

Since then a team of teachers, staff and intermediate school district officials has examined the best way to bring the subjects to younger students.

It's been difficult to find text and material suitable for a 9th and 10th grade level, according to Traynor.

In addition, the district has considered the two background when hiring some teachers lately, knowing the class would be implemented sometime in the near future.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Feb. 18. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, FEB. 12
Medical, 41378 Cornell, 9 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 25460 Novi Road, 11:04 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 5:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43550 West Oaks, 5:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25607 Madison, 6:35 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 8:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 8:34 p.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13
Medical, 20932 Glenhaven, 6 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Napier and Fernoodle, 8:23 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24313 Bashian, 1:34 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39714 Villagewood, 3:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 41451 Reindeer, 4:12 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and I-275, 8:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29709 Rosseau, 9:04 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 44828 Pondview, 10:08 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14
Medical, 220 Endwell, 9:23 a.m., Squad 2.
Wires down, Novi and N. of Ten Mile, 9:37 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24759 Glenda, 10:24 a.m., Squad 1.
Service standby, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 11:17 a.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Town Center, 2:07 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15
Investigation, 31231 Barrington, 7:52 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 7:13 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16
Medical, 45125 W. Ten Mile, 12:39 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22001 Garfield, 2:46 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 43500 Gen Mar, 11:12 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42975 Grand River, 12:47 p.m., Squad 4.
Fuel spill, I-96 and Novi Road, 4:28 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 1528 Paramount, 4:37 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39607 Ronayton, 11:19 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17
Investigation, 21175 Woodland Glen, 5:24 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:32 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43166 Lochrisen Court, 7:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Trash Fire, Primrose and Centennial, 10:14 p.m., Engine 2.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18
Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:40 a.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle fire, I-96 and I-275, 12:29 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24759 Glenda, 3:50 p.m., Squad 1.
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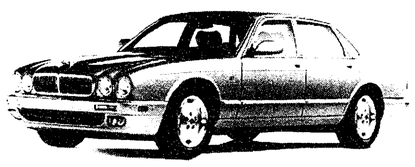

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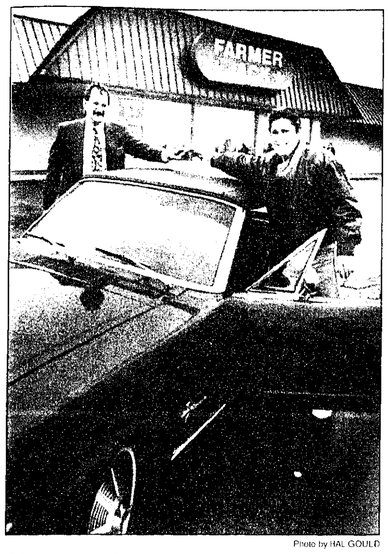

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Home delivery

Novi resident Phil Cirka is a one in a million guy. He beat out 999,999 other hopefuls in a drawing for this 1965 red Mustang. On Feb. 8, Cirka picked up the keys from the Ten Mile Road Farmer Jack Supermarket store manager Rich Derby and drove off in that dream buggy. The contest, sponsored by the food store chain, Classic Coke and WOMC-FM radio, was held at the Detroit Auto Show.

Bill would change child custody

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Although some were uneasy at the change, state senators want to remove the legal presumption that children of divorcing parents are always better off with Mom.

The Senate on Feb. 16 approved SB 595 on a 28-6 vote and sent it to the House.

"There is an unwritten presumption (by judges) that custody by the mother is the norm," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, who helped guide the bill through committee.

"But the research is clear: Children are better off after a divorce if both parents are involved in the child's life. This is a key part of the Friend of the Court reform. It's one of 15 bills," said Geake, who spent more than a year listening to public criticism of Friend of the Court procedures.

Judges still would be able to award custody to either parent, said sponsor Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City. And no one had any estimate of how many divorce decrees might be affected.

But in the statute books, the state would create a new starting line of joint custody — "a presumption that both parents can be involved in a child's life."

Voting for the bill were area Republicans Geake, David Honigman of West Bloomfield, Mike Rogers of Brighton and John J.H. Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Among those voting against was Democrat Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem.

Four senators missed the vote.

"Joint physical custody can be very detrimental to children," objected Smith. "This shift (in law) suggests a perception of dramatic change in the status quo."

Also voting no was one of the Senate's most conservative members, Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. "I have an uneasy feeling in my stomach that it's not good for children," said Emmons.

Also last week, Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, reintroduced her bills to halt no-fault divorce proceedings where one party objects or there are minor children.

Michigan passed a no-fault divorce law 24 years ago and saw divorces soar to 40,000 a year.

Deadline nears for OCC board election

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

April 8 is the deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions for two posts on the Oakland Community College board of trustees.

To be on the June 10 ballot, candidates must collect at least 50 and not more than 200 signatures of registered voters.

Petitions should be filed by 4 p.m. of deadline day with Deanna Cable, deputy secretary, in OCC's George A. Bee district office, 2480 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. Candidates also must file two copies of an affidavit of identity.

Nominating petitions and copies of the affidavit of identity are available from the college's communications office in the Bee Center. Questions may be called to George Cartsonis, director of communications, at (810) 540-1540.

Board chair Douglas Wakefield of Southfield has announced he won't seek reelection. Trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford hasn't announced whether she'll seek a fourth term.

Their terms end June 30. Winners of the June 10 election have six-year terms ending in 2002. Trustees serve without pay.

The OCC district covers 28 K-12 school districts. Boundaries are roughly the same as Oakland County's boundaries. K-12 school districts also elect trustees on June 10.

The 31-year-old college has five campuses enrolling 30,000 students and some 800 employees. Annual budget is nearly $100 million.

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Rules changed to allow brewery

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Four years ago, the committee overseeing the Novi Town Center and Main Street area created a laundry list of unique projects that would fit the Main Street area. Those included a theater complex, a farmers market and a micro brewery.

Well, Novi now has it's theater complex in the Town Center and the farmer's market evolved into Vic's Market.

But a metro Detroit entrepreneur recently squashed his plans to bring a micro-brewery to Novi's Main Street area, citing space constraints in the available location near Vic's.

The city isn't giving up, though, and fights on to bring the newest trend in entertainment and restaurants to what they hope becomes a well-known attraction.

The Town Center Steering Committee continues to pursue the idea of a micro-brewery or brew-pub and earlier this month suggested the necessary ordinance changes be in place should another developer stop by.

Planning Commissioners agreed passing an ordinance change, 6-3, that allows access to the area for micro breweries and brewpubs.

The commission debated the issue at the Feb. 7 meeting. Commissioners Glen Boneventura, Arthur Vrettas and Eda Weddington were opposed to the change.

The idea of a micro brewery in that area brought a funny smell to Commissioner Glen Boneventura's nose.

He lived near a brewery in San Fransisco and remembers an odor from the building.

"I wouldn't mind putting this on the shelf for a little bit," he said, proposing to wait until a developer brings a specific plan to the commission before changing the ordinance.

"I like the concept but I don't see the need to approve this now. I would like to see a petitioner bring it to us," he explained.

But member Peter Hoadley said the buildings are designed to keep odors contained, and besides, Main Street developer James Chen has other interested parties looking at the site near Vic's for a brewery. The ordinance should be passed before they even get as far as the commission.

Member Eda Weddington didn't necessarily oppose the idea but said the odor and traffic from shipping and receiving leads to problems.

"I don't think the TC (town center) district is the appropriate place for this," she said.

She said even the Big Buck Brewery in Gaylord, which steering committee members visited to research the idea, was placed outside of the city's downtown for the specific reasons she cited.

Anyway, she said, she read articles recently that said "this fad has already reached it's peak and is on a downward trend."

Vrettas opposed the idea for social and moral reasons, saying a micro-brewery isn't conducive to Main Street's family atmosphere.

"I just don't want a brewery as an example of what's good for my family," he said.

The approved ordinance allows the two types of business into the Main Street area with many requirements including:

• Various storage restrictions.

• A restaurant with at least 100 seats and serving a full lunch and dinner menu be included in the plan.

• Outside table serving may be allowed on a plaza providing proper handicapped accessibility.

• No outside beer tent allowed outside with the exception of festival periods.

• No micro-brewery shall be located closer than 2,500 feet of another micro brewery.

Library Notes

Book talk

The next meeting of the Novi Library adult book discussion group will be Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. The subject of the discussion will be *Moo* by Jane Smiley. Participants should have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

Volunteer Notes

Reach out to a child

If you have the "heart" to reach out to a child in need in your community, Oakland County Youth Assistance may be able to help you. Call (810) 858-0041 to learn how to become a mentor Training which will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac.

Guardianship placement

There is an Oakland County Probate Court volunteer opportunity in visiting children or adults in their guardianship placement through Oakland County Probate Court.

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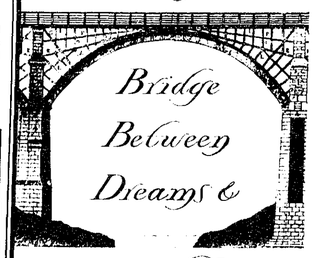

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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. on March 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15, 1996. All appearances will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 8, 1996. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

Written protests will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 13, 1996. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written petition for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the formal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:
Monday, March 11, 1996 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12, 1996 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13, 1996 — 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 14, 1996 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
Friday, March 15, 1996 — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
** Thursday and Friday appointments given only if Monday through Wednesday appointment schedules are filled.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at (810) 347-0485.

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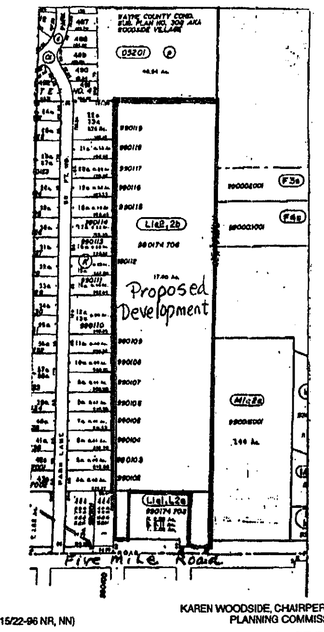
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 1996
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 41600 West Six Mile Road

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 27, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, on an **Open Space Community Development Option for SP-95-14, Hidden Cove Estates.**

The Open Space Community Development Option is proposed for land located in the South East 1/4 of Section 13, Five Mile Road, West of Haggerty.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding this proposed development will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 41600 West Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The plans for this proposed development are available for review in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



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Store takes over abandoned station

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

There's new life on an old abandoned corner of Novi Road and Ten Mile.

Metro Cell Security passed the final test earlier this month by winning a 7 to 2 approval from the Novi Planning Commission for the final plan to open a store selling cellular telephone sales, installation and home, office and commercial security systems

The store, set to open this week, found a home in the decaying gas station building. The Rao Group, which recently bought the property and owns Metro Cell, is putting fresh paint and green trees into the property.

The old gas station building has stood vacant for years and has been called an eyesore by planning commissioners and residents of the city.

"We're serious about making that area real nice," said Al Lowe, executive director of the Rao Group.

The preliminary plan was approved back in November and since then Metro Cell has cleaned up the building and the small parcel of land surrounding it. Also, two of the four entrance ways have been deleted.

Although initial plans required little improvement or change to the building itself, Metro Cell and city consultant Brandon Rogers came up with a plan to include more brick on the facade of the building, in addition to colorful awnings.

Lowe said Metro Cell hired architects and landscapers to really spruce up the place land and redesign the building.

"I've got more trees (to go) on that property than the Hiawatha Forest," said Lowe.

Lowe also eased concerns from city about the need for a sidewalk on the property that could connect to the nearby shopping center. He said there will be a walkway in place in the Spring.

Before Metro Cell bought the property, there was little hope for a sidewalk and the city was unsuccessful at gaining an easement to put in a walkway.

Commissioners struggled for an answer at the Feb. 7 meeting.

Commissioner Arthur Vrettas felt a sidewalk on the property is a safety issue and a necessity."I cannot be compelled to do something that is morally wrong," said Vrettas in regard to approving the plan without a sidewalk option in place.

However, the city cannot require the owner to grant the easement or put the walkway in place.

Both Vrettas and commissioner Peter Hoadley thought that wasn't good enough and suggested the owner do the right thing and put the sidewalk in voluntarily.

There are at least three other cellular stores in Novi and Ameritech just opened a retail sales center on Grand River east of Novi Road last week.

Senior service video available from state

A new video from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) is now available. The 14-minute video portrays Michigan senior citizens participating in a variety of activities and services.

The standard VHS format will allow seniors, senior groups and adults with aging relatives, to learn what state and federally-funded services are available and how they can be accessed. The tape is accompanied by free literature describing many of the services featured in the video tape.

Requests for the tape are honored on a first-come, first-served basis and are available to groups at no charge. Copies of the video are also available from the area agencies on aging and at the State Library of Michigan. The tape can also be purchased at a cost of $15, plus shipping and handling. Inquiries should be directed to Emma Zaid at (517) 373-0049, or write OSA, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

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Term limits spur push for formula

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

For decades, experts on state university funding have said there ought to be a formula; that higher education budget bills should be decided by something more than the brute strength of alumni groups.

Now Wayne State University President David Adamany says lawmakers need to do it soon because term limits are taking effect in 1998.

"With term limits, institutional memory will disappear from the state capitol, and funding arrangements are likely to become highly unpredictable and even chaotic," Adamany told the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on higher education on Feb. 17 in Ann Arbor. It was the first hearing on Gov. John Engler's much-praised plan to boost aid to four-year colleges by 5 percent to $1.37 billion.

Michigan voters in 1992 amended the constitution to limit senators to two four-year terms and representatives to three two-year terms. For many representatives, 1998 will be their last year in office.

"We will regret the day we voted in term limits," agreed panel chair John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, a graduate of both WSU and the University of Michigan, and a kind of folk hero to university presidents.

"There will be a loss of institutional memory," Schwarz added. "We've made the governor a proconsul [a Roman military district ruler]. We're giving inordinate power to the professional staff and bureaucracy."

NON-POLITICAL FORMULA?

State Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, who sat in on the session, took a hard look at the politics of university budgets, asking: "Can you envision a formula that doesn't reflect the political strength of Michigan State and Western Michigan universities?"

"Hope springs eternal," replied Adamany. "MSU's and Western's advantage are doomed by the voters. The incentive (to write a mathematical formula) are more powerful than they've ever been."

Adamany had an idea for a formula: "Instead of allocating by the institution, we should fund by the program." One part of the formula would be the number of students seeking doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees. Another part of the formula would be the cost of different kinds of instruction – more for clinical and laboratory programs, less for traditional lecture-textbook programs.

Currently Michigan gives some recognition to the so-called Carnegie rankings: research, doctoral, baccalaureate. "The Carnegie rankings were never meant to be a funding formula and never will be," said Schwarz.

"I absolutely agree," said Adamany. "It tells you how many MA degrees are granted but not the program."

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Both Adamany and lame-duck U-M President James Duderstadt praised the Engler budget as being the most generous to higher education in years, exceeding consumer price inflation (about 2.8 percent).

Duderstadt, Adamany and Schwarz all agreed the state should repeal the tuition tax credit – a law Schwarz said he regretted voting for. It gives a tax credit of $250 a year for each of four years to families of students attending universities that keep their tuition hikes below the CPI rate of inflation.

In 1995-6, only four of Michigan's 15 public universities kept their rates below the CPI: Western, Grand Valley and Michigan State, at 2.6 percent, and Lake Superior at 2.5 percent. Families of students at those universities benefitted by about $12 million a year.

Eastern's hike was 4 percent, Wayne State's 4.1, U-M Dearborn 4.7, Oakland 5.9 and U-M Ann Arbor 6.8.

"Tax credits are not progressive, and they don't address financial need," said Adamany.

"It's close to impossible to keep it (tuition increases) to the CPI," said Schwarz.

"It's simply not working," said Duderstadt. "Tuition (increases) are influenced by state appropriations and the cost structure. The best way to keep tuition low is to keep the state appropriation up – at or below the CPI."

"That will be a difficult political sell," said Profit.

Duderstadt was happy Engler recommended $63 million in capital projects for U-M but said he had asked for $16 million more – for renovation of the Frieze, LSA, Mason and Haven halls. In coming years, U-M will spend more on renovation than new construction, he added.

PROFS SPEAK OUT

Full-time, tenured faculty have been systematically short changed, and teaching has suffered, two members of the American Association of University Professors told the panel.

Wilfred Kaplan, professor emeritus of math at U-M, pointed to increased use of part-timers – "a form of exploitation," he said.

"AAUP is concerned that these persons have less academic freedom, have no role in faculty governance, have fewer protections ... They are often appointed by an inadequate process, with no systematic review of qualifications. Universities employ them to gain flexibility and to take advantage of an oversupply of teachers. These persons are universally paid less than the tenure-track staff of comparable experience."

Professor Charles J. Parrish of Wayne State said full-time faculty in Michigan have dropped in 20 years from 78.77 percent of the total to 68.16 percent.

Parrish also complained that tuition is growing faster as a percentage of university budgets, but the money is being diverted from teaching and into administration.

A BREAKDOWN

Gov. John Engler's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 recommends $1.37 billion for 15 state colleges and universities, plus $128 million for scholarship, work-study, and health careers for a total of $1.5 billion.

Here is the breakdown by university followed by the percentage increase and state aid per student:

Central, $67 million, 4.7 percent, $4,150.

Eastern, $73 million, 4 percent, $4,163.

Ferris, $47 million, 5 percent, $5,186.

Grand Valley, $43 million, 14.7 percent, $4,150.

Lake Superior, $12 million, 4 percent, $4,293.

Michigan State, $267 million, 4.6 percent, $7,618.

Michigan Tech, $46 million, 6.1 percent, $7,406.

Northern, $44 million, 4 percent, $6,793.

Oakland, $40 million, 4 percent, $4,251.

Saginaw Valley, $21 million, 15.4 percent, $4,150.

U-M Ann Arbor, $301 million, 4.4 percent, $8,536.

U-M Dearborn, $22 million, 11.6 percent, $4,150.

U-M Flint, $19 million, 5.2 percent, $4,150.

Wayne State, $214 million, 4.1 percent, $9,266.

Western, $102 million, 4 percent, $5,021.

Note: Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley and U-M Dearborn got double-digit increases to bring them to a floor of $4,150 – a recommendation applauded by other presidents.

ABWA hosting Network Mingle

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites all working women to attend the Business Women's Network Mingle Monday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Executive Suites, 43000 West Nine Mile in Novi. It is planned as an event where business women can meet, make new friends and network. ABWA will be introduced to potential members. No reservations are necessary and refreshments will be served.

Regular ABWA meetings are held at the Country Epicure restaurant on Grand River, west of Meadowbrook, on the second Monday of each month. A social hour is held at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and a meeting.

The speaker at the March 11 meeting will be an ABWA national officer, District 5 vice president, Lois Revenaugh.

For further information on the "Mingle," contact Ann Mikols at (810) 344-2882 or Kathy Duncan at (810) 348-2000. For reservations for the March 11 meeting call Betty Booher at (313) 397-7708 days, or (810) 348-3297 evenings.

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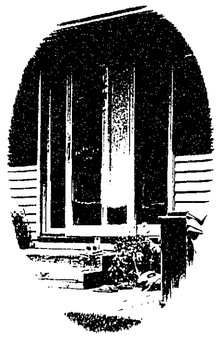

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Guernsey Farms to go smokeless

By LEE SNIDER
Editor

There's a new look – and a new climate – at the Guernsey Farms Dairy restaurant, 21300 Novi Road.

In response to what owner Marty McGuire said was a host of customer requests, restaurant management decided to clear the air by making interior renovations and implementing a "no smoking" rule throughout the building.

"More and more people are asking for it and we're a family oriented place," McGuire said. "So we cleaned the ceiling and got rid of the old wallpaper and the odor. It'll give us a new look too."

Guernsey's, best known for its tempting ice cream flavors and other rich dairy products, posted signs and formally adopted the new policy Feb. 15.

According to McGuire, Guernsey's joined other restaurants in offering a small no-smoking section in the 1980s. But the section got increasingly larger and the smoking portion of the restaurant was eventually reduced to a fraction of the total floor space.

"We were mandated to supply smoke-free tables," he said. "At first we just had three or four of them, but then it was half the restaurant, then three-quarters ..."

Lately, Guernsey's was reserving only six tables for smoking patrons during the week and just three on the weekends.

The capacity of the restaurant is 99 seats.

Guernsey's is a legendary establishment in the Novi area, evolving out of a dairy farm that specialized in Guernsey cows in 1940. It was located at 125 South Center in Northville until 1966, when it moved to its current location.

It has been owned by the McGuire family since 1952.

The restaurant's menu includes short order breakfast, lunch and dinner dishes, in addition to frothy desserts.

Photo by HAL GOULD

No more lighting up say staff members (from left) Myriam Menke, manager Ryan Kubeck, Blyth Atton, Dorothy Henthorne, Pete Marsack and (in back) Carolyn Szakal.

Residency rules may get booted

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Big trouble may await Sen. David Honigman's bill to repeal city employee residency requirements when it reaches the House of Representatives.

Reason: The bill cleared the Senate Feb. 14 by a 21-15 vote – one vote more than the bare 20 needed for passage.

Another reason: Opponents were not only black Detroit Democrats but white Republicans from Jackson, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Traverse City, Spring Lake and Big Rapids.

"It's immoral for government to tell people where to live," said Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, likening city residency requirements to the "totalitarianism" of South Africa and eastern Europe.

Honigman argued the rules also are obsolete in an era of two-income families. "A poignant example was the woman firefighter from Warren who is engaged to a Flint firefighter. Both must meet residency requirements to live in the city where they work. One will be forced to leave his or her job, to cheat, or else they may not get married."

The answer for cities who fear their employees will move out is to make the cities more attractive, Honigman said. "We should be free to marry whomever we want and live where we please," he said.

Voting yes were 15 Republicans and six Democrats. They included Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Mike Bouchard of Birmingham, Robert Geake of Northville, Honigman and Mike Rogers of Brighton, and Democrats John Cherry of Clio and Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township.

Voting no were seven Republicans and eight Democrats, including John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, and Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

Two senators missed the vote, including George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

Opposition is more than racial and partisan. Said the bulletin of the Michigan Municipal League, which opposed the measure: "Residency is a home rule and local control issue that should be decided locally by charter or at the bargaining table. Local government is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. Residency requirements are central to that function, especially for essential services like police and fire."

MML also noted that whereas Honigman's bill of three years ago applied only to police officers and firefighters, the current bill applies to all city employees.

A bigger fight faces Honigman's bill in the House, whose members face reelection this year and could be challenged in their primaries if they displease city officials.

Senators from both parties fought the Honigman bill.

Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek and a former city official, said, "It's not frequently that I disagree with a member of my own caucus, (but) I disagree wholeheartedly ... Residency requirements have always been a matter of local option.

"The Los Angeles experience, where 83 percent of the police department live outside the city, is a prime example. At the time of the Los Angeles riots, the police on duty were looked upon as an army of occupation. There were not of the community. It (Honigman's bill) sends absolutely the wrong signal," particularly to Detroit, which is seeking to recover and has a residency rule.

"I think this is definitely an issue of local control," said Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

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Participation would depend on pay

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Teen dads could still play high school sports – after they've paid their child support – under a controversial bill passed by the Michigan Senate.

"Having a child at any age is a tremendous responsibility, both from a moral and a financial standpoint," said sponsor Mike Rogers, R-Howell. "I don't believe it's too much to ask a student parent to make financial support their No.1 priority, even at the expense of extracurricular activities."

Widely reported as a "pay to play" measure, Rogers' Senate Bill 769 actually applies to all school extracurricular activities, not just basketball. It's part of a two-dozen-bill package reforming Friend of the Court procedures.

The Friend of the Court, the office which handles child support payments in paternity and divorce cases, would use the law when the student dad falls four weeks or more behind in support payments. FOC would send a notice to the school that the parent is prohibited from extracurricular activities until a payment plan is reached.

> "I don't believe it's too much to ask a student parent to make financial support their No.1 priority, even at the expense of extracurricular activities."
> Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell

All area senators supported the measure except David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, who was absent. Voting no were one west side Republican and three Democrats from Detroit and Flint. Opponents were silent during floor debate Feb. 7.

SB 769 now goes to the House. If approved and signed by the governor, it would take effect Aug. 1.

Many FOC officers opposed the measure, saying high school students generally can't afford to pay much. State guidelines call for weekly support of $8 for non-custodial parents with incomes of $50 a week.

"The FOC would incur minimal administrative costs for providing notification to the principal of the high school," according to a Senate Fiscal Agency analysis. There was no estimate of how many school-age parents might be affected.

The Senate also gave 36-0 support to other measures in its months-long effort to repair the *much-criticized* FOC system. Four related bills were sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, who chaired the panel that held hearings on FOC problems:

• SB 749 and 750 – Under the Probate Code, a man would be considered the natural father of a child born out of wedlock for estate purposes if he and the mother signed a paper acknowledging his paternity. The paper would be filed with the state registrar, as a public document, and with the county Probate Court.

• SB 604 – The definition of "child born out of wedlock" would be expanded to include a child born or conceived during a marriage but not the issue of that marriage.

• SB 751 – Hospitals would be required to give unmarried mothers an "acknowledgment of parentage" form, provide each parent with a copy of the completed form, and forward the forms to the state registrar. The form would have to be filed before a birth certificate could be issued containing the father's name.

In addition, SB 599 would *amend the act to allow payments* to the public school district where either of a child's parents live.

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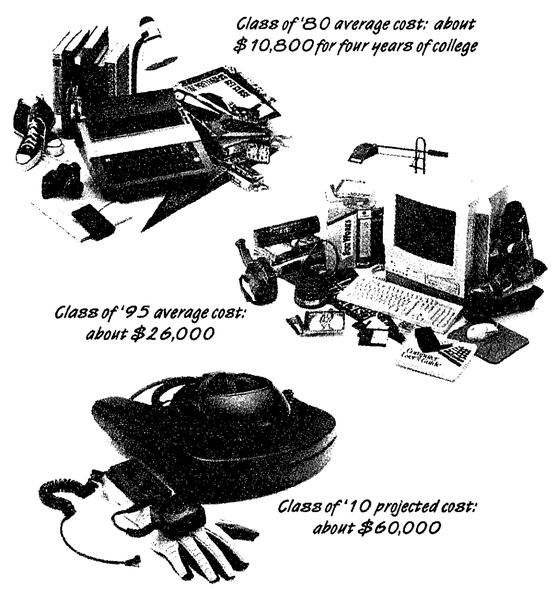

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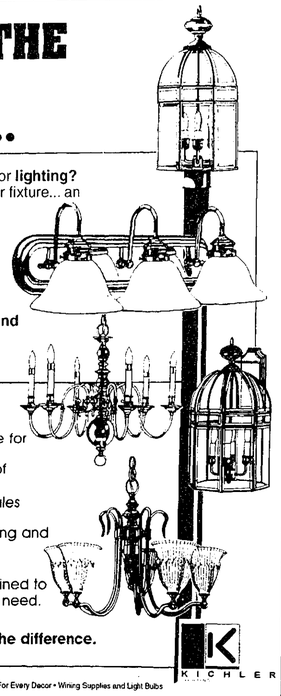

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Cell towers grow here to handle new callers

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not enough to provide coverage to all the numbers now in use, said Bryan Monaghan, attorney representing Ameritech.

The proposed 117 foot tall tower location is north of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road within an industrial park.

"We try to put them in as unobtrusive places as we can," said Monaghan.

Planning commissioners in Novi approved the plan for recommendation to City Council earlier this month, but they are wondering if there is some way to keep the spread of these metal trees to a minimum.

"We're going to have real problems," said commissioner Peter Hoadley about the ungainly creatures.

"It seems to me we're creating ourselves a nightmare here," he added.

Hoadley and some other commissioners fear the increasing use of the towers to service customers will result in unsightly changes to the landscape of Novi.

"We're trying to keep this city a beautiful town," explained Hoadley.

But Monaghan disagreed with the idea the technology will lead to the gray poles outnumbering the trees in the city.

"I'm trying to dispel the thought of hundreds of towers on the street corners because we're not (doing that)," he explained.

Commissioners debated several solutions to the possible dilemma, including making specific additions to city ordinances about the cell towers and perhaps requiring the various cellular companies to share towers. That's called "co-location."

"You're going to have to get together with your competitors and future competitors because this is going to be very intrusive," said Hoadley, who added he's not against cell phones.

Monaghan explained when it's feasible to share towers they do. But the locations where other existing towers are not appropriate. "We would gain nothing," in terms of increased coverage, he said.

Member Edo Weddington backed him up. Weddington said, "It is very common for the various users and providers of communications equipment to rent space ... and cooperate and share space and facilities."

Member Jacque Hodges said she was not comfortable asking them to share towers.

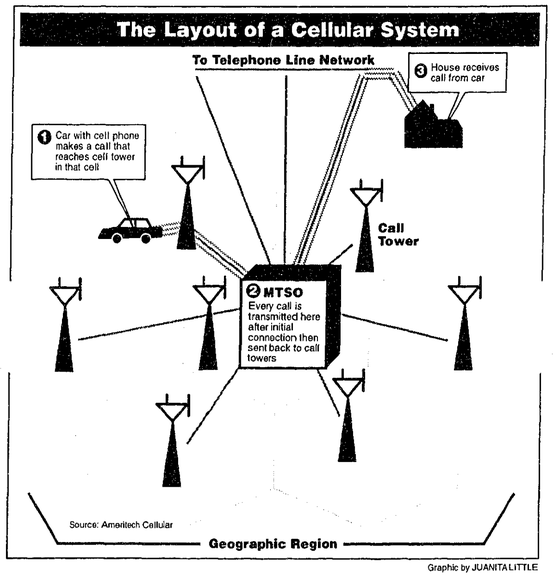
"This is like telling Chrysler to share their plant space with Ford," she explained. Demanding that is going above and beyond the ordinance, she added.

Commissioners voted 8 to 1 to send the issue to the implementation committee for further review. Hodges opposed the motion.

While some cellular providers say the towers will increase in numbers due to increasing usage others say the industry is changing so rapidly there may be no need to erect additional towers in the future.

In fact, cellular companies don't buy the property to locate the cell towers on, they lease it. They don't want to invest that kind of money when someday the towers may not be necessary.

"It's an incredible industry," said Al Lowe, of Metro Cell Security, which uses Ameritech tower stations. "Pretty soon you won't be worried about the cell towers."



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Novi High unveils its additions

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cials are hoping to see many faces of alumni, current students, parents and other community members.

Cheal said the district sent out hundreds of invitations and hopes to see a large turnout. She is expecting about 1,000 visitors.

After the ceremony, guests can tour the 382,000-square-foot school and see the school at work. There will be student demonstrations, refreshments and more from 2-3 p.m. throughout the various wings of the school.

The nearly $20 million expansion was funded through a portion of a $31.9 million bond issue approved by voters in December of 1992.

The school, which can now hold 2,000 students, saw expansion of not only administrative and classroom space but also saw updated paint jobs, carpeting and tiling in classrooms, hallways and bathrooms.

Additions included a math and science wing with six classrooms and six 1,400-square-foot science centers; ten new social studies and health classrooms; a 1,700-square-foot weight room; a two-tiered field house with three 90-foot-long basketball courts and an indoor track; a redesigned music and drama wing; an expanded and updated media center; and an advanced radio and television broadcast center.

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City settles cop contract

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coln and the officer.

Klaver said he was grateful the agreement was reached before reaching the arbitrators. The POAM contract had been determined in arbitration, leaving members of that union unhappy with the change to eight-hour days, which they said left lower seniority members with few if any weekends off. With the 12-hour shift, an officer worked four days a week, as opposed to five with the eight-hour shift.

"I was very pleased. Frankly, I'm not very much in favor of arbitration," Klaver said.

"You never feel the same way about the contract because somebody forced it on you. It's a reasonable compromise."

Police investigate robberies

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cash and the suspect fled to a white Cutlass.

There were no other witnesses.

The suspect is described as having a mustache and medium build, about 30 years of age standing 6 foot tall and 190 pounds. The man had a prison-style tattoo on his right hand. He was last seen wearing a black starter jacket and tan pants.

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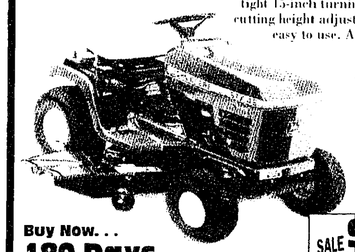

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As We See It

How many hospitals does one town need?

Just how many hospitals does a town like Novi need?

Readers of course know that Providence Hospital has been trying for some time to convince the state to let it move 200 beds from its Southfield facility to the Providence Park Medical Center in Novi. That would make Providence Park a full-blown hospital.

Now Sinai Hospital is getting into the act too. Sinai has recently submitted plans to the city for construction of a 300-bed hospital at Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads. It plans to develop the 40-acre parcel in four phases, but the Planning Commission has not yet set a time to review the proposal.

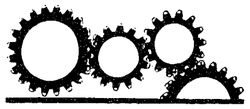
It might be hard to make a convincing argument to some Novi residents that these are not positive developments. After all, they would have closer access to more full service medical care. There is always a "peace of mind" factor in having a hospital close by. And of course when you need one, you want to be at one "right now."

There has also been a vision of Novi as a self-contained town. The city has sought to develop a Main Street-like shopping district, a goal it seems to be very close to reaching. And it fought to bring the local courthouse here. Hospitals are seen as an integral component of a full-blown town.

But we would urge Novi residents, and especially those in positions to make decisions, to step back and give the matter some extra thought. It's a cost containment issue as well. If the medical community overbuilds its facilities, it's us – health care users – who will ultimately pay the price.

That of course is the basis of the state's "certificate of need" policy. Since health care is "third party pay" system – insurance covering the costs of services rather than the consumer him or herself, it is often tough to keep costs under control. "Competition" has only a marginal impact on health care because of that third party pay system.

And of course the costs of facilities are passed on to the consumers, by way of additional charges on medical bills, and then through the insurance



Development

company via premiums. That's why the state puts proposed new medical facilities through a process to determine if they are needed.

Providence was recently rejected by the state in its efforts to get a certificate of need to move those 200 beds from Southfield. The state determined the region is already "overbedded." Providence of course is appealing the decision to a judge.

And now Sinai is talking about 300 additional beds.

Novi already has close proximity to a full-service hospital in Farmington Hills, and another in Livonia. Not far away, to the north, is yet another hospital which has plenty of room for growth in its patient load.

The metropolitan area used to have a regional planning panel that reviewed such requests and issued recommendations on whether they should be approved. But that panel has long since been disbanded. That's too bad, because it would be useful today.

Perhaps it is time for Novi to take up the reigns of regional health care planning and see what can be done to bring some sense to the issue. If that many hospitals are interested in locating facilities in this area, maybe it would be in this area's best interest to examine why.

Perhaps Novi could lead the way toward reviving the idea of regional health care planning, coordinating with other communities in the area to look over these expansion proposals and attempt to determine if they are justified.

When it comes to an issue like health care, looking no further than Novi's borders could cost our community dearly in the not too distance future.

Getting something from county

If Novi had to wait for Oakland County to take care of matters here ... well ... we'd be waiting a good long time.

Case in point: roads. Yes, the county Road Commission is supposed to take care of major roadways here other than state roads, but Novi gets scant attention from the commission ... at least not nearly enough to meet the demands put on Novi roads by the fast-paced development here. To be fair, the Road Commission is strapped for cash so it doesn't really give any of the communities the attention they deserve. Nonetheless, Novi has had to pass a road improvement tax and is now looking at attempting a second.

Another case in point: parks. The closest county park to Novi is an undeveloped parcel in Lyon Township which was purchased more to save a Blue Heron rookery than to serve Novi residents. Not that there is anything wrong with saving herons, but Novi residents get little recreational use out of it. Then there is the Glen Oaks park over on Orchard Lake Road. Who goes there?

In the case of parks too, Novi put together a bond issue and went out and bought more than 300 acres of its own for parks.

So you might find it odd that County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Novi, has taken up a post on the county Parks and Recreation Commission. She was appointed recently to serve a term on that panel. Might not her time be spent somewhere better? Might not her efforts be spent on an area of county government Novi residents use?

Actually, we see it as a good move on her part. Where better to influence the county's policy-making in order to bring county parks and recreational services to Novi? It's the old "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" philosophy. And hopefully her efforts will bring more of a return on county tax dollars paid by Novi residents.

Actually, Novi's plight is one shared by many other southern Oakland County communities. The county parks panel has long since recognized that its 11-park system is largely concentrated in the north, where land has been more affordable. And the parks panel, to its credit, has been attempting to bring more service to the southern reaches of the county, including Novi.

So we see the appointment as good news. The county is not likely to give our tax dollars back anytime soon, so Novi might as well make use of the services the county parks system can provide to them.

And it seems to us that in this position Schmid can serve as a liaison between the community and the county to help figure out what can be done to better deliver parks and recreation services here.

A step in the right direction

Wendy P. Mitzel

Novi High School took hard look this month at a disease with the potential to destroy the lives of many of its students.

During AIDS Awareness Week, Feb. 5-9, students received some good information about the disease, how it's contracted, spread and how to prevent it.

More importantly they received a lesson in consciousness-raising.

Inspired largely by the words of wisdom from a prominent AIDS educator who gave students honesty, compassion and a mission, many students are now intent on stopping the disease from spreading.

Sure, there were some kids who paid little attention and still believe the AIDS stereotypes of it being a gay disease, but many of the students felt energized and empowered to make a difference.

One teen ran up to a teacher and inquired into starting a peer education group for the high school. She said she's been taking peer educator classes but until now has been discouraged by lack of interest on the part of high school officials.

Other students collected stacks of business cards with a toll-free AIDS hotline phone number emblazoned across the paper. They wanted to pass them out to friends.

What was most impressive about these students was their lack of apathy.

Teenagers in general get a bad rap from society. But last week there was a school full of kids who wanted to know more and were willing to take on a cause.

High school students need to know the honest truth now. This education can't wait until college. For those students who choose not to go to college, high school may be the last chance for this type of education.

Like it or not, high schoolers and even younger students are having sex. If you listen to students they will tell you.

Unfortunately they are putting themselves at risk. Teaching them to wait and abstain from sex is an excellent method.

But with teens, you have to counteract peer pressure, a culture that esteems and exploits sex on television, radio, in books and magazines. You also have to encourage self-esteem and confidence.

Society also has to realize young adults need to grow and test their own limits and beliefs.

Without learning all the options and the proper way to make use of them, the point of reference for making decisions regarding sex are limited.

Congrats to the high school staff and the students for taking a step in the right direction.

Wendy Pierman Mitzel is a staff writer with The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell

Get down

Mike Loruss practices his dancing as Danny in "Grease" to be performed at Novi High

What were they thinking?

Bob Jackson

I'm going to begin my column with a simple question for our state Legislature – who is the drooling, IQ-challenged dolt who designed the scheduling requirements for the new state-mandated High School Proficiency Test?

As many Northville parents of high school juniors already know, the nightmare that state officials are calling a proficiency test will be thrust upon your sons and daughters over a five day period, March 4-8.

Simply put, school officials maintain that the test is a good one. They agree that the test is hard, but fair, and most officials will tell you that it should be a quite a challenge for our students.

It's not the test I have the problem with, however, it's the scheduling methods I'm complaining about. When the state Legislature recently mandated the new test, they also set the month of March as the timeframe in which high schools would test the students. What happened next was close to chaos, as school officials all across the state scrambled to find a way to fit 15 hours of testing into an already tight school schedule.

At Northville High School the problem is compounded by a facility that already struggles with an overcrowding problem.

So the question our administrators had to answer was – how do we develop a testing environment that will maximize the success of juniors taking the test, and at the same time minimize disruption to the overall educational program?

No easy task, I can assure you, and you could almost sense the frustration in NHS Principal Tom Johnson's voice when he provided the recommended schedule changes to the board of education Monday night.

According to Johnson, the testing schedule calls for all juniors to begin school at the regularly scheduled time of 7:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4, through Friday, March 8. The students will write their exams each day until approximately 10 a.m. Following completion of that day's exam, juniors would break for lunch, and then begin their regular classes.

While all that is happening, the schedule for freshman, sophomores, and seniors will be drastically altered. Those students will begin first period classes at 10:35 a.m., and will be dismissed at 2:05 p.m. Each class period will last 30 minutes.

There will be facilities available for students who want to arrive at 7:30 a.m., but in all reality the entire week will be essentially wasted as far as any quality educational programming is concerned.

So for all of you parents who are now contemplating a phone call to complain to high school officials, understand this simple fact – *it's not their fault!* The phone call you should be making is to your state representatives, which happen to be Reps. Gerry Law, (517) 373-3816, and Willis Bullard, (517) 373-0827, and State Sen. Bob Geake, (517) 373-1707, and David Honigman, (517) 373-1758.

Ask them what they were thinking when they voted to approve the test scheduling.

While you're at it, ask them how much of our tax dollars are being used to score and compile the test results – hint, it's more than $6 million, but that's another column!

Robert Jackson is a Staff Writer, with waning patience, for The Northville Record and Novi News.

A way for teachers to reconnect

Phil Power

Gov. John Engler was interviewed last week by a group of Michigan business leaders at a forum sponsored in part by Walsh College, a business school located in Troy.

His comments on Michigan K-12 education make perfect sense and represent a slap in the face to some of the radicals who are busying trying to rip up a public school system that is trying to improve.

Engler quote: "As a nation, we spend $300 billion annually on K-12 education; it's not an area where we're underfunded. For that kind of investment, we have very little benchmarking, very little assessment ... We don't really have an adequate way to tell how a Michigan student stacks up against an Ohio student, or a California student or a Canadian student or a German or a Japanese student."

My comment: Right on, Governor. So why did you let your friends in the state Legislature eliminate the mandatory curriculum from the Michigan School Code, making Michigan one of only two states in the nation without specific requirements about what kids should learn in school?

Engler quote: "I think there has to be a national test. We're talking about reading, writing, math and science. Presumably there's not a Texas way to learn math and a Michigan way to learn math. You either learn algebra or you don't."

My comment: Right again, Governor. A national system assessing what kids actually learn is the single most important device I know to get real school reform. Why, therefore, do you tolerate your chums on the State Board of Education arguing that each school district and each charter school ought to be free to use any assessment test they want?

Engler quote: "It (a national test) has been strongly resisted by many of the education groups, because they are fearful it will be used to make comparisons, or that it could become the tool by which we could compensate teachers."

My comment: That's wrong, Governor, and you know it. The resistance to a national assessment system has come primarily from politicians who are scared of losing "local control" and right-wing religious groups who want their kids to learn creationism, McGuffey's Readers and the three R's.

"Education groups," which in the governor's vocabulary means "teachers unions," have mixed feelings about national assessment systems. The American Federation of Teachers, headed by Al Shanker, has been advocating national benchmarking for years. The National Education Association (parent of the Michigan Education Association, the largest teachers' union in Michigan) has been more muted on the subject.

Engler is right in asserting that much teacher concern about any objective system of assessing learning is the fear that individual pupil performance will get linked to individual teacher compensation.

Teachers assert – rightly, in my view – that there are a lot of variables involved in learning, and it's just not fair to make any one teacher responsible for all of them. Families may be dysfunctional or not care; kids may be truant or on drugs or dumb; school materials may be lacking or merely bad.

That's all true. But it should not be beyond human creativity to figure out a way to link some part of teacher compensation to student performance.

I cannot think of any one step which would more dramatically reverse the realities of today's politics, where teachers unions are demonized and teachers are demoralized and angry, than for school employees to put themselves firmly on the side of learning achievement. It's a fundamental way for teachers to reconnect with kids, parents, employers and with their ultimate customers: the taxpayers.

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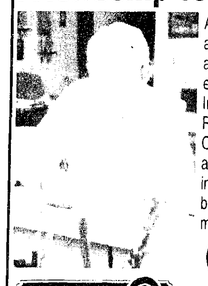
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Bias shown against private schools

Letters

To the editor:

The *Novi News/Northville Record* recently featured a story on AAUW's biography program. Your article states "Now Northville and Novi's children have a better chance to learn about that rich heritage because of the ongoing efforts of the local chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW)." This is not a true statement; in fact, it is deliberately misleading. AAUW has chosen to discriminate against all students – girls and boys (even though their main interest is equity for women and girls) – in Novi's and Northville's non-public schools. This doesn't surprise me, however, because the same discriminatory practice happened with the science and math workshop for girls. At least they are consistent.

After reading Feb. 15's article entitled "AAUW hosts 'Remember Ladies.' I'd like to ask, again, that AAUW "Remember Girls" ... all girls ... even those girls whose parents have chosen the private or parochial sector for their education. AAUW claims in its mission statement to promote "equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change." There are five private schools in Novi and Northville (Northville Christian, Novi Christian, Our Lady of Victory, St. Paul's Lutheran, and William Allen Academy). If this local branch were genuine and truly concerned with the goals of their mission statement, would they not at least inquire as to whether the five private schools would be interested in being included in the "Remember the Ladies" program? All schools in Novi and Northville can benefit by having donors contribute biographies of famous and influential women. All students in Novi and Northville's K-8 could use the biographies "to gain a better understanding of the many mountains women have conquered" ... not just public school students. As it stands, five schools are missing from the list AAUW offers to its donors.

I hope your readers, Novi and Northville residents, and AAUW members will insist on inclusion of the four private/parochial schools in Northville and one private/parochial school in Novi as well as continue to support the biography program in the "six K-8 schools in Northville and seven in Novi." Then all students will really have an opportunity to benefit from this biography program.

Interestingly enough, I am a member of AAUW. I voiced my concern about the October '95 science camp program not including information to private school girls, and got a big run around on that. (I was told they could read about it in the newspaper, while public school girls could bring the information home in their backpack). I also inquired as to the "Remember the Ladies" program including all K-8 schools in Novi and Northville. These two incidents smack of hypocrisy and discrimination. As such, I will not be renewing my membership. I joined because I believed in the mission statement. I suggest that AAUW read and review their own mission statement. AAUW, if you really believe in positive societal change, why don't you reach out, remove barriers, and include the other five elementary schools in Novi and Northville in your biography program?

Rosemarie G. Denton

We keep paying more, getting less

To the editor:

After reading your article concerning the decline in hunting and fishing in the Feb. 7 edition of the paper, I have to agree that education of the public is important, but I feel that a couple of other problems deserve at least as much attention. The two problems that I am referring to are: reduced access to state lands and reduced management of our resources.

I have hunted and fished in Oakland County for many years. In that time, the state access stickers have increased in price considerably. I believe that they are $20 this year. It appears that the state is using this additional money to put up gates on many of the boat launches in the area so that they can close these launches from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Now as anyone that fishes knows some of the best fishing is at dusk to after dark and early in the morning – not to mention the beauty of a lake at sunrise when nature is waking up. These hours favor the people that want to cruise around in their boats and jet skies which makes fishing a bit difficult.

Another problem related to access is that the state has let many of the docks deteriorate to the point that they are falling apart or have been removed. One case in point is the dock at Proud Lake boat launch, two-thirds of it have been taken out, which makes fishing and boat access at the same time almost impossible. This dock has been used by many, who don't have boats, for many years. It used to be that any evening during the summer you would find a dozen people there fishing. The state has put in fishing docks at a couple of sites in Highland Recreation area, but I have never seen many people at these sites. The area around Proud Lake has been building up over the past few years, maybe this is part of the problem, but it should be remembered that 90 percent of that lake is state land not privately owned.

The other problem, reduced management of our resources, that I mentioned is that the DNR stocks rivers that flow into the Great Lakes and stocks the Great Lakes, but does little about stocking the inland lakes in our area. Up north they cut timber in an orderly manner to produce better habitat for the wildlife, but I have seen no such program around this area.

One final point that I would like to make, it appears that this state has better things to spend money on than the outdoors and our heritage. Case in point a few years ago all of Oakland County's DNR officers were laid off, now I don't know if this was Oakland County's idea or the state's idea, but it doesn't make much sense to me. I love to spend time in the outdoors and my family accompanies me many times. I feel cheated when I have to keep paying more for the state and DNR to do less and less.

Kurt B. Zabel

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When employees are disposable

Tim Richard

Brother Al wrote from Out West to back away from our joint March vacation plan. He's changing jobs, leaving K mart after umpteen years, to join rival Wal-Mart.

"It wasn't just the money, although that was better. The benefit package was much better, insurance plans, stock options, profit-sharing, dental plan, etc.," he said.

His note arrived several days before K mart, headquartered in Troy, announced it is "streamlining" management. Many salaried workers will be demoted to hourly status, without the opportunity to earn bonuses. Many will take sharp pay cuts.

A retail consultant was quoted as saying K mart's labor costs are higher than its rivals, though K mart pays the same for goods, pays the same for shipping, and has some of the best leases in the world.

That doesn't add up: Al leaves K mart for more money and better fringes; the expert says K mart has higher labor costs.

One more bit of factual information: On employee bulletin boards all over the country is a Feb. 13 article from the *New York Times* about how AT&T is trashing 40,000 workers, or 13 percent of its workforce. The brass also are giving thousands of current non-union workers a two-page form on which to list their credentials.

"The idea is that everybody has been asked to step out into a parking lot," said AT&T spokesperson Adele Ambrose. Added an AT&T human resources veep: "People need to look at themselves as self-employed, as vendors who come to this company to sell their skills."

To me it sounds like current workers, who have been doing satisfactory jobs for decades, are being told to apply for their jobs all over again. As the *Times* writer put it, "Critics say the layoffs demonstrate how modern companies treat workers as disposable tools."

The point of this column is to heighten your political awareness. The trashing of the skilled American white-collar worker isn't being discussed by the mainstream presidential candidates – Clinton, Dole, Alexander and that crowd.

Only Pat Buchanan is talking about it. "When AT&T lops off 40,000 jobs," he said last week in New Hampshire, "the executioner that does it, he's a big hero on the cover of one of these magazines, and AT&T stock soars."

Buchanan is a protectionist – an opponent of free trade and documents like the North American Free Trade Agreement. His campaign announcement followed last year's revelation that most of the companies that said they would increase employment if NAFTA were ratified actually did the opposite – cut jobs.

Political columnists, however, are treating Buchanan like a Nazi. One said his speeches were more entertaining in the original German. Another quotes Speaker Newt Gingrich as saying he'd be comfortable with any of the GOP presidential hopefuls – except Buchanan.

Political columnists picture Buchanan as a hatemonger, 19th Century fundamentalist, Neanderthal, bigot – and that's when they're being nice to him.

I do not – repeat NOT – endorse Buchanan. I'm a policy wonk, an issues freak, a dealer in ideas like my hero Plato.

On March 19 Michigan Republicans face a presidential primary. The year's big issue is the nervousness of middle-class, middle-management, white-collar workers who fear being treated as disposable tools; that every economic indicator is sky-high with the exception of consumer confidence; and that only Pat Buchanan is talking about it.

Think about that in the four weeks ahead when presidential candidates come to town and bombard you with their inane commercials: What will they do about the long-time worker who is treated like a disposable tool and made to apply for his or her job all over again?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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Romney working hard on senate campaign

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Ronna Romney was up at 5:30 that morning for a trip to court Kalamazoo business contributors to her U.S. Senate campaign. "Very successful," she reported.

On the way back she stopped for 2 to 4 hours in Ann Arbor to see pizza magnate Tom Monaghan. "He came on board," she said. "We talked about motivating people and never giving up."

A daughter called from Bloomfield Hills to say she was home with flu, and would mom pick up some drug store remedies? "You can't ask someone on the campaign staff to do that," Romney said. "I'm also a caregiver.

"The Romney campaign is a ground campaign – built around the grass roots," the 52 year old party leader told a Westland Republican Club audience in a meeting that ended at 9:15 p.m. Her formal announcement is due Feb. 14.

In her second try for a GOP Senate nomination – she lost to Sen. Spencer Abraham in 1994 – Ronna Romney is doing what she does best: organizing volunteers.

That was how the former daughter-in-law of the late Gov. George Romney leaped to prominence in 1982, when she engineered the surprise nomination of Richard Headlee for governor against the media campaigns of his rivals.

She won two four-year terms as Republican national committeewoman, refining her skills at raising money. But she may have to depend more on volunteers in her Aug. 6 drive to get past east side industrialist Jim Nicholson and earn the right to take on U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, a liberal Democrat seeking a fourth term on Capitol Hill.

"I believe this nation has been going in the wrong direction. It has departed from the values that made the country great. The work ethic is still important," Romney said. She deplored an out-of-wedlock birthrate that was 7 percent 30 years ago and 22 percent today.

If elected, Romney will seek a spot on the Senate Finance Committee, which handles tax and welfare legislation. She won warm applause from the Westland audience by saying Steve Forbes' plan for a flat-rate income tax was "on the right track."

But she hasn't endorsed a presidential candidate and didn't fully endorse a flat-rate tax. "We'll come up with something like a flat tax. I won't vote for a tax increase on the middle class. We're punishing people who work. We're punishing success. We're punishing families." More applause.

If she could have just one pet constitutional amendment, she said, it would be to require a balanced budget.

Two things are different about Romney's 1996 campaign.

First, her hair style is more businessy. No longer do columnists scoff at her "airhead" image.

Second, she's scooping up endorsements from lawmakers and county chairs: U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg; state Sens. Robert Geake and David Honigman, Reps. Willis Bullard, John Jamian, Greg Kaza, Gerald Law, Susan Munsell, Jim Ryan and Deborah Whyman; Eaton County chair Ed Wyszinski, Livingston's Dan Garber, Wayne's Ed Haroutunian, the Wayne 11th District's Dan Piercecchi. In 1994 Abraham collected such endorsements early.

Undaunted by House Speaker Newt Gingrich's fall in the polls, she said, "I like our Republican freshmen in the House. It's like the Alamo. They're surrounded. They're waiting for [reinforcement] troopos. They're waiting to die. I'm the fresh troops."

The audience had many questions on the campaign.

Her lone office is in suite 202 at 21711 Ten Mile, Southfield. Later there may be a Grand Rapids area office.

"We're not going to have a lot of money for offices, but we're not that far away," she told a questioner. "I'm frugal. Cheap is a better word. I have more paid staff this time – six or seven (compared to four in 1994)."

Her campaign director is Paul Welday, on leave as Rep. Knollenberg's chief of staff. Her press contact and issues man is Treat Wisecup, also formerly with Knollenberg.

Romney wants campaign finance reform because "both parties are actually searching out people with wealth to run. Enough is enough is enough – boys." Laughter from the crowd.

How will she deal with Nicholson's wealth? "He's been generous to Republicans and Democrats. I understand that. We'll have a strong ad campaign at the very end. My eye is on beating Levin."

Romney graduated from Oakland University in 1967 with a BA in education, married and raised five children.

Her campaign has three thrusts:

- Nominating petitions – 16,314 signatures spread around at least eight of the congressional districts. The office walls have maps and lists of target areas.
- Fundraising – a finance director and Romney herself make calls, raising $615,000 by the end of 1995 with $345,000 on hand today – ahead of Abraham's mark in '94.
- Political – a staffer seeks supporters and boasts she has 54 county chair endorsements compared to three for Nicholson.

Obituaries

SHIRLEY LOIS BALDWIN

Shirley Lois Baldwin of Northville died Feb. 18, 1996, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was 60. Mrs. Baldwin was born on July 2, 1935, in Detroit to Leonard Aaron and Elizabeth H. (Haack) Rutz.

Mrs. Baldwin was a lifelong resident of Northville and a member of the Holy Family Church in Novi.

Survivors include husband, John William; son, Kyle Mulligan of Hilton Head, S.C.; sister, Betty (Bill) Grant of Royal Oak; and dearest friends, Frank and Marcia Taylor of Florida, and Loretta Scarlin of Westland.

A service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with Father Andrew Tomasko of Holy Family Church, Novi, officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

The family would appreciate memorials given to the charity of choice.

WILLIAM DOWER

William Dower, age 94, died Feb. 18, 1996. He was born June 12, 1901 in Troon, England, and had been a resident of Novi for the past year.

Mr. Dower was a former resident of Hazel Park for 50 years and of Wixom for 20 years. After retiring as machinist for several automotive production shops, he then was employed as custodian at Burroughs in Plymouth until 1966. He received his education in England and was a life member, 60 years plus, of the F.&A.M. Lodge No. 593 of Detroit.

Surviving Mr. Dower are daughter, Lillian (Clayton) Perry of Novi; sister, Mae Edwards of England; sister-in-law, Edna Dower of England; one grandson of Farmington Hills, and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, in 1978.

Service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with Rev. Robert A. Mitchinson of the New Hudson United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Acacia Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials may be given to New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48167.

ALBERTA H. KOVARY

Alberta H. Kovary, age 85, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 16, 1996, in the Greenery Nursing Home in Howell. Mrs. Kovary was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 5, 1910, to Harry and Anna (Reith) Pefferman.

Mrs. Kovary was a licensed practical nurse for most of her life. She retired from the Clarenceville Public Schools in 1976.

She is survived by a son, Julius (Virginia) of New Hudson; sister, June Miller of Pittsburgh, Pa.; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Fr. Drew Tomasko from Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi, officiated at the service. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

SHIRLEY A. DOYLE

Shirley A. Doyle, age 70, of Novi passed away Feb. 14, 1996, at St. Joseph Hospital in Washtenaw County. She was born May 14, 1925, in Detroit to Howard and Violet (Chisholm) Henderson.

Mrs. Doyle was a homemaker and her education included four years of college.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Floyd Doyle; sons, Howard and Robert Hercules, and Joseph Doyle; daughters, Cynthia Wright and Susan Lademan; brother, Robert Henderson; sister, Anita McLaughlin; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Novi, with Rev. Leslie Harding officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 46200 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375.

Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

MONDAY, FEB. 26
12:00 p.m. – Coffee and Conversation: Eternal Fountain of Youth
12:30 p.m. – (con't)
1:00 p.m. – Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. – My Russian Friend
2:00 p.m. – Senior Messenger
2:30 p.m. – (con't)
3:00 p.m. – Paws with a Cause
3:30 p.m. – Travelin' On: Pacific Northwest
4:00 p.m. – Rising Tide
4:30 p.m. – (con't)
5:00 p.m. – Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. – Info TV-12 News
6:00 p.m. – Ready or Not
6:30 p.m. – Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. – Mountain Ski Series: Stadium
7:30 p.m. – Good Health: Healthy Attitude
8:00 p.m. – Law Talk: L. Brooks Patterson
8:30 p.m. – (con't)
9:00 p.m. – Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. – Groove Session

TUESDAY, FEB. 27
12:00 p.m. – Summit University
12:30 p.m. – (con't)
1:00 p.m. – Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. – (con't)
2:00 p.m. – Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. – Novi Talkin' History: How Long Shall It Be
3:00 p.m. – Art Recipes for Kids
3:30 p.m. – Senior Spotlight: Know Your Local Fire Department
4:00 p.m. – Motorsports 1995 Hall of Fame Induction
4:30 p.m. – (con't)
5:00 p.m. – (con't)
5:30 p.m. – Living With Your Addictions
6:00 p.m. – Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Fr William T. Cunningham
6:30 p.m. – (con't)
7:00 p.m. – Cash Talks: A Night to Remember
7:30 p.m. – Farmington Hills Police Journal: Evidence Techs
8:00 p.m. – A Culinary Adventure: Timbers
8:30 p.m. – Impact Video: Geoff Moore and the Distance
9:00 p.m. – Let's Talk With Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. – (con't)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
12:00 p.m. – Cash Talks: A Night to Remember
12:30 p.m. – The Way the Truth and the Life
1:00 p.m. – Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. – AMVETs
2:00 p.m. – Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. – Rainbow of Promise
3:00 p.m. – Children of the Snow
3:30 p.m. – Groove Session
4:00 p.m. – Crisis in the Modern Family: Step Parenting
4:30 p.m. – (con't)
5:00 p.m. – Senior Messenger
5:30 p.m. – (con't)
6:00 p.m. – Speakers Row: the Budget
6:30 p.m. – (con't)
7:00 p.m. – Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. – My Russian Friend
8:00 p.m. – Inside Farmington Hills
8:30 p.m. – Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. – Justice
9:30 p.m. – (con't)

THURSDAY, FEB. 29
12:00 p.m. – Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. – Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. – Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. – That's Italian
2:00 p.m. – Leadville Trail 100.
2:30 p.m. – (con't)
3:00 p.m. – Inside Farmington Hills
3:30 p.m. – Farmington Hills Police Journal: Evidence Techs
4:00 p.m. – Law Talk: L. Brooks Patterson
4:30 p.m. – (con't)
5:00 p.m. – Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. – (con't)
6:00 p.m. – Seniors Beware: The Furnace Man
6:30 p.m. – Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes
7:00 p.m. – Dr. Success Presents: Strength
7:30 p.m. – (con't)
8:00 p.m. – Info TV-12 News
8:30 p.m. – Dickerman Showcase: One Flight Up
9:00 p.m. – Expressions: Watercolor
9:30 p.m. – (con't)

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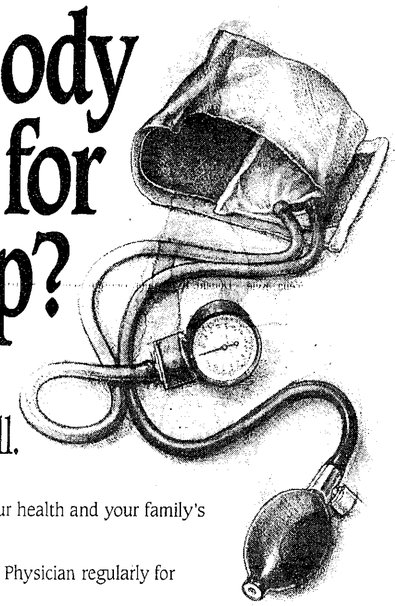

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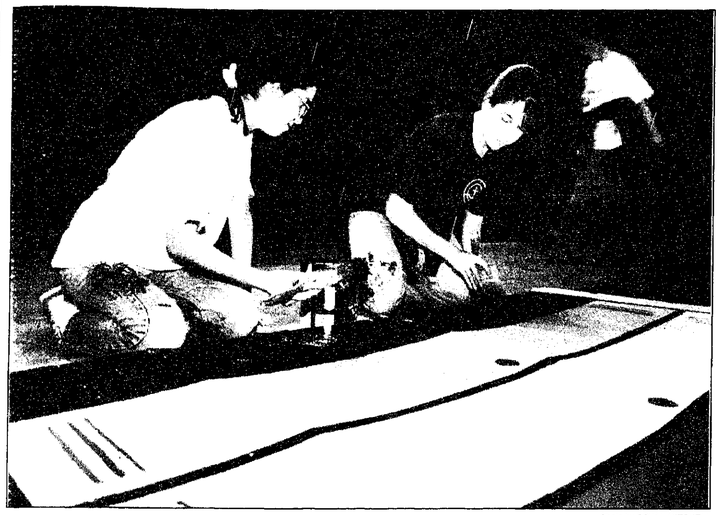

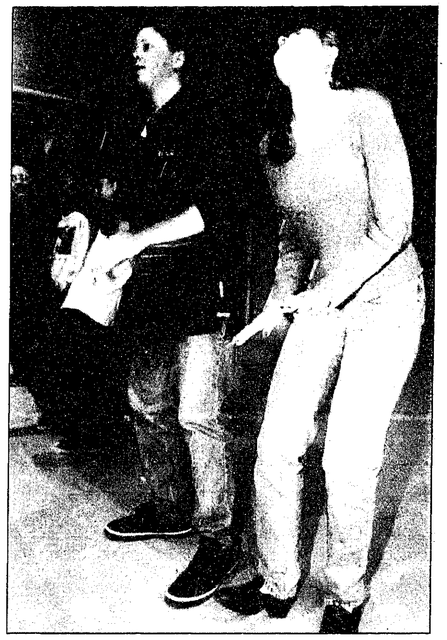

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Get Greased

Novi High School will present "Grease" next week beginning Feb. 29 through March 1. The story of young love, the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies stars Michael Loruss as Danny Zuko and Angela Ferriauolo as Sandy Dumbrowski. Above, Carrie McDougal and Stephanie McKinney paint sets for the play. At right, Jessie Slating and Eric Anderson rehearse a dance number. The show begins at 8 p.m. each night, in the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School at the corner of Taft and Ten Mile Roads. Tickets are $8 at the door, $7 advanced sales, $5 for children and seniors.

Students make the cut for second period honor roll

What follows is Novi Middle School's Honor Roll for the second marking period. In order to qualify for the honor roll a student must have all grades of a "B minus" or better.

7TH GRADE

Sarah Alban, Brittany Albright, Lindsay Anan, Lauren Angeski, Steven Barone, Lindsay Barringer, Chelsea Bennett, James Benton, Michael Bertoli, James Bishop, Tiffany Bodner, Elizabeth Bovair, Courtney Bowdell, Lauren Brandau, Courtney Byron, Nathan Byrwan, Patrick Calandra, Valerie Caroselli, Bradley Caroll, James Cavan, Lauren Chimienti, Jamie Christensen, Ryan Churella, Kyle Lee Clark, Melissa Clark, Blake Coffin, Jessica Cole, Lindsey Cook, Ashley Cooley, Shannon Cormac, Karen Cowley, Christine Cumbo, Jeremy Cunningham, Ellen Cynar, Christina Cypher and Hamed Daneshvar.

Melissa Davis, Emily Dinsmore, Sara Diparvine, Angela Doolin, Matthew Duprey, Dana Dzwonkowski, James Eagan, Karen Edwards, Eric Elbaz, Ryan Fedronich, Anne Fileta, Monica Fink, Brian Finzer, Justin Fischer, Sarah Fish, Sean Foren, Ashley Fouts, Emi Fujihira, Jamie Fukui, Scott Garrison, Jeff Gdowski, Kenneth Gee, Jered Genso, Jeremy Goodman, Melissa Gorman, Alex Granzow, Meredith Greer and Justin Guffey.

Alyssa Hamblin, Melissa Harbison, Sayaka Hayashi, Breanne Heppner, Elizabeth Hilbert, Alicia Hirshfield, Matthew Hoag, Jessica Hokett, Mathew Hopson, Steven Horne, Ross Hughes, Charles Hunter, Suzanne Inamura, Valentina Ivezaj, Amanda Jagotka, Sarah Jarvis, Andrew Jewell, Jessica Jones, Ryan Joseph, Scott Kahn, Andrea Kaltz, Nicholas Karaisz, Pamela Karaisz, Nathan Kelber, Kimberly Kelly, Kelly Kerrigan, Ruchika Khetarpal, Gregory Kirkman, Adam Kiss-Debiasi, Amanda Kling and Thomas Kopczynski.

Cynthis Kouchary, Erin Koval, Nicholas Kowalczyk, Jennifer Krystoff, Donald Kuhn, Elizabeth Kurtti, Brett LeBlanc, Jason Lilly, Charlotte Lingle, Kerri Liss, Michael Livermore, Holly Lloyd, Daniel Luft, Brandon Lukacs, Katy Lunsted, Krysta Lynch, Alan MacDonald, Kyle Major, Bennett Mallory, Nicholas Marks, Katherine McCanna, Jennifer McCracken, Michael McKenna, Erin Mellem, Aaron Melton, Aaron Messer, Derek Michaelson, Bianca Mieth, Ryan Miller, Geoffrey Montagne and Dana Moore.

Alison Morris, William Morris, Joseph Morrison, Maggie Mulcrone, Kevin Mulvaney, Robert Murphy, Lindsay Mutch, Andrew Nickels, Phillip Nichaus, Amanda Noworyta, Julie Oberts, Matthew Orlhab, Justin Parker, Priyesh Patel, Michelle Pellioni, Andrew Perkins, Nicholas Peruski, Kelley-Marie Phelps, Jeffrey Pitcher, Teresa Pizzorni, Matthew Polcyn, Michael Reynolds, Timothy Ricker, Melissa Rush, Curtis Russell, Michelle Rzepka, Abigail Saari, Ann Marie Salo, Bidish Sarma, Eric Saurer, Andrew Sawmiller and Jessica Scheil.

Nicole Schilling, Maria Schmizzi, Christopher Schlender, Melissa Schneider, Kathryn Seiler, Christopher Shrader, Brandon Shugerman, Sarah Sidelko, Jill Simon, Ryan Slater, Nick Slovan, Ryan Smith, Tricia Stottele, Miriam Styles, Nicholas Szilagy, Larissa Szwast, Stephen Szwast, Elizabeth Thelen, Kimberly Thompson, Michael Thrush, Allison Tingwall, Anthony Tobis, Christopher Toloff, Renee Trudeau, Donielle Vansickle and Lindsey Vermillion.

Bryan Vigna, Elizabeth Wagner, Kerri Walega, Eric Walle, Michael Wang, Katie Weber, Jessica Wheeler, Hannah Williamson, Alexander Wong, Zheng-Hao Wu, Julie Wuerth, Andrea Yocum, Yoko Yoshihara, Kathy Zakaria, Mary Ann Zakaria, Bradley Zarem, Jia Zhou and Jennifer Zimmerman.

8TH GRADE

Meghan Ahern, Tracey Alban, Erika Alpert, Debra Anderson, Bethany Andres, Kristi Arrington, Sarah Bajorek, Gail Bane, Ryan Bateman, Joshua Block, Adam Borashko, Jennifer Boueri, Mark Bova, Stephanie Bowman, Beau Brandau, Deanna Brown, Michael Brzozowski, Andrea Bullen, Vanessa Byrwa, Katie Cameron, Andrew Carroll, Jessica Cecil, Jonathan Cervi, Rebecca Chan, Jennifer Chen, Jenny Chian, Chloe Clark, Sarah Clark, Lara Clayton and Rachel Condon.

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State seeks volunteers for board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Oakland County Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the foster care review board program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The five member board meets one day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect.

At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys, and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward.

The purpose of the review is to insure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the ward and progress is being made toward achieving permanency.

The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two-day orientation training in Lansing in the spring. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

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ROCKY!

Chef Rocky Rachwitz with some of the staff at Rocky's of Northville.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Five year reign for McKinnon's as top eatery ends

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Swept from the table like crumbs after a meal, MacKinnon's Restaurant has been dethroned as the **Best Overall** Restaurant in the *Northville Record* and *Novi News* Restaurant Poll for 1996.

MacKinnon was the lone winner in the top category every year of the poll, but no longer presides as Best Overall, the position it held for five years.

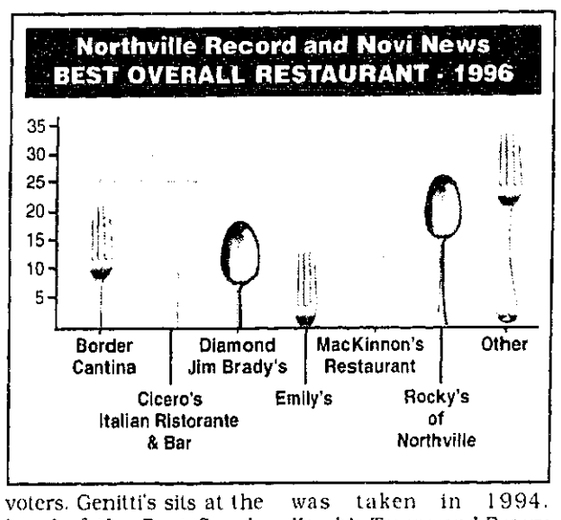
Rocky's has emerged as numero uno, with Border Cantina in second place and Diamond Jim Bradys tied with MacKinnon's for third place.

Rocky's placed in the top three in a total of nine categories, with five of those being first place finishes.

Eateries jockeyed for the positions left open by the closing of Crawford's Restaurant last year, which had been voted Best Inexpensive Restaurant for four out of five years and Best Breakfast Restaurant for five years.

Border Cantina was voted number one in the Best Inexpensive Restaurant classification, up from third place the previous year. Dandy Gander moved into the top spot in the Best Breakfast Restaurant category from the second place it held in 1995.

No one can beat Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall for sandwiches, according to voters. Genitti's sits at the head of the Best Sandwiches category, a position it has dominated since the poll began in 1990. No poll was taken in 1994. Kosch's Tavern and Eatery placed second and newcomer Charlie's Grille tied with Rocky's for third place.



MacKinnon's maintains its first place status in the Best Desserts category, a position it held in 1990, 1992, and 1995, and tied with Crawford's in 1993.

A total of 144 ballots were received by the deadline of Jan. 31, 75 percent more than last year when 83 ballots were returned.

This year's updated poll includes Best Coffee, Best Salad, Best Waitperson and Best Chef categories. The results of the Best Waitperson and Best Chef competitions will appear in next week's edition of the paper.

It was tough for readers to decide who had the best coffee so there was a three-way tie between Caffe Bravo, Dunkin Donuts and Rocky's. Newcomer Tuscan Cafe was voted second best and in third place, Charlie's Grille, Donut Scene and Sundowner shared the honors.

Top three honors in the Best Salad category went to Rocky's, Diamond Jim Bradys and Grady's American Grill, respectively.

Rocky's again maintained its position in the Best Seafood category when it placed first for the second year in a row, forcing Red Lobster to settle for second place. Newcomer Cicero's Italian Ristorante and MacKinnon's tied for third.

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Rocky history had beginnings with restaurateur Chuck Muer

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

When Rocky's of Northville opened in November 1992, its new owner knew the building and the restaurant business inside and out.

Charles Rachwitz, or "Rocky" as he is known to everyone except his mom and dad who still call him Charles, began working for Chuck Muer in 1976. Muer owned the restaurant at the time and had hired Rocky to manage the kitchen.

Eighteen years later Rocky bought the building at 41122 West Seven Mile and opened his first restaurant.

"It was something he (Muer) knew that I would eventually want to do," Rocky said. "It wasn't planned that way, but it happened."

Rocky credits the restaurant's success to his staff.

"I have to thank my employees, they have done an outstanding job. They are the ones that have been holding things together for me since I've been spending a lot of time in Brighton," Rocky said of the second restaurant he opened in May 1995.

Rocky has also been a guest on radio station WJR's Jimmy Lance show every other Tuesday for the past four years. While on the air, Rocky cooks and discusses the recipe he has chosen for the show. Listeners at the rate of 300 to 600 request the recipe of dishes, which are prepared using a hot saute plate and a turbo oven.

Rocky's of Northville has a staff of 85 employees.

Dishes are developed by the restaurant's chefs and, given the thumbs up by Rocky, are served for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

Rocky's is primarily a seafood restaurant that also serves game dishes and pasta.

1996 RESTAURANT POLL RESULTS

Best Overall Restaurant
1. Rocky's
2. Border Cantina
3. Tie – Diamond Jim Bradys
   MacKinnon's

Best Inexpensive Restaurant
1. Border Cantina
2. Dandy Gander
3. Rocky's

Best Breakfast Restaurant
1. Dandy Gander
2. Bob Evans
3. Guernsey Farms Dairy

Best Sandwiches
1. Genitti's
2. Koschs Tavern and Eatery
3. Tie – Rocky's
   Charlie's Grille

Best Desserts
1. MacKinnon's
2. Rocky's
3. Country Epicure

Best Coffee
1. Tie – Cafe Bravo
   Dunkin Donuts
   Rocky's
2. Tuscan Cafe
3. Tie – Charlie's Grille
   Donut Scene
   Sundowner

Best Salad
1. Rocky's
2. Diamond Jim Bradys
3. Grady's American Grill

Best Pizza
1. Pizza Cutter
2. Papa Romanos
3. Starting Gate

Best Burgers
1. Fuddrucker's
2. Starting Gate
3. Rocky's

Best Seafood
1. Rocky's
2. Red Lobster
3. Tie – Cicero's Italian Ristorante
   MacKinnon's

Best Ethnic Food
1. Border Cantina
2. Cicero's Italian Ristorante
3. Little Italy

Best Fast Food
1. Tie – McDonald's
   Subway
2. Tie – Bates
   Hardees
3. Tie – Grady's American Grill
   Charlie's Grille

Best Soups
1. Rocky's
2. Genitti's
3. Tie – Border Cantina
   Cicero's
   Sundowner

Best Steak
1. Rocky's
2. MacKinnon's
3. Grady's American Grill

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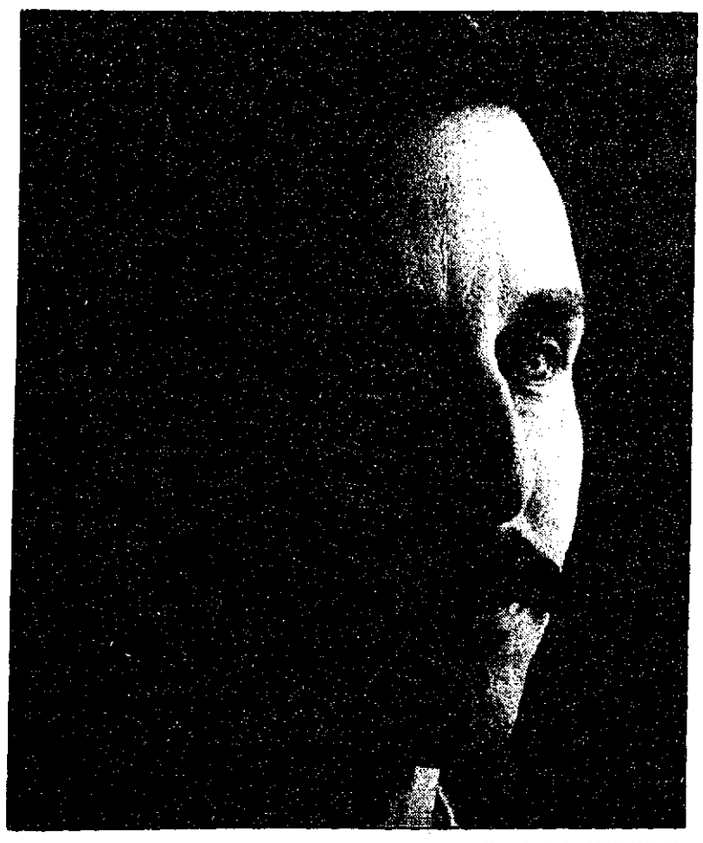

Tom Victor

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Victor mans slopes with two-way radio

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"The kids get rambunctious at times," said Tom Victor who is one of the volunteer chaperones for the ski trips the Northville Parks and Recreation Department provides for the 320 young people who belong to the ski club.

But not all 320 go at the same time. On a recent Friday, 70 boys and girls had signed up. Maybe there were more boys than girls, but all were in middle and high schools.

Tom Victor said the bus comes at 5 and they're off.

"We return at 11," he said.

Once a year they go for three nights and three days. That's a trip out west and more expensive.

"It's a wholesome, enjoyable experience," he said.

"On the slopes we have a two-way radio and we watch out for accidents."

"The kids come to us with questions and we try to answer their problems."

"The kids tend to couple and that's all right," he said.

"I'm a young-thinking person," Victor said in talking about his relationship with the skiers.

"I'm a little more tolerant than some volunteers."

"I'm staying active with the kids," and as he said, "They're young adults." They're the future who will in time be running us.

This is his third or fourth season at chaperoning ski trips for the recreation department.

Why does Tom Victor do this volunteering?

"I'm an engineer," he said. "It's a regimented sort of job. This is a wonderful outlet.

"Also I have a 14-year-old son who is here tonight, and a 16-year-old daughter who didn't make it."

If you want to volunteer call Steve Holman at 349-0203.

It's A Fact

A day for scouts . . .

February 22 is the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting, and his wife, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide. It is also "Thinking Day" to the Scouts, and Huron Valley Girl Scouts will be sending greetings to sister Girl Scouts and friends of Girl Scouting.

Smockers learn new techniques monthly

By JEANNE CLARKE
Staff Writer

The local chapter of the Michigan Smockers which is a member of Smocking Guild of America (SAGA) holds two meetings a month - one during the day and a second scheduled for the evening. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and on the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. Guests are welcome to attend one meeting without charge. However, there is a charge for each additional meeting attended. All chapter members must also be members of SAGA.

Officers for this year include president, Tina Knebel; first vice president (a.m. programs), Nancy Young; first vice president (evening programs), Laura Kurlovich; second vice president (membership), Carol Laske; secretary, Lois Nelson; treasurer, Sue Ackman. Other positions include librarian, Virginia Schim; hospitality, Pat Haxton; publicity Genie Bowman; historian Barbara Shrader; newsletter, Janet Rost.

A special class will be held on Saturday, March 2 with Arlene Dettore directing a class entitled "A Dictionary of Crazy Quilting Stitches." The program will be held at the Novi Library from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., lunch provided.

Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m., the evening group will be working on a Silk Ribbon Pin Button, presented by Kim Couture. The morning group will be making "Needle's Friend Pin Cushion" which will be presented by Sharon Schlemmer.

The group recently sponsored a Barbara Megan seminar.

Plans are in the making for a SAGA correspondence course. Lois Nelson has offered to teach one course called "A Study of Curved Line Technique in Smocking." Anyone interested in learning more about the Smockers can call the Novi Library.

Novi Highlights

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A rummage sale will be held at the church on March 14, 15 and 16. Everyone is asked to save items, clothes hangers and bags, both plastic and paper. Co-chairpersons Jo Morgan and Janice remind all that donations are tax deductible.

February has been busy for the congregation with their plans of helping on a work project at St. Maarten, Honduras. Ninety percent of the work will be replacing roofs on homes which were torn from the corrugated steel pieces due to hurricanes. Housing is furnished by the families in St. Maarten. In addition to adult help, young people from the church are also involved.

Kathi Doherty, new youth director, has originated a newsletter directed to the youth. A contest is currently being held entitled "Name the Newsletter." The winner will receive a $20 gift certificate to Borders Books and Music - entries must be in by Saturday, Feb. 24.

Service recognition was given to the fourth, fifth and sixth graders for their monthly clean-up of the nursery. The senior high members are also being recognized for their work in the Soup Kitchen - serving meals to approximately 200 people.

The fourth, fifth and sixth graders also planned a social by going ice skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the seventh and eighth graders planned a murder mystery night, and will also be having dinner and making more plans for '96. The senior highs are looking forward to planning a ski trip; the Logo's mid-week youth program now has 29 children registered.

Last Saturday evening, a game night for adults was held at the church along with a social gathering.

Mom's group is now meeting twice a month, the first was held on the 8th and the second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 29. For more details please call Janice Church.

NOVI REBEKAH LODGE NO. 482

Installation of officers for the coming year took place at South Lyon, a joint program involving the Rebekah and Oddfellow Lodge officers from South Lyon and Hamburg. The installation was under the direction of Edwin Beckstem, past grand master of Michigan Oddfellows; also Carolyn Waterbury, past district president of Rebekah.

Novi Lodge officers include noble grand, Rose Carney; right supporter, Grace Frisbie; vice grand, Duane Bell; secretary, Woneda Kenney; treasurer, Laree Bell; warden, Nellie Rackow; conductor, Madeline Beeny; chaplain, Orma Gregory; and inside guardian, Madelene Long.

It was decided at the December meeting that regular meetings will be scheduled for 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at the Country Cousins Mobile Home Park Office.

The yearly report given at the December meeting included information about the successful District 6 meeting, 103 in attendance, which was held at the Novi Civic Center. Local member Laree Bell presided as president.

Reports were also heard regarding the fund raisers with funds disbursed to the Oddfellow and Rebekah Home in Jackson; the camp at Big Star Lake; Visual Aid Fund; and the Arthritis Fund.

The membership report included the loss of two members who passed away, Nancy Liddle and Vera Hansor. Several long time members are also ill and confined to nursing homes. They are: Shirley Carter, Hickory Ridge; Jennie Champion, Holly Convalescent Center; and Blanche Clutz, Charter House.

Anyone wishing information on this organization can call Laree Bell.

WHITEHALL HOME

A monthly support group meeting has been established at the facility for family members and friends of people with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. The meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the facility. Included will be information on how to discover community resources, share problems, support each other and gain information. For more information, contact Kathy Israel at 349-2200.

There are many programs available for the residents and often includes the staff as well. For instance, the recent Hat Day when both residents and staff wore their funniest hats. There was also family night called "June in January," when everyone was encouraged to wear summer clothes with some staff members in shorts. Entertainment was provided by Robin Beck.

At the Valentine's Day party, Mike Meyer provided a sing-along of great old songs; the afternoon was completed with punch and cookies. Local Girl Scout Troop No. 2355 (fifth and sixth graders) led by Jill Baty and Natalie Jewell came in the evening and played bingo with the residents.

On President's Day they had "pie day" a selection of various pies made by staff and families including the traditional cherry pie.

Future plans in February include a '50s party with entertainment by Betty Ann Gammon on the keyboard with a sing-a-long included.

The residents are planning a P.J. party sometime in March, complete with individual pizzas, banana splits, and the movie "Pillow Talk."

Everyone is looking forward to the monthly birthday party honoring Harold McCormick in celebration of his 100 years young on March 5.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev Rogers
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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200 E. Main St., Northville 349-0911
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Childcare Available at 9:30 & 11:00 am
Rev. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism & Singles
Kathleen Robertson, Director of Youth & Church School

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS
23225 Gill Road
(between Grand River & Freedom)
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Nursery)
Church School 9:40 a.m.
Pastor Daniel Cave
(810) 474-0584

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
770 Trower, Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES
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Sunday, 7:30, 9:11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3410
Religious Education 349-2559

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
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Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am
David A. Grunzweiler, Pastor - 349-0565
9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed. 7pm Lenten Vesper Service

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
26325 Halsted Road at 11 Mile
Farmington Hills, Michigan
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Also, First and Third Sunday at 7:00 p.m
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class - Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.
Song Services - Last Sunday of month - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Plymouth, Michigan
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Wednesday Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville
T. Lubeck, Pastor
Church 349-3140 School 349-3146
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
41355 Six Mile Road
Northville 348-9030
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Sunday Worship 9 am, 10:45 am & 6 pm
Pastor Otto T. Buchholz, Jr. Pastor
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Preschool & K-8
348-9031

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J. Cyrus Smith, Associate Pastor
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James F. Cronk, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-1778

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
217 N. Wing 348-1020
Rev. Stephen Sparks, Pastor
Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm
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Father John Budde, Pastor
Father Andrew Komasko, Assoc. Pastor
Parish Office: 349-8847

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21260 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
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NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL
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Sun. Church School 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Tom Scherger - 477-6296

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at the Masonic Temple on the square in downtown Plymouth
730 Penniman+313/459-8181
Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts
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Poor dental hygiene is not pooch's fault

National Pet Dental Health Month, which runs now through Feb. 29, is a good time to remind pet owners about the dangers of poor dental hygiene in pets. Dental disease, which often leads to serious problems if left unchecked, is one of the most common problems veterinarians treat.

Periodontal disease in most dogs and cats develops by age five due to plaque and tarter buildup. This can cause the gums to bleed, which allows bacteria access to the pet's circulatory system. The bacteria then settles and causes potentially fatal kidney, liver or heart disease.

There are a few simple steps pet owners can take to help their pets have healthier mouths and avoid more serious health problems.

A dental exam is included in most routine physical examinations, which should be done on an annual basis.

To get the pet used to the brushing process, be patient. Pick a time when the pet is relaxed, maybe after napping. The first step in training your pet is to gently touch and lift their lips. Then, in a soft voice, praise the pet for good behavior so as not to excite it.

You will know when to progress to the next step when the pet has become accustomed to having its mouth touched. In the next step, cover your forefinger with a small cloth which contains an oral cleansing solution available at pet stores and veterinary hospitals. Let the pet smell the cloth first, then gently rub its teeth with the cloth-covered finger. The cloth and solution will remove harmful plaque.

Once the pet has become accustomed to the cloth, it is ready to graduate to the pet toothbrush and toothpaste. Human toothpaste should not be used as it will upset the pet's stomach.

Your pet will probably not require daily brushing like its owner. About three times a week should help reduce the accumulation of plaque and lessen the need for professional cleaning.

Small breeds have more dental problems than larger breeds. Feeding pets people food can cause a poorly balanced diet which can lead to dental problems.

Submitted photo

St. Paul's students, from right, Jodi Werman, Yumie Ozaki and Sarah Hoffmeier present layettes to Children's Hospital during the school's Serve-a-thon.

Service raises money for school

Sixth through eight grade students at St. Paul Lutheran School in Northville participated in the school's first service project, "Serve-a-thon," on Feb. 8. Students and their volunteer drivers went to the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center at Maple Road and Drake, and assisted patients in crafts, games, reading and writing letters.

The Serve-a-thon was a fundraiser for the school and pledges were received from Northville and Novi area businesses.

Participants left the school at 8:30 a.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.

Adults participating from the school and the church volunteered their services for the day at Children's Hospital in Detroit where they helped with administrative tasks and laundry, and at the Salvation Army Homeless Center where they were put to work painting.

Eateries jockey for position

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In the Best Soup category, Rocky's and Genitti's each moved up a mark, finishing first and and second respectively, with Border Cantina, Cicero's Italian Ristorante and Sundowner in a tie for third place.

The tie between Rocky's and Grady's American Grill was broken this year in the Best Steak category when Rocky's emerged as number one and Grady's fell to number three. MacKinnon's maintained its second place rating.

There is no tie this year in the Best Ethnic Food category. Border Cantina stands alone in first place, while Little Italy settles for third. Cicero's Italian Ristorante replaced Ah Wok in second place.

Comments from readers indicate that at the top on their list when deciding which restaurants to choose are cleanliness, the freshness of the food and friendly people.

"Cicero's is the best kept secret since the bomb," wrote Mary Stout of Fenton.

"Restaurant scene keeps getting better and we still have the best pizza right in town," wrote Richard Bazzy of Northville.

But as Lillian Greka of Novi writes, "They are all good in their own rights."

Artist teaches painting class

Residents of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills can view celebrated artist and Chevrolet's senior graphic designer, Tony Warren, at work when he demonstrates his award-winning watercolor technique on Time-Warner Cable Public Access in February.

Warren, 40, of Shelby Township has proven to be a master of all art forms from oil, acrylic, pencil and ink to sculpting with metal, clay, wood and plastic.

The program, entitled "Tony Warren's Expressions" premiered on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and will rerun on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 9 p.m.

Warren guides the viewer step by step from the sketch of a group of pumpkins to the completed watercolor. His tranquil teaching style during the hour long program includes explanations and tips on paints, paper and brushes.

Warren's accomplishments include more than 70 awards with numerous "Best of Show" and first place honors.

He had nearly four million images in print, which include the 1989 Detroit Grand Prix, 1988 and 1989 International Race of Champions; 1989 and 1990 Philadelphia Distance Run; 1990, 1993, 1995 Indianapolis 500; Paramount Pictures "Days of Thunder" and GM's 40th Anniversary and 1,000,000th Corvette Commemorative posters.

The show is produced by Todd Stoney of West Bloomfield.

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'Your Honor' receives award

The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women will present the 1996 Community Enrichment Award at the March meeting. This year's recipient is Judge Brian MacKenzie of Novi whose court is the 52nd District Court, 1st Division on Grand River in Novi.

Judge Brian MacKenzie

MacKenzie is being recognized for his development of a community based approach to domestic violence. His approach to lessening violence in the lives of women is unique and award winning.

The 1995 Public Policy Program of the AAUW underscores AAUW's mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. AAUW promotes the social, economic and physical well being of all persons. Essential to that well-being are a clean and healthful environment, a healthy economy that provides adequate employment opportunities, quality dependent care and freedom from violence.

MacKenzie, a former assistant attorney general for the state and a Wayne County deputy prosecutor, has designed and implemented a community based approach to reducing domestic violence. This program, which began during the last few years, has had a substantial impact on the community and has consequently lessened violence in the lives of women.

All of the police departments within the court district as well as The HAVEN (Help Against Violent Encounters Now), a woman's shelter, have joined in his endeavor.

The police departments intensified domestic violence training for their officers, with the help of The HAVEN staff. The police provide all complainants with a HAVEN information packet. The HAVEN contacts victims to provide support, assistance and provides an intensive multi-week domestic violence counseling program for the abusers.

The court agreed to set bond hearings immediately after the arrest. The court's probation department started conducting thorough pre-bond investigations and writing detailed reports on each defendant for use by the court in these hearings.

The court also placed all domestic assault cases on a fast-track. By fast-tracking domestic violence cases, the court reduced average time between arraignment and pretrial from 40 days to 5 days, and between arraignment and trial from 113 to 12 days.

The shortened arraignment time decreases the likelihood of further immediate assault.

MacKenzie has received awards and tributes from the Oakland County Democratic Commissioners, The HAVEN and the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Among MacKenzie's other relevant community activities are service on the boards of the Novi Library, Novi Youth Assistance, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Citizens Advisory Council of the Fairlawn Children's Center.

Real life education is also provided by MacKenzie since he brings his court to Novi High School at least once each year. Seeing a court in action gives the young women and men a realistic view of the wider world.

The 1996 Community Enrichment Award will be presented at a luncheon at noon on March 9 at the Country Epicure restaurant in Novi. Interested community members may contact Diane Rockall (810) 349-9005 for reservations.

Anniversary

Michael and Sophie (Grishkevich) Cragel celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9, 1996. The Cragel's who reside at the Charter House of Novi met when she was 16 years old and have been together ever since. As a testimony of their love and life together, a large and loving family gathered together to help celebrate the occasion.

An open house was held at the nursing facility on Feb. 9 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The occasion included punch and decorated cake for all who attended. They both had flowers, he with boutonniere and she with corsage. In addition, Michael presented her with a dozen roses.

Michael is a long time active member of the Mason's and Sophie has enjoyed being active with her family and friends. They are very proud to have reached this milestone and look forward to adding to their years together.

Church Notes

The New Horizons group at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street in Northville, will meet on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Boll Fellowship Hall at Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Table games will follow dinner.

Sign up in Boll Hall.

For more information, call the church at 349-0911.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, has a new schedule of services. Contemporary, informal worship will be held each Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages is at 9 a.m.

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

The M.O.M.S. group at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will hold its annual Baby and Children's Garage Sale on Friday, March 8, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. until noon. The proceeds from the sale benefit M.O.M.S. outreach projects. Donated items can be brought to the church on Thursday, March 7, between 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH is a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The congregations worships Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, on the square in downtown Plymouth. Youth and adult education is at 9 a.m., with the adult class beginning a Serendipity Bible study series on the parables of Jesus.

For more information, call Rev. Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181 or (313) 455-1436 (parsonage).

Post-Abortion Counseling and Education (P.A.C.E.) meets at **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,** 21260 Haggerty Road, on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 220.

The support group is personal and confidential. There is no cost to participants.

For more information, call Judi Ellsworth at (313) 455-5255, or Dawn Downs at (313) 722-2839, or call the church at (810) 348-7600.

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH holds Sunday worship and school from 10 until 11:15 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, Taft between Ten Mile Road and Grand River.

For more information, call 349-2669.

The following people at **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,** 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, were elected to board positions at the Annual Meeting: Board of Benevolence, Nancy Barry and Dona Browne; Board of Christian Education, Kathy Beyer, Sally Klann and Eva McCormack; Board of Deacons, Douglas Church, Nancy Lammers, Sherry Pilar, Jody Scheller and Greg VanAmberg; Board of Music, Bob Grattan, Kim Lethemon and Barbara Medeiros; Board of Nominations, Debra Ahrens and Carol Riddell; and Board of Trustees, Barbara Church, Ken Saari and Ken Sunden.

TURNING POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH recently had its introductory meeting on Feb. 6. The new ministry will be a contemporary church designed to practically help people find God's solutions to the challenges of life. Turning Point is pastored by Kevin Green.

For more information, call him at 380-4617.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will host a St. Patrick's Day Party sponsored by the PTO on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. The Blarney Brothers are returning by popular demand to provide an evening of Irish fun. Tickets are $15 per person, $12.50 for seniors.

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

Religious education classes at **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY,** 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will resume for pre-school through grade 6 on Feb. 25.

For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

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

On Campus

The following Novi residents were named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University:

SARAH COHEN of Novi has been named to the D'Youville College Dean's List for the Fall 1995 semester. To qualify for this honor, students must have maintained a point average of 3.40 or above for the semester.

Cohen is majoring in occupational therapy.

Named to the fall quarter 1995 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University were the following Novi residents: **BRUCE BEKKALA,** senior, civil engineering; **CHRISTY CARMICHAEL**, sophomore, electrical engineering; **JENNIFER FOX**, freshman, mechanical engineering; **KENNETH MORGAN**, senior, mechanical engineering, grade point average of 4.0; **JEFFREY PARK**, senior, engineering technology; and **ANTHONY PAULK**, freshman, electrical engineering.

Students named to the Dean's List maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Earning recognition on the Fall semester 1995 Dean's List at Vincennes University is **SCOTT J. HAYES** of Novi who is majoring in bowling lanes management.

A student must complete at least 12 credit hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better to qualify for the Dean's List.

Named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 1995-96 school year were the following Novi residents: **ANYA E. GURSKI, JOANNE M. SILL, KEVIN D. SERRA, MEGHAN E. PERRY, AND COLLEEN M. ORTWINE.**

In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

ELIZABETH (BETH) LANGHAM, daughter of Keith and Kathy Langham of Novi and a graduating senior at Novi High School, has been named one of approximately 2,600 candidates in the 1996 Presidential Scholars program.

The program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions of the 2,600 candidates selected for their exceptional performance on either the SAT of the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Of these submissions, 500 semifinalists will be selected in March.

Final selection of the Scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the President. The White House will announce Scholars in mid-April.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for several days in late June to receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony.

Recognized for his academic achievement for the third card marking of the first semester at St. Mary's Preparatory school was Novi resident **JEFF ZIMMERMAN**, a freshman at St. Mary's.

To qualify for the Honor Roll a student must earn a grade point average of 3.7 or better.

MATTHEW R. LUND, freshman, was named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the fall 1995 quarter. To achieve recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on a scale of 4.0.

Lund is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Lund of Novi.

Novi resident **JONATHAN T. SCHERGER** was placed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To be placed on the list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

MELISSA LUTES has been named to the Dean's List at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the 1995 fall term.

To achieve this recognition, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better while carrying a minimum of 13 credits.

Lutes, a graduate of Novi High School, is a resident of Northville.

JANET M. BARTOL, a Novi resident and student at Siena Heights College, Southfield campus, has been named to the Dean's List for first semester 1995-96.

Undergraduates must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

Also included on the Dean's List at Albion College was freshman **JASON W. WENZEL**. He was given recognition for maintaining a 3.5 or above grade point average for the fall 1995 semester.

Wenzel is the son of William and Nancy Wenzel of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

CARA YOUNG of Novi has been named to the fall semester Dean's List at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

To qualify, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Young is a senior majoring in psychology.

Novi resident **RYAN T. VAN POPERIN** earned academic honors for the Fall 1995 semester at Purdue University.

Students must have at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade point average on a four-point scale.

Van Poperin is a freshman majoring in engineering.

Educators participate in statewide conference

The sixth annual statewide parity conference entitled "Equity Within the Classroom VI: Graduating Minority Students" is slated to be held at the Novi Hilton on March 15 and 16. Participants will be faculty members from all of Michigan's 15 public universities and six independent higher education institutions.

An impressive array of top educators have been selected from around the nation to disseminate ideas and strategies for adaptation and application in Michigan higher education.

The initial activity on March 16 will be greetings from Dr. James J. Duderstadt, president of the University of Michigan since 1988.

Duderstadt received his baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering from Yale University in 1964 and his doctorate in engineering science and physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1967. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1968 as professor of Nuclear Engineering. After 12 years on the faculty, Duderstadt became Dean of Engineering in 1981, then Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1986.

The parity conference is co-sponsored by the Office of Equity, Michigan Department of Education, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University and six independent institutions: GM Institute, Lawrence Technological University, Madonna University, Marygrove College, Olivet College and University of Detroit Mercy.

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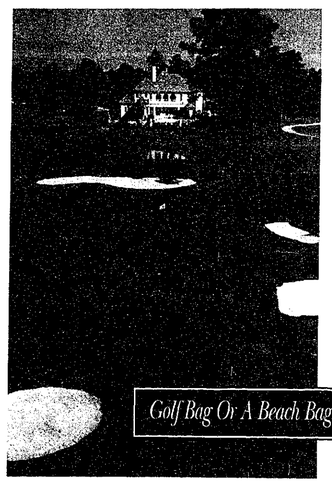

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Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. Beginning March 3 the topic will be "Prayer."

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. Single Place will meet for dinner at Sundowner followed by a presentation by Arnold Keller, M.A., on "Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience," or Match Maker International. The cost is $4.

Sports activities coming up include bowling evenings on March 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads; and volleyball on March 1 and 22 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. The cost for volleyball is $4. Two games of bowing are $6 plus $1.50 for shoe rental.

Single Place Ministries will present a Singles Fair on "Intimacy: Simple Words – Misunderstood Concept," with keynote speaker Andy Morgan on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $8 in advance, $9 at the door.

An all day fair will be held on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The cost is $22 in advance and $25 at the door.

Upcoming workshops include: "Gender Communication Differences," with Ed and Sandy Loyer which will be held at the Holiday Inn, North Campus in Ann Arbor on Feb. 24 and 25; and "Divorce Recovery," March 7 through April 25 with various speakers. The cost is $30.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

All St. James singles are welcome to join the new activities group, **ST. JAMES SINGLES.**

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ.

The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Reverend Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

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

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

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

FSP is now forming three social co-ed golf leagues.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (810) 851-9909.

EXPRESSIONS, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older.

For more information, call (313) 930-6361. Admission is $5.25 and includes refreshments.

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

In Service

DAVID M. LECLEAR has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

LeClear is a computer support specialist at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

He is the son of Michael A. and Jane W. LeClear of Novi, and a 1994 graduate of Novi High School.

Air Force Master Sgt. **THOMAS P. SCHWENK** has reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force after 11 years of military service.

Schwenk is a senior enlisted advisor at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

He is the son of Ron C. and Barb K. Schwenk of Novi and a 1982 graduate of Berkley High School. Schwenk received an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force in 1995.

MATTHEW R. KALUZNY has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program.

This program provides delayed enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

Kaluzny, a senior at Novi High School, will report to Fort McClellan, Ala., for military basic training July 24, 1996.

He is the son of Robert J. Cindy D. Kaluzny of Novi.

Bit parts are on auction block

Dreams will come true for lucky bidders at the 17th annual Mercy High School Auction which will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24.

The cost is $75 per person for both Friday and Saturday or $15 per person for Friday only. Friday is the casual silent auction with a mini live auction and includes international hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts.

Saturday is the more formal live auction with auctioneer Joe DuMouchelle and emcee, Steve Garagiola, and includes three silent auctions during the reception, a sit-down dinner with entertainment, followed by the live auction.

DuMouchelle Galleries will preside over the benefit auction which is being held at the school at 29300 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

The annual auction helps ensure the students of the all-girl Catholic school will have enough funds for a quality education.

Among the chairs for this year's auction are Northville residents Cheryl and Greg Spinazze and Tina and Orin Mazzoni.

Submitted photo

Getting a preview of auction items are Mercy High School students (from left) Rebecca Phelps, Lynn Digirolamo and Gina Mazzonni.

Auction items include a bit part in a *Seinfeld* episode; four guest passes to the *Oprah* show; two tickets to the *David Letterman Show*; a day with Steve Garagiola; accommodations and two tickets for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.; a murder mystery party for 80 presented by the cast of *Dore*; a ruby and diamond bracelet with 10 full-cut brilliant diamonds and 36 rubies; box seats to *Cats* at the Fox Theater; tickets for Red Wings, Pistons and Tigers games; one week motor home rental; two nights on Mackinaw Island; and fly fishing lessons and equipment.

Area restaurants that have donated dinners for the auction include Seros Family Restaurant, Rocky's of Northville, Ruby Tuesday, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Wing Yee's, Cooker Bar and Grille, Dunleavy's and many others.

For more information and reservations, call Marilyn Corbett at (810) 476-8020, ext. 253.

Group gets lesson on dance

Northville Woman's Club and their guests will get a lesson in dance on Friday, March 1, when the Dance Ensemble West presents "From the Greek Chorus to the Chorus Line."

The presentation begins at 1:30 in Boll Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The program will demonstrate various dance styles and include historical notes on 20th century dance in America.

Dance Ensemble West is a non-profit performing arts dance group with an emphasis on arts education and community service. Yearly performances include annual concerts, lecture demonstrations and adjudicated arts festivals.

Janelle MacLean is the Artistic Director of Dance Ensemble West and has been a dance educator for 12 years. She received a master of fine arts degree in dance from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in fine arts in dance from Western Michigan University.

She has been a guest lecturer at area high schools and guest dance instructor for past Michigan Youth Arts Festivals as well as an active member of Dance Masters of Michigan.

Guests interested in attending can contact a Northville Woman's Club member.

The chairperson of the day is Karen Poulos.

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Dance Ensemble West will perform at the Northville Woman's Club meeting on March 1.

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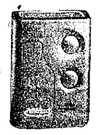

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Oklahoma's cast includes D. Ed Cox as Andrew Carnes and Dawn Marie Turner as Ado Annie at the Water Tower Theatre.

Oklahoma, Victorian style

Theater goers expecting to see a traditional performance of *Oklahoma* may be surprised with the Plymouth Theatre Guild's "Victorian Storybook Oklahoma."

"I took the major characters and created a prologue and an epilogue to develop the characters and relationships more fully in the style of a Victorian novel," director James Morisi said. "One of the problems I had with the play is that the characters are not developed, leaving the play shallow and unfulfilling."

The show premiered on Feb. 16 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

Northville residents in the cast of *Oklahoma* include D. Ed Cox in the role of Andrew Carnes, Autumn Marie Cranford and Gina Mathews, who are in the ensemble.

Morisi has put together a slightly different "take" on the classic story of a handsome highly-spirited cowboy, Curley, who falls in love with a beautiful, headstrong farm girl, Laurey.

The music for *Oklahoma*, which has been in production for more than 50 years and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1943, is by Richard Rodgers.

The book and lyrics are by Oscar Hammerstein II. *Oklahoma* is based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs* by Lynn Rigs with original dances by Agnes de Mille. Choreography is by Cindy Cooper.

Oklahoma continues on Feb. 23, 24, 25 and March 1 and 2.

Performances are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. on Sunday. General seating tickets are $10 at the door and $9 in advance.

Water Tower Theatre is located on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville one mile west of I-275.

For information, call 349-7110.

Entertainment listing

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

THEATER

WATER CLUB SEAFOOD GRILL: An evening of murder-mystery theater and a four-course dinner are up next when the Water Club Seafood Grill presents the interactive *Politics are Murder* by Dore Productions of Northville on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Water Club is located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one quarter mile east of I-275.

For more information and reservations, call (313) 454-0666.

MUSIC

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Entertainment is offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. During the month of February, the featured vocalist will be Sandra Bomar.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 349-7770.

CICERO'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE & BAR: Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Performing is George Colovus, world famous flutist and entertainer performing classical, jazz and romantic interludes.

Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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

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.

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

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 624-9607.

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

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

Call 455-0445 for more information.

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill blues jam continues, now in its second year. Featuring Tim Flaharty as host, the jam is open to all musicians.

The Tim Flaharty Trio with Nancy K. hosts an open jazz jam every Sunday evening from 7 until 11 p.m. Ongoing for over six months, the jam is open to everyone interested in classical jazz, swing and bebop.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

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

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: A special exhibition of Robert Zeichner's outdoor photography will be on display through March 29.

The Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, in Northville. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 449-7086.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Gallery is featuring Northville artist Patrick O'Rourke. The studies on display are crowquill pen, ink wash or pencil work. His pieces are so precisely illustrated they give the illusion of photography. He is interested in history and reflects this in his work. The show continues through March 31.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (810) 349-4131.

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel H. Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Two new watercolors, one of Main Street featuring the town clock and the other of the Oldenburg Building on Center Street when Fred Oldenburg operated a grocery store in the building, are available at Painter's Place, Studio & Gallery of Caroline Dunphy.

The gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in Northville. Hours during January are Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

NEARBY

DINNER THEATER: Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department will present its winter dinner theater production of Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* beginning Friday, March 22.

The dinner theater performances begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Waterman Center and shows open at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Dinner theater tickets are $16 per person with performance dates of March 22, 23, 29 and 30.

Theater only performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theater on April 5 and 6. Tickets are $6.50 per person.

For ticket information, call (313) 462-4409. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96, include a performance by guitarist and vocalist Stephen Grant Wood at 7 p.m. on Feb. 23; book signing by the author of *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*, Christopher Curtis, at 11 a.m. on Feb. 24; Red Green, aka Steve Smith, star of the Canadian show *The New Red Green Show*, will sign copies of his video at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24; a knitting circle at 7 p.m. on Feb. 28; and the Bibliophiles book discussion group will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 29.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

ORIENTAL RUG SOCIETY: The Detroit Oriental Rug Society announces its 1996 schedule of meetings, featuring a series of educational and cultural presentations. "Oriental Rugs: A Survey for the Novice and Serious Collector" will be presented on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at Baldwin Public Library, 300 West Merrill in Birmingham by rug collector and lecturer Edgar Hagopian. All are welcome.

Subsequent meetings will take place April 25, June 20 and Sept. 26.

For more information, call (810) 542-7200.

SPRING CONCERT: Ford Motor Co. presents the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert on Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m. at Churchill High School's Carli Auditorium in Livonia. The concert will feature music of the masters, including Mozart, Beethoven and Rogers and Hammerstein. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $8 for students.

To make reservations, call the Symphony's 24-hour hot line at (313) 421-1111.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Fine china, depression glass, linens, cook books, postcards, oak and Victorian furniture and much more will be available at the Antique and Collectible Show and Sale at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt in Livonia, Feb. 22 through 25. Hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

RUSSIAN BALLET: For one performance only, Artistic Director and soloist Nikita Dolgushin has assembled an ensemble of soloists from the St. Petersburg State Ballet Company "Rimsky-Korsakov" to perform at West Bloomfield High School on March 9 at 8:30 p.m.

Dancers include Svetlana Efremova, Tatiana Kotchenko, Natalia Shelest, Tatiana Khabarova, Sergei Dmitryev and Yuri Andreyev.

West Bloomfield High is located at 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

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'Bed of Roses' has romantic potential but slow pace spoils movie's charm

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

BED OF ROSES
BY DR. GAIL MAJCHER
NORTHVILLE

Boy takes his nightly walk and sees girl crying late at night while looking into her apartment window from the street. Boy pursues girl. Love develops but is spoiled by the painful shadows of the past yet in the end love conquers all.

This movie definitely had some romantic potential but is so slow paced that it loses its charm. Neither Christian Slater nor Mary Stuart Masterson have enough charisma to pull off the long moments of staring. After trying to endure without falling asleep the first hour of the movie, it does begin to pick up. There are a couple of moments that are truly heart warming and make it worth seeing once the movie is at the dollar show.

BALTO
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

Based on a true story, "Balto" is the story about a courageous dog who risks his life to save the lives of innocent children that are sick with a life-threatening disease.

Balto is an outcast in his small hometown due to the fact he's part dog and part wolf. Even though he's the fastest dog in Alaska, no one wants him on their sled-dog team since wolves are known to turn on their masters. But when the sled-dog team that's supposed to bring back the medicine needed to save the children's lives gets lost, Balto is the only one left to save the kids by finding the dog team himself.

While the beginning of "Balto" is somewhat dull, the ending is touching. And due to some scattered humor throughout the movie, "Balto" is a winner.

"Balto receives four stars out of five. It's a cute movie about the real life "Benji" or "Lassie," but still viewers wonder if fiction is more entertaining than fact.

DEAD MAN WALKING
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NOVI

Written and directed by Tim Robbins, "Dead Man Walking" has a powerful message. Sean Penn gives a riveting performance as a convicted murderer on death row, enduring his last week before receiving the lethal injection.

Susan Sarandon plays a nun who took her vows so early, she's a bit naive about the ugliness in the real world. Wearing no makeup, as plain as Susan Sarandon can possibly get, the sister agrees to provide friendship during the killer's agonizing last week of life. She hopes to have him acknowledge, and have remorse for, his crime — thereby bringing him a final peace.

Whether or not you believe in capital punishment, the movie will provide you with plenty of food for thought on the subject. You see the victims' broken families and how their lives are forever ruined. And you watch the condemned man deny and try to justify his part in the vicious crime, not his first offense. He's always been hostile, but you never understand why. Or why, he feels he has the right to take his hostility out on the world.

"Dead Man Walking" didn't change my mind about capital punishment, but it certainly had me reflect on it.

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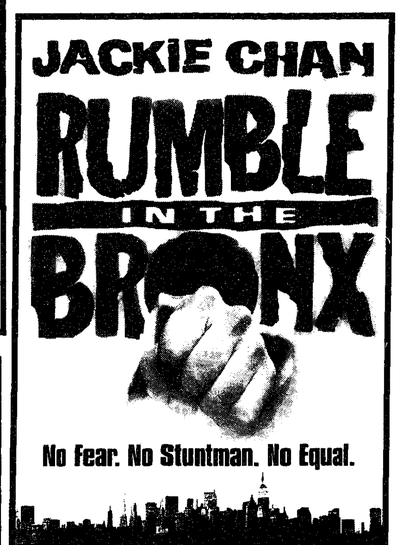

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SWF, 20, 5'10", 128lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, likes travel, pool, hockey, concerts, music, parties, movies, seeking SWM, 21-29, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 2875

LOVER OF ADVENTURE
SWF, 18, 5'8", 130lbs., too many bad past relationships, enjoys concerts, clubs, parties, quiet nights alone, seeks SM, 18-24, similar interests, who knows how to treat a woman right. Ad# 2222

LIKE TO SPEND TIME...
SWF, 18, 200lbs., bright brown eyes, seeking humorous SM, 18-20, who likes outdoors, animals, for companionship. Ad# 6634

INTO ALTERNATIVE MUSIC
SWF, 18, 5'7", blonde/brown hair, green eyes, enjoys car racing, pool, hockey, animals, seeking caring SWM, 18-23, adventurous, for friendship or relationship. Ad# 1312

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SWF, 18, 115lbs., blondish-red hair, green eyes, seeking sweet, very sensitive SM, to spend time with. Ad# 8878

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SWCF, 19, 5'9", 130lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys acting, movies, music, seeking SCM, 18-23, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 1477

LOOKING FOR GOOD TIME
SWF, 20, 5'5", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, writing poetry, concerts, walks in the park, seeking honest, caring SM, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 1995

INTERESTED?
SW mom of two, 36, works a lot, enjoys line dancing, country music, motorcycles, cuddling, walks in the park, movies at home, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 7398

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SWCF, 36, 5'8", 130lbs., brown hair, honest, N/S, never married, enjoys outdoors, travel, gardening, crafts, movies, country music, dining out, seeking caring, responsible, hard-working SWCM, 35-40, for serious relationship. Ad# 4444

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DW mom of two, 38, 5'6", involved with teen and single parent church groups, enjoys long walks and talks, seeking stable, sincere, employed M, 34-44, for friendship, leading to relationship. Ad# 5253

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SW mom, 38, 5'6", 167lbs., auburn hair, gray eyes, office worker, likes cooking, trips, hot tubs, refinishing furniture, romance, seeking DM, 30-35, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 2219

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DWC mom, 40, 5'2", average figure, spontaneous, creative, affectionate, enjoys boating, roller skating, window shopping, antiquing, bowling, seeks D/SWM, for fun, companionship, maybe more. Ad# 4655

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SWF, 42, easygoing, outgoing, enjoys sailing, sports, the outdoors, seeking educated SM, with similar interests. Ad# 8216

AVERAGE NICE GUY?
DWF, 42, average looks/weight, professional, enjoys walks, boating, biking, quiet nights at home, seeking fun SM, for companionship. Ad# 3267

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MAKE MEMORIES
DW mom, 42, physically/emotionally fit, three children, enjoys dancing, music, outdoor sports, the theater, all kinds of things, seeks SM, with similar interests. Ad# 8989

THANKS FOR ANSWERING!
SW mom, 42, 5'4", weight proportionate, enjoys biking, rollerblading, outdoor sports, working out, seeking SM, similar age, good sense of humor, for companion/soul mate. Ad# 9898

TAKE A CHANCE
DWF, 43, decent, hardworking, mom, enjoys cooking, dining out, movies, cards, bowling, seeking compatible, decent SM, for relationship. Ad# 1952

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SWCF, 44, 5'4", weight proportionate, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks strong SCM, for friendship, dating, and possible relationship. Ad# 3232

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WWWF, 56, younger-looking, likes theater, camping, rollerblading, skiing, church, travel, things with grandchildren, seeking SCM, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 5139

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SWF, 65, 5'8", healthy, N/S, enjoys music, animals, seeking SM, for friendship/companionship. Ad# 5103

HELLO LADIES!
SWM, 18, 5'10", 140lbs., blond/brown hair, blue eyes, seeks sensitive, caring, sweet SF, with a good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 1470

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SWM, 18, 5'7", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, caring, sweet, seeking sensitive, kind, sweet, caring SF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2020

PLAYS IN A BAND
SWM, 20, brown hair, blue eyes, guitarist, seeking SF, who enjoys camping, skiing, parties, concerts, bars, dining out, movies, for conversation, dating. Ad# 5462

FOR SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
SWM, 23, enjoys working out, traveling, going out, looking for SF, similar interests. Ad# 6969

LOOKING FOR ROMANCE
DWM, 23, 5'8", 142lbs., enjoys the outdoors, concerts, cooking, romantic dinners seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 9390

BETTER THAN AVERAGE
SWM, 24, 5'6", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, smoker, enjoys music, playing drums and pool, seeking petite, outgoing, not too shy SF, around 120lbs., for relationship. Ad# 4926

SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWM, 24, 6', 165lbs., Britton/Howell area, enjoys outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, sports, seeks honest, sincere SF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 1571

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SIMILAR INTERESTS?
SWM, 24, 5'9", 160lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, loves the Lord, kids, softball, football, hockey, motorcycling, seeking SWF, 18-24, for possible relationship. Ad# 2472

NO GAMES
SWM, 25, 6'2", brown hair/eyes, caring, romantic, N/S, enjoys movies, music, camping, coffee shops, cooking, seeking open, honest SWF, 20-28, marriage-minded. Ad# 2566

THE RIGHT WOMAN?
SWM, 25, 6'2", 180lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, intelligent, enjoys music, reading, camping, Harleys, the outdoors, animals, dancing, seeking outgoing, fun-loving, honest, secure SF, with similar interests. Ad# 6789

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SWM, 26, likes baseball, golfing, bowling, seeking SF, 18-65, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 9900

HELLO OUT THERE!
SWM, 26, 5'11", 190lbs., enjoys kids, barbecues, family get-togethers, quiet evenings, seeks SF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 3879

CARING AND SENSITIVE
SWM, 26, 5'9", college graduate, enjoys movies, dining out, racquetball, nature, seeking caring, warm-hearted SF, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1589

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?
SWM, 26, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, down-to-earth, likes working out, motorcycling, soccer, dancing, camping, hiking, music, horseback riding, seeking down-to-earth, open-minded S, country girl, to spend time together. Ad# 1969

LET'S TALK!
SWM, 26, 6'3", 230lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys pool, bowling, summer activities, clubs, movies, seeking SF, with same interests. Ad# 1269

TIRED OF DATING GAME!
DWM, 27, 6', 155lbs., brown hair/eyes, outgoing, easygoing, enjoys trying new/different things, quiet evenings, pets, seeking open, honest SF, for relationship. Ad# 4720

IS THIS YOU?
DWM, 27, 6'2", 180lbs., sandy blond hair, blue eyes, no kids, seeking respectful F, who loves life, camping, outdoors, dancing, staying home, movies, cuddling, poetry, art, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 1973

ROMANTIC EVENINGS
SWM, 27, 5'8", 140lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, movies, quiet times, seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 7731

COMES AS A PACKAGE
DW dad, 28, 6'2", medium build, blue-eyed blond, professional, enjoys sunrises and sunsets, evening walks, holding hands, long talks, seeking SF, to treat special, with love, safety and security. Ad# 1717

QUIET MOMENTS
DWM, 28, 6', 220lbs., N/S, non-drinker, drug-free, single father, likes the outdoors, fishing, picnics, quiet walks, movies, seeking SF, with similar interests/qualities. Ad# 8663

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
SWM, 28, 5'10", 190lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, into fitness and health, outdoor activities, country life, seeking attractive, slim SF, N/S, not into bar scene. Ad# 1775

FAST TALKER
SWM, 28, 6'2", 165lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, likes music, TV, playing guitar, simple things, seeking SF, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 3624

SAME INTERESTS?
SWM, 29, 5'7", 145lbs., good-looking, likes camping, fishing, hunting, time with his children, seeking pretty, considerate, kind, down-to-earth, honest SF, no games, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 3809

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SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., active, open-minded, spontaneous, enjoys cycling, going out, working out, running, seeking professional, adventurous SF, to try new things. Ad# 4109

ANSWERS ALL CALLS
SWM, 30s, medium build, clean-cut, never married, college graduate, humorous, enjoys sailing, snow/water skiing, autumn colors, fireplaces, cuddling, seeks SF, for possible relationship. Ad# 4639

NEVER A DULL MOMENT
SWCM, 30, outgoing, athletic, old-fashioned, preachter, enjoys sports, long walks, nature, seeks serious, commitment-minded SF. Ad# 5252

DON'T BE SHY
SWM, 30, 5'11", dark, not too shabby, likes outdoors, camping, body building, music, old cars, old movies, seeking SF, with blonde hair, pretty blue eyes, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 4114

NEVER MARRIED
SWCM, 30, tall, dark hair, blue eyes, handsome, fit, sensitive, affectionate, humorous, professional, enjoys music, movies, concerts, long walks, cooking, dining out, romantic evenings, seeking fit, attractive, secure SF, 20-28, for dating, and more. Ad# 7084

ANY AGE
SWM, 30, 6'1", 175lbs., dark hair, green eyes, mustache, enjoys camping, going north, traveling, seeking SF, with similar interests, to share together. Ad# 1217

SOUND LIKE YOU?
DW dad, 31, 6'3", 195lbs., blue-eyed blond, open, honest, likes music, movies, cards, bowling, softball, working out, conversation, meeting people, seeking confident, fit, independent SF, kids are fine, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 5778

INTERESTED? CALL!
SWM, 31, 6'1", 220lbs., black hair, professional, enjoys dancing, travel, outdoor activities, sports, movies, seeks SF, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 8499

PERSONAL GROWTH
SWM, 31, 6', 220lbs., attractive, teacher, enjoys movies, arts, clubs, music, dining out, seeking SF, 24-37, for good conversation, dating, maybe more. Ad# 7676

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SWM, 32, 5'10", 185lbs., athletic build, good cook, financially secure, likes skiing, rollerblading, dining out, seeks clean-cut, slim to medium-built, attractive SF. Ad# 9505

HI!
SWM, 32, 5'9", 185lbs., brown hair, green eyes, good-looking, honest, employed, likes dancing, music, comedy, sports, seeks SF, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 1963

SHARE HOLIDAYS
Catholic SWM, 33, 6'2", 230lbs., N/S, very light drinker, home owner, a truly nice guy, enjoys biking, horseback riding, camping, reading, outdoors, seeks SF, a nice girl, for possible relationship. Ad# 2656

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 33, 5'11", 163lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, a variety of other interests, seeking SF, for friendship. Ad# 9999

I HOPE TO HEAR...
SWM, 33, 5'11", 175lbs., no kids, financially secure, professional, enjoys boating, snowskiing, camping, quiet evenings, seeking SWF, 25-35, 5'5"+, kids ok, for relationship. Ad# 6900

WANT TO HANG OUT?
SWM, 34, 6', 185lbs., brown hair, green eyes, shy, factory worker, enjoys music, friendly conversation, beach walks, quiet times, seeking SF, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 2307

OUTDOORS TYPE
SWM, 35, secure, dad, seeking caring, understanding SF, for dating, conversation, maybe more. Ad# 1930

LET'S HAVE COFFEE
SWM, 35, 6', 165lbs., hardworking, secure, enjoys camping, fishing, bowling, outdoors, dining out, open to other activities, seeking SF, for friendship, dating. Ad# 1947

INTERESTED??
SW dad, 35, hardworking, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies, videos, dining out, children, cooking out, dancing, family, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 9538

AFFECTIONATE, FAITHFUL
S dad of one, 36, 5'8", N/S, social drinker, open, honest, respectful of others, enjoys quality time at home, weekends away, campfires, cuddling, talks, seeks SF, kids okay, for companionship, possible relationship. Ad# 1276

HANDSOME
SWM, 36, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, romantic, sensitive, caring, enjoys outdoor recreation, quality times together, seeking slender, attractive SWF, 28-36, no dependents, similar qualities, for monogamous relationship. Ad# 1959

SPECIAL SOMEONE?
SWM, 37, active, athletic, kind of a workaholic, enjoys home/gardening projects, working out, seeking special SF, for relationship. Ad# 9225

CHECK THIS ONE
SWM, 38, 5'10", 155lbs., open-minded, dad of two, enjoys working out, the outdoors, bicycling, walking, working around the house, seeking F, 28-39, for friendship, to have fun together. Ad# 2922

MOVING SOON
SWM, 38, warm, caring, educated, enjoys canoeing, the outdoors, camping, quiet evenings, seeking caring, sharing SF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5704

COOKS AND CLEANS
SWM, 38, 185lbs., fit, handsome, honest, caring, likes kids, dancing, dining, movies, outdoor activities, seeking fit, attractive, fun-loving SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 2345

ENGINEER
SWM, 38, 6', 200lbs., blue eyes, engineer, uses a wheelchair, loves children, animals, staying home, dining out, movies, seeks SF, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 6540

BABY BLUE EYES
SWM, 39, 6'2", broad shoulders, enjoys dining out, computers, writing, music, camping, sports, cooking, seeks intelligent, good-humored SF, up to 39, kids okay, for fun relationship. Ad# 4399

SEEKING SOUL MATE
DWM, 39, 5'7", 160lbs., seeking average weight, family-oriented SWF, 28-38, 5'-5'4", who likes boating, camping, possibly flying. Ad# 7823

GOOD COMMUNICATION
SWM, 39, 215lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, humorous, passionate, old-fashioned values, smoker, likes music, concerts, beach/park walks, nature, cuddling, bonfires, dogs, kids, gardening, theater, plays, seeking SF, for possible good relationship. Ad# 5707

CASUAL OR DRESSY
SWM, 40, strong family values, likes animals and children, country music, dancing, outdoors, poetry, photography, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 2331

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE
SWM, 40, 5'9", 160lbs., black hair/mustache, hazel eyes, romantic, good personality, enjoys hiking, canoeing, water skiing, holding hands, seeking SF, to enjoy life with. Ad# 9931

LOVE TO GET TOGETHER
SWM, 40, rebellious, intelligent, kind, patient, loves life, seeking attractive, bright, spirited SF, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 4451

SHARE LIFE'S OFFERINGS
DWM, 41, 5'6", 165lbs., N/S, honest, caring, easygoing, hardworking, likes cuddling, movies, theaters, quiet evenings home, walking, seeking honest, sincere, easygoing, height/weight proportionate SWF, under 40, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 1954

LIVES NEAR BRIGHTON
DWM, 41, 6', 180lbs., N/S, no kids, caring, giving, enjoys long walks, outdoors, nature, music, travel, seeks SF, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly leading to long-term relationship. Ad# 1117

LIVES ON A LAKE
SWM, 42, 5'11", 185lbs., attractive, fit, athletic, active, never married, secure, professional, likes skiing, snowmobiling, sports, seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, for a best friend, companion. Ad# 8756

COMPATIBILITY'S IMPORTANT
SWM, 42, 5'11", 175lbs., black hair, handsome, athletic, confident, enjoys most summer/winter sports and outdoor activities, seeking attractive, fit, adventurous SWF, kids ok, age not important, Jackson/Livingston area, for friends first relationship. Ad# 4040

SHARE INTERESTS/DREAMS?
SWM, 42, 6', 180lbs., physically fit, athletic, professional, confident, enjoys most sports, outdoor activities, seeking attractive, physically fit, adventurous SWF, for relationship. Ad# 4341

ACTIVE GUY
SWM, 43, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, enjoys country music, dancing, dining out, long walks, movies, bowling, seeking SF, N/S, 30-45. Ad# 1469

ENJOYS LIFE, KIDS
SWM, 44, 6'1", blonde hair, blue eyes, never married, likes weekend trips, car shows, music, seeking D/SWF, with children, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 1151

SPECIAL PERSON
SWM, 47, 6'5", beard, professional, enjoys walking out, golf, travel, fishing, walking, gourmet cooking, seeking SF, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 9890

LET'S GO TO DINNER!
DWM, 48, loves camping, hiking, fishing, weekend trips, seeking SWF, with similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 8747

LOVE FOR LIFE
SNAM, 48, 6'3", 285lbs., gray hair, hazel eyes, balding, romantic, enjoys conversation, fishing, craft shows, Harley Davidsons, pow wows, seeking SF, friends first. Ad# 5347

LOOKING FORWARD
SWM, 48, 6', articulate, monogamous, keen sense of humor, likes doing things spontaneously, golf, spectator sports, seeks independent, self-assured, slender to medium SF, 25-45, N/S preferred. Ad# 4127

A GREAT CATCH
DW dad, young 50, 5'10", 165lbs., handsome, athletic, Britton area, sincere, appreciative, professional, loves life, kids, friends and family, seeks sincere, honest, attractive, slender outdoorsy SF, who might be his soul mate. Ad# 4848

SEEKS CO-PILOT
SWM, 50, 5'11", 170lbs., handsome pilot, smoker, social drinker, seeks thin SF, 40-45, for flying, traveling, sun, beaches, Florida weekends, more. Ad# 1035

ATHLETIC
SWM, 51, 5'8", fit, Mount Brighton foothills area, plays hockey, good cook, seeks intelligent, professional, good-looking SWF, preferably from the same area. Ad# 3704

CERTIFIED!!!
SWM, 53, 5'7", 180lbs., redhead, N/S, drug/alcohol-free, enjoys scuba diving, seeking F, with similar interests, for relationship. Ad# 5206

YOUNG AND ACTIVE
SWM, 60, 5'9", well-proportioned, N/S, non-drinker, self-employed, well-educated, positive, strong love for God and the church, many interests, seeks friendship first with a SF, 40-60. Ad# 1245

LOVING, CARING & LONELY
WWWM, 66 and holding, 180lbs., active, enjoys quiet dinners, dancing, walks, fireside talks, travel, seeking outgoing WWWF, 55+, N/S, financially secure, to share life with. Ad# 5566

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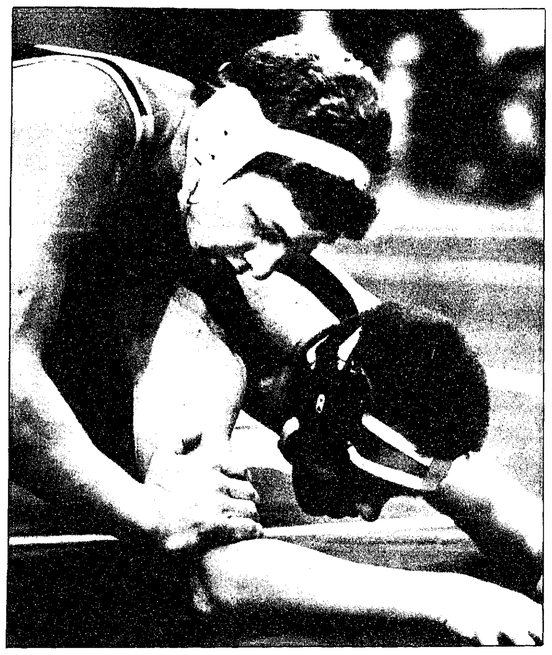

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Skip Becker won a district championship at 160 pounds on Saturday.

Christoff, Watanabe, Becker make regional

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Lenny Christoff, Taka Watanabe and Skip Becker will wrestle in Saturday's state regional.

The trio of Wildcats survived last weekend's individual district tournament at Walled Lake Western. Coach Brad Huss was optimistic about each of his wrestlers advancing to the state finals from the regional.

"I like our chances," he said.

Like the district, Christoff, Watanabe and Becker will have to finish in the top four in their weight class at the regional. A total of eight wrestlers will be in each division.

It was pretty much an all or nothing day for Novi. The three regional qualifiers were the only ones to survive past the first two rounds, in fact.

Christoff was the first to make it. The 130-pounder drew the No. 2 seed.

He received byes in the first two rounds then went up against Alan Riefler of Livonia Franklin in the semi-final and won by a pin. Christoff was pinned by Dan Christenson of Livonia Stevenson in the final at 4:15.

Watanabe also received the No. 2 seed. He pinned Ryan Chamberlin of Lakeland at 4:48 in round two then decisioned John Sata of Stevenson 7-5 in overtime.

Watanabe faced Brighton's Matt Griffin in the final and lost a tough 6-4 decision. The junior fell behind 3-0 then fought his way back.

Huss said Watanabe wasn't aggressive enough early on.

"He's got to be smarter when he's wrestling a kid of that caliber," he added.

Becker earned a district championship at 160 pounds. He was the top seed and garnered pins in his first two matches.

In round three, Becker stopped Brad Bailey of South Lyon in 5-1. It was a measure of revenge for Becker, who had lost to Bailey in the team district a few days earlier.

The junior then won the flight by beating Chris Ceder of Livonia Franklin 11-6 in the final.

"He had a great day," Huss said.

The district as a whole wasn't as tough as years past, the coach said.

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>
> BRAD HUSS
> Wrestling coach

TEAM DISTRICT

Novi made it the district final Thursday at South Lyon.

The host Lions, however, edged Novi 36-31. Just one more win would've sent the Wildcats to the team regional, Huss said.

The coach was frustrated with the loss. But he thinks his team will find more success down the road.

Wildcat winners included:Ryan Christensen (103), Chris Christoff (119), Lenny Christoff (130), Watanabe (135), Garrett Barrons (140) and Nick Simon (145).

Becker lost to Bailey at 160 pounds. With about 15 seconds left, Becker slipped and fell to the mat. Bailey took advantage and scored four points to win.

The coach certainly didn't blame the loss on Becker, though. He said a win by anyone would've given Novi the win.

Novi made it the final by whipping Northville 52-18. The Wildcats actually trailed 18-0 early before coming on strong.

Barrons (135), Watanabe (140), Simon (145), Becker (160), Nate Plecha (189) and John Talbot (215) were Novi's winners.

Tankers pound Pinckney 108-71, prepare for Brighton

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat swim team celebrated senior night on Feb. 13 by pounding Pinckney 108-71.

Matt Christopherson, Henry Newton, Brian LeRoy, Erich Kelly, John Sabourin, Ian Smith, Mike Girard, Corey Davenport, Tim Gibbons and Tim Kushman were honored during the home meet for their contributions over the past four years.

Coach Bill McCord said each has played a part in building a solid Novi team.

"They've been our backbone," he added.

Many of the seniors contributed to Novi's easy win over the Pirates. McCord said Pinckney's small number of swimmers gave the Wildcats a big advantage in depth, too.

"They had a real small team with about 10 guys," he said. "Their coach said they were on a downswing."

Novi will look to keep its fortunes on an upswing tomorrow and Saturday at the Brighton Invitational. The Wildcats, in fact, should be favored to win the unofficial Kensington Valley Conference meet.

South Lyon, Brighton, Fenton, Harper Creek and Mt. Pleasant are other schools scheduled to race.

As for the Pinckney meet, Novi won most every event. About the only success the Pirates found came in the relays.

The Wildcats finished second in the 200-yard medley relay with Erich and Andrew Kelly, Brian and Jason LeRoy (1:51.29). Novi came right back to sweep the 200-yard freestyle.

Newton placed first in 1:58.4, Dan Lynch was second in 1:58.69 and John Burkhardt was third in 2:03.63. Brian LeRoy won the 200-yard IM in 2:15.18 and Andrew Kelly was third in 2:19.58.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Jason LeRoy was second in 25.9.

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> Novi swimming coach

Pinckney didn't have any divers to compete against Novi. It probably wouldn't have mattered if they did as Mike Alberty scored a career best of 203.5 points and Jason Czoneca had 153.15 for second.

"They both had super scores," McCord said.

Mike Dicladio kept Novi on a roll as he won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:03.17. Bill Benton, a freshman, was third in 1:16.28.

Erich Kelly came close to a state qualifying time in the 100-yard freestyle. He swam a 50.46 for first place, which was a second off the state cut time.

Lynch placed first in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:15.19 while Newton was second in 5:17.45. The 200-yard freest

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Howell	9-1/12-4
Brighton	7-3/11-5
Novi	5-5/8-9
Lakeland	5-6/7-8
Milford	4-6/7-9
South Lyon	3-7/6-12
Hartland	3-8/5-12

AREA LEADERS

SCORING

Sander (Northville)	20.3
Henson (Brighton)	20.2
Szostek (Northville)	19.3
Daniels (Hartland)	14.2
King (Howell)	13.1
Amburgey (Pinckney)	12.5
Greenman (Pinckney)	12.4
Hardin (Lakeland)	12.2
Knips (Brighton)	12.2
Wilkins (Lakeland)	12.0
Portera (Howell)	11.5
Arden (South Lyon)	11.1
Chwalek (Milford)	11.1
Cody (Novi)	10.5
Demeester (Milford)	10.3
White (South Lyon)	10.3
Oilthoff (Howell)	10.1
Lewis (Fowlerville)	10.0
Kearney (Novi)	9.8

REBOUNDS

Hardin (Lakeland)	11.0
Amburgey (Pinckney)	10.5
Henson (Brighton)	9.2
Edmunds (Novi)	8.1
Lewis (Fowlerville)	8.0
White (South Lyon)	7.1
King (Howell)	6.7
Curtis (Hartland)	6.5
Arden (South Lyon)	6.4
Coleman (Brighton)	6.4
Baliko (Hartland)	6.2
Chwalek (Milford)	6.1
Szostek (Northville)	5.6

ASSISTS

Wilkins (Lakeland)	7.0
Mouser (Brighton)	6.4
Kersey (Northville)	5.5
Kramer (Novi)	4.5
Daniels (Hartland)	4.4
Shilland (Lakeland)	4.0
Whitmyer (Hartland)	3.9
Brown (Pinckney)	3.9
Henson (Brighton)	3.6
Leppek (Hartland)	3.1

STEALS

Wilkins (Lakeland)	4.6
Hardin (Lakeland)	3.6
Mouser (Brighton)	3.5
Daniels (Hartland)	3.4
Greenman (Pinckney)	3.4
Kearney (Novi)	3.2
Shilland (Lakeland)	3.2
Saylor (Lakeland)	3.0
Greenman (Pinckney)	2.8
Brown (Pinckney)	2.7
Lamontagne (South Lyon)	2.6
Sander (Northville)	2.1
Oilthoff (Howell)	2.0
Boss (Howell)	2.0
Parker (Fowlerville)	2.0

THREE-POINTERS

Daniels (Hartland)	39
Sander (Northville)	31
Kors (Pinckney)	22
Brown (Pinckney)	22
Oilthoff (Howell)	20
Wilkins (Milford)	20
Portera (Howell)	19
White (South Lyon)	19
Wilkins (Lakeland)	19
Shilland (Lakeland)	16
Knips (Brighton)	16
Cody (Novi)	15
Blakeslee (Howell)	14
Demeester (Milford)	14
Kearney (Novi)	13
Thomas (Fowlerville)	13
Szostek (Northville)	12
Hardin (Lakeland)	12
Sargent (South Lyon)	12
Leppek (Hartland)	12
Henson (Brighton)	11
Phillips (Milford)	11
LaMontagne (South Lyon)	10
Dodge (Brighton)	10
Boss (Howell)	10

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Hardin (Lakeland)	.584
Henson (Brighton)	.576
Szostek (Northville)	.570
Amburgey (Pinckney)	.547
Coleman (Brighton)	.538
Sander (Northville)	.510
Lyskawa (Novi)	.510
King (Howell)	.480
Pihalja (Howell)	.480
Curtis (Hartland)	.479
See (Hartland)	.469
Greenman (Pinckney)	.460
Rider (Brighton)	.458
Knips (Brighton)	.457

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Dodge (Brighton)	.909
Wajpcha (Lakeland)	.875
Cody (Novi)	.840
Parker (Fowlerville)	.820
Wilkins (Lakeland)	.820
Williams (Milford)	.810
Blakeslee (Howell)	.800
Goulet (South Lyon)	.786
Brown (Pinckney)	.783
Chwalek (Milford)	.780
Kearney (Novi)	.780
Whitmyer (Hartland)	.737
Dinning (Fowlerville)	.770
Hardin (Lakeland)	.760
Kors (Pinckney)	.750
Hardin (Lakeland)	.750
Kearney (Novi)	.750
Boss (Howell)	.750
Lewis (Fowlerville)	.740
LaMontagne (South Lyon)	.735
Austin (Milford)	.730
Sander (Northville)	.720
Richardson (South Lyon)	.714
Demeester (Milford)	.700

TEAM OFFENSE

Brighton	70.7
Howell	63.0
Northville	59.0
Lakeland	57.9
Hartland	52.4
Novi	50.0
Milford	50.1
South Lyon	45.9

TEAM DEFENSE

Novi	49.1
Howell	50.1
Milford	51.6
South Lyon	53.6
Northville	54.0
Lakeland	58.6
Hartland	60.5
Brighton	68.5

WRESTLING

103 POUNDS

Saran (Northville)	15-1
Neuendorf (Lakeland)	38-9
Lavey (Pinckney)	39-11
Kowat (Hartland)	30-11
Forsyth (Howell)	22-12
Finch (Fowlerville)	12-9
Grix (Fowlerville)	13-10
Strzalkowski (Fowlerville)	8-8

112 POUNDS

McCurdy (Milford)	40-4
Sriraman (Northville)	26-6
Bair (Howell)	22-9
Cowan (Pinckney)	26-12
Howie (Hartland)	24-13
Call (Fowlerville)	27-18
Secco (Brighton)	20-15
Lawrence (Milford)	6-5
Rickard (Lakeland)	19-18

119 POUNDS

Chris Williams (Fowlerville)	42-1
Worley (Hartland)	15-1
Trierweiler (Howell)	38-11
C. Christoff (Novi)	24-15
N. Wayne (Lakeland)	16-10
Torrence (Northville)	21-12
Cushner (Brighton)	20-13
Glynn (Hartland)	17-15

125 POUNDS

Cheyne (Milford)	41-1
Kyle (Northville)	26-8
Rosen (Howell)	33-12
Ferrich (Fowlerville)	22-8
Ellis (South Lyon)	21-15
Dorenzo (Hartland)	19-16

130 POUNDS

Trierweiler (Howell)	39-7
L. Christoff (Novi)	36-14
Wellman (Fowlerville)	25-16
LaFlouche (Lakeland)	15-12
Long (Hartland)	25-21
Paul Gienapp (Brighton)	8-7
S. Yurkunas (South Lyon)	11-11

135 POUNDS

Griffin (Brighton)	32-0
Matter (Pinckney)	14-7
Lusk (Hartland)	27-15
Matie (Howell)	26-16
Brown (South Lyon)	21-15
Barrons (Novi)	23-21

140 POUNDS

Watanabe (Novi)	50-3
Graybeal (Hartland)	40-11

145 POUNDS

Wellman (Fowlerville)	28-14
Duneski (Hartland)	22-16
Simon (Novi)	23-20
Antilla (Howell)	22-15

152 POUNDS

Scappaticci (Northville)	31-2
Adkins (Pinckney)	42-7
Dukes (Howell)	36-10
Bonnett (Hartland)	36-10
Hadley (Novi)	24-12
Kalis (South Lyon)	20-16

160 POUNDS

Frost (Hartland)	17-0
Rochowiak (Pinckney)	40-7
Showerman (Fowlerville)	34-6
Becker (Novi)	40-8
Kern (Lakeland)	34-12
Bailey (South Lyon)	28-16

171 POUNDS

Olson (Brighton)	20-0
Dinning (Fowlerville)	42-1
Kuzinski (Hartland)	38-6
Culver (Howell)	35-12
Kopriwa (Lakeland)	9-5
Grider (Northville)	17-13
Bruner (Novi)	20-16

189 POUNDS

Janes (South Lyon)	37-3
Arnold (Howell)	44-4
Gyorkos (Hartland)	28-8
Sheehan (Pinckney)	26-16
Alsobrooks (Fowlerville)	21-20

215 POUNDS

Jones (Pinckney)	44-1
Schyck (Hartland)	36-9
Roan (Milford)	32-12
Tyle (Fowlerville)	31-11
Evans (Brighton)	26-9
Wilson (South Lyon)	23-12
Talbot (Novi)	21-17
Offerman (Howell)	11-10

HEAVYWEIGHT

J. Yurkunas (South Lyon)	28-12
Posey (Hartland)	25-15
Keillor (Brighton)	18-12
Marble (Lakeland)	17-15
Bailey (Novi)	16-15

VOLLEYBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Brighton	9-0/26-9
Novi	8-1/21-2
Lakeland	5-5/20-9
Howell	4-6/4-16-1
South Lyon	3-6/8-16-5
Milford	1-6/5-14-5
Hartland	1-6/4-15-4

AREA LEADERS

KILLS

Uballe (Lakeland)	212
Place (Novi)	184
Sweeney (Howell)	170
Blakeslee (Howell)	166
Squires (Hartland)	164
Zwinck (Lakeland)	162
Shaw (Brighton)	145
Suenkonis (Novi)	137
Aschenbrenner (Pinckney)	132
Gregerson (Northville)	129
Bogle (Lakeland)	124
Horgan (Brighton)	117
Zarosley (Hartland)	113
Agemy (South Lyon)	108
Britton (Novi)	98
Wolbrink (Pinckney)	92
Digsby (Lakeland)	85
Dey (Fowlerville)	80
Malthaner (Brighton)	77
Dycio (Pinckney)	77
Raynes (Pinckney)	75
McMillan (South Lyon)	69
Harmon (Fowlerville)	68
Jandasek (Brighton)	66
Tobiczyk (Milford)	65
Daymon (Fowlerville)	63
Harvey (Fowlerville)	62
Williams (Milford)	61

ACES

Zwinck (Lakeland)	68
Uballe (Lakeland)	63
Derosia (Pinckney)	61
Dziekan (Brighton)	59
Salczynski (Lakeland)	53
Neal (Howell)	53
Jandasek (Brighton)	52
Piatek (Brighton)	47
Sweeney (Howell)	47
Bogle (Lakeland)46	
Murray (Howell)	44
Dominick (Lakeland)	43
Matsunaga (Novi)	42
Mott (Novi)	41
Gregory (Howell)	38
Durand (Brighton)	36
Wolbrink (Pinckney)	35
Blakeslee (Howell)	32
Rayner (Fowlerville)	30

DIGS

Wolbrink (Pinckney)	206
Dycio (Pinckney)	203
Williams (Milford)	191
Cullin (Pinckney)	187
Jandasek (Brighton)	186
Aschenbrenner (Pinckney)	183
Ossola (Northville)	153
Metaj (Northville)	150
Muir (Hartland)	145

Sports Shorts

Travel Baseball Tryouts

The 14-year-old Novi Expos baseball team has openings for the '96 season. The Expos play in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation League. Eligible players must have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1981. For further information, contact Bob Shaw, manager, at (810)349-1691.

Coaching vacancy

Novi Community Schools currently has positions open in varsity and junior varsity baseball. Interested applicants should call John Furdukian, director of athletics, for application procedure at (810) 449-1509.

Motorsports 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 Ellis, coordinator of volunteer activities, Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box. 194, Novi, MI, 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

The hall features 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.

Rec Briefs

'Swinging Senior' Bowling

For further information call Harry Brown at (810) 348-0986 or Clare Wilson (810) 349-0250.

Clogging

The Beginners I class should wear flat shoes, preferably with leather-like soles.

Mondays-Evenings (all ages).

Workshop and Review – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: $2 per person (drop-in).

Lesson/Review/Open Dance – 7:30-10 p.m. Cost: $3 per person (drop-in).

Wednesdays-Daytime (age 50 plus or if you're close)

Performance Practice Lesson and Open Dance – 12:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: $3 per person (drop-in).

Wednesdays-Evening (ages 8 plus)

Beginners I – starts Jan. 3 (8 weeks) – 7-8 p.m.

Cost: $20 resident ($24 non-resident) or a $3 drop-in fee per night.

Drop-in – Easy Level Lesson and Open Dance – 8-10 p.m. Cost: $3 per person (drop-in).

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Spring brings ear infections for kids

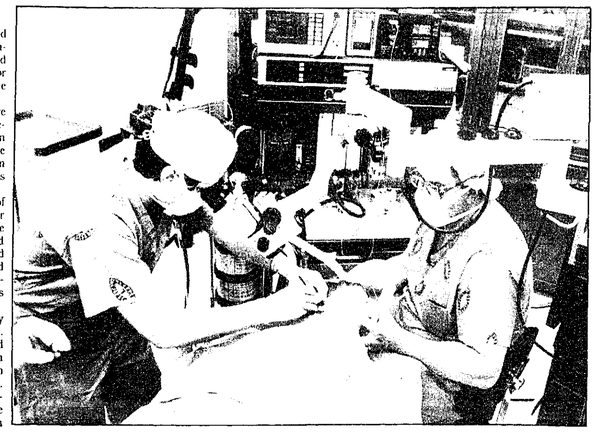
By JEFFREY WEINGARTEN, M.D.
Special Writer

Sleepless nights and the sad sounds of a child sobbing punctuate the realization that winter and early spring, the prime seasons for ear and tonsils infections, are upon us.

Children at the age of one to five are especially at risk for ear infections which are the most common childhood illness other than the common cold. Nearly one child in seven has multiple ear infections by age five.

At any one time 17 percent of youngsters may have fluid in their middle ears which may predispose them to ear infections. This fluid may also cause hearing loss and result in speech delay, diminished attention span, poor school performance and difficulties with friends or family.

Ear infections are frequently associated with the common cold. They are caused by bacteria and poor functioning of the eustachian tube which allows air to pass from the back of the nose to the ear. Adults frequently use the eustachian tube to equalize ear pressure when riding in an elevator or an airplane.



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Children at the age of one to five are especially at risk for ear infections.

In children, when a nasal infection causes irritation of the eustachian tube, the tube swells shut, trapping fluid and bacteria in the middle ear. Within a matter of hours, the hearing loss, pain or fever begins.

For a fortunate few children there may be no symptoms at all, but an infection that is located amid the bones and nerves of the middle ear can still be a problem.

The primary treatment for ear infections is a prescription for antibiotics, sometimes in conjunction with a decongestant to dry up nasal secretions. In some situations, when antibiotics do clear the infection, the physician may prescribe a daily dose of antibiotics to prevent further infections.

On occasion, the bacteria causing the infection may be resistant to some of the prescribed antibiotics. If antibiotics fail to control the ear infections or if a child has three ear infections in six months or four infections in a year, the physician may recommend the insertion of ventilatory tubes into the eardrums.

Another case where tubes might improve the ears is when the fluid from the infections persists for more than 10-12 weeks, long after the infections have been eradicated. In these situations a very brief surgical procedure, the insertion of tubes, will almost always solve the problem.

Placing these "ear tubes" requires a brief anesthesia and is painless. Using a microscope and special micro-instruments, the physician makes a tiny incision in the eardrum and inserts a small plastic tube no bigger than a pen tip.

Early parental detection of ear infections, along with appropriate medication, can prevent the pain, fever, and hearing loss frequently associated with this common childhood illness.

Tonsillitis is another common childhood illness. It is an infection of the lymph nodes or glands located in the back of the throat. The adenoid is a third tonsil located behind the nose and is usually infected along with the tonsil.

The main treatment for tonsillitis is antibiotics. Tonsillitis is normally accompanied by fever, discomfort, swollen glands, and missed school days. Children with more than five episodes of tonsillitis a year, four episodes two years in a row, or three episodes annually for several years should have their tonsils and adenoids removed.

Abscesses and chronic sore throats that persist for months are also indicators that tonsil and adenoid surgery may be necessary. Tonsils and adenoids are so large they can cause nighttime snoring (very loud), gasping, and struggling for air. This can potentially be a dangerous situation.

As good parents we should all protect our children from these common childhood problems. Your physician looks forward to discussing these matters with you.

Germs growing resistent to antibiotics

Janet Gilsdorf

Medical science is rapidly approaching the end of a honeymoon. It's been a long one – a little more than 50 years.

It's been half a century since antibiotics (penicillin) became available to the civilians of the Untied States, following World War II. During that prolonged honeymoon, we enjoyed relief from some of the bacterial infections that previously caused serious disability or death – diseases like pneumonia, meningitis, and bone and strep infections.

While medical science was celebrating, however, Mother Nature was silently at work. At the same time that medical scientists developed newer antibiotics and distributed them widely and fairly freely, bacteria began developing means (usually new surface proteins or antibiotic inactivating enzymes) to resist them.

Since most pathogenic bacteria reproduce every 20 minutes, they clearly have the upper hand in this kind of race. Over the years, the antibiotics we have given to our children for ear infections and skin infections, for example, eliminated the germs susceptible to the antibiotics but did not eliminate the rare antibiotic-resistant germs.

In fact, widespread use of antibiotics has encouraged the development of resistant germs, following the Darwinian law of "survival of the fittest." Now these antibiotic resistant germs are becoming very prevalent, and adults and children are routinely infected with germs that are difficult or sometimes impossible to treat.

Should we stop using antibiotics altogether? Of course not. We don't want to return to the days when children were dying of brain abscesses from simple ear infections. We do, however, need to carefully consider how and when we use antibiotics. They should only be used for specific bacterial infections.

Antibiotics have no impact against the viruses that cause colds or many coughs and sore throats. Resistance to antibiotics develops more rapidly when antibiotics are used intermittently or in lower doses than needed to optimally treat the infection. Thus, we need to use antibiotics as the King of Hearts in *Alice of Wonderland* suggested, for solving problems in general – "Begin at the beginning, and go on till you come to the end, then stop."

Medical science must now turn its attention to preventing bacterial infections in the first place, because winning the infectious-diseases war against Mother Nature by using antibiotics alone will be impossible.

Laboratory scientists are studying the bacteria that most commonly cause serious infections to identify the best vaccines to use for prevention. As we have seen with viruses such as smallpox, polio and measles, as well as bacteria such as diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib), vaccines have the potential to win the man vs. infections war once and for all.

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Health Notes

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary Hospital's Radiation Oncology and Community Outreach departments are cosponsoring Prostate Screening Day to be held in the Marian Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 2.

This free program is open to men throughout the community and will include a prostate exam, blood test to measure the level of Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), and educational material.

The screening will assess and educate participants on prostate disease. Participants will be examined by a physician, receive instruction on testicular self-exam, if appropriate, and a medical referral, if indicated. Physicians on staff at St. Mary Hospital will conduct the private, confidential screening.

The Marian Pavilion is located at 14555 Levan. Use the Levan road entrance and follow the signs.

Advance registration is requested. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

•The Marian Women's Center, St. Mary Hospital, will offer a free lecture on "Positive Parenting" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, in the hospital auditorium located near the Five Mile entrance. The guest speaker will be Corinne Kee, R.N., M.S.N., a clinical associate and adjunct faculty member at Madonna University's School of Nursing.

There is no charge to attend the lecture but registration is requested as seating is limited. For more information or to register, please call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-2882 or toll free at 1-800-494-1617.

The Marian Women's Center provides health education and support programs on a variety of topics concerning women's health and family matters.

Providence Hospital

If you're interested in learning CPR and how to manage emergency situations effectively you'll want to attend the two-week series on first aid preparation at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park.

Participants will learn CPR and how to manage emergency situations effectively. The basics of how to handle bruises, cuts, sprains, broken bones, burns, insect bites, eye injuries and shock will be reviewed and practiced in this two-week workshop. Upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive a certificate.

The course will be held at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi on two Thursdays, Feb. 22 and 29, from 7-10 p.m. The cost of the course is $50 per person and includes a handbook and supplies. To obtain additional information or to register, please (1-800) 968-5595.

•During a heart attack seconds count and knowing how to administer CPR can mean the difference between life and death. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers Heartsaver CPR classes for members of the community who would like to learn this important skill.

The three-hour course covers the signs and signals of heart attack, risk factors, healthy heart living, one-man rescue and the Heimlich Maneuver. Successful completion of the course results in heartsaver certification by the American Heart Association.

The course will be offered on Monday, March 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Providence Medical Building, 22250 Providence Dr., Southfield, and at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Also, Providence Women's and Children's Center will host a class on Monday, March 11, from 6-9 p.m., 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

There is a $15 fee for the course and advance registration is required. Call (1-800) 968-5595 for further information or to register.

Botsford General Hospital Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 22 – Coffee with an Internist: "Thyroid Disorders." Botsford primary-care physician Phillip Eisenberg, D.O., will discuss symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disorders. Refreshments will be served, 2-4 p.m., $3 at the door. Preregistration required by Feb. 15.

Held at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (810) 471-8020.

•Thursday, Feb. 29 – HeartFest. Give your heart a Valentine by attending this program designed to promote heart health. The program will include blood pressure check, heart disease risk appraisal and information on heart-healthy foods and restaurant meals, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., $7 for ElderMed members, $10 for non-members. Preregistration and prepayment by Feb. 15 are required.

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Gymnasts beat Canton for division championship

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Leave it to the Northville/Novi gymnastics squad to save its best for last.

The combined team put up its best score ever in beating Canton Feb. 12 on the road 144.2-143.9.

"I don't know that we'll hit that score again," coach Barb Winn said. "We didn't have a lot of big 9s but we had a lot of 9s."

Erica Winn and Mary Essary each scored better than 36 points all-around in leading the Mustangs to the win. Gina Spinazze also had a tremendous meet with a total of 35.85.

Coach Winn said her team made fewer miscues than Canton.

"We hit everything," she said. "They had a few mistakes."

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> Gymnastics coach

The victory moved Novi/Northville to 8-0 on the season and gave the Mustangs a Western Division championship.

The combined team will try to add a Western Lakes Activities Association title today at the conference meet.

As for last week's dual meet with Canton, it was a showdown of two state contenders.

The Chiefs are highly regarded by many in the state, primarily because of Katie Gilles. A former state champion, she joined the team about mid-season.

Gilles showed her stuff and posted the top all-around score at 37.1. But Novi/Northville showed its depth by taking second, third and fourth.

The combined team won every event except the balance beam.

"The kids knew what they had to do and did it," said Winn.

Nicole Pelletier stepped up with a fine performance on the vault. She finished second with a 9.15 while Erica Winn was third at 9.1. Essary and Spinazze each scored an 8.8 to close out Novi/Northville scoring in the event.

Spinazze notched a 9.3 average on the uneven bars for first place. Winn was second at 9.1, Essary was fourth at 9.05 and Danean Pazdan an 8.9.

On the balance beam, Essary had Northville/Novi's top score with an 8.95, Pazdan had an 8.8, Winn an 8.75 and Spinazze a 8.55.

The combined team swept the floor exercise to close the meet. Essary won it with a 9.35 average, Winn was second at 9.25, Spinazze third at 9.2 and Pelletier fourth at 9.15.

Coach Winn said she knew it would be a tough match. She was confident her team could win, however.

"I thought we had a chance at it," she said.

Spikers beat Milford in two

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"They fought us really hard with their defense," said Fisette.

The coach said her team was fired up for the match. But being that it was spring break week, the team's normal schedule was thrown off.

Fisette said the 'Cats weren't as focused as usual.

"We were a little brain dead or exhausted," she said.

N'ville cagers beat Harrison

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It doesn't take much for many basketball teams to fold this time of year.

Squads out of title contention or beset with injuries often lose their fighting spirit by late February. While the Mustangs are certainly in the WLAA playoff hunt, illness *could've* robbed them of their will to win Friday at Farmington Hills Harrison.

But Northville High beat the bug and, more importantly, the Hawks, 51-50. Mark Sander split a pair of free throws with seconds remaining to give the Black and Orange its 13th victory of the season.

"It was a game that was very important," coach Tim Turner said.

That's to say the least.

Northville claimed a Western Division title with the win and locked down a third seed in the conference tournament.

"If we had lost we could've dropped to the sixth seed," said Turner. "That victory Friday was very important."

Northville opens the Western Lakes tournament at home tomorrow (7 p.m.) against, oddly enough, Harrison. If the Mustangs win they'll play the winner of the Westland John Glenn-Salem matchup Tuesday on the road.

Friday's win over the Hawks was far from easy.

Most of the team went into the game with bad head colds or strep throat. The coach was as sick or sicker than his players for Friday's game.

"Last week was a difficult week from a health standpoint," said Turner.

Nonetheless, Northville led Friday's game from start to finish.

The Mustangs took a 16-12 lead after one quarter. Kyle Hitchcock led the way with five points.

Northville went on to a 29-26 lead at halftime. Point guard Aneil Kersey chipped in with seven points in the half.

Turner praised the senior's efforts. He said Kersey was one of the team's few healthy players.

"He played the entire game and did a good job," he said. "He only had two turnovers."

Scoring from Kersey, Hitchcock and Garrett Carter helped opened the offense up for Sander and Ben Szostek. Turner said the Mustangs need balanced scoring to do well in the coming weeks.

Northville held a three-point lead going into the fourth quarter. Turner said the Mustangs worked hard to keep that lead.

"We played very deliberate in the fourth quarter trying to protect that lead," he said.

Sander connected on the front end of a one-on-one to give Northville a 51-48 lead with five seconds left.

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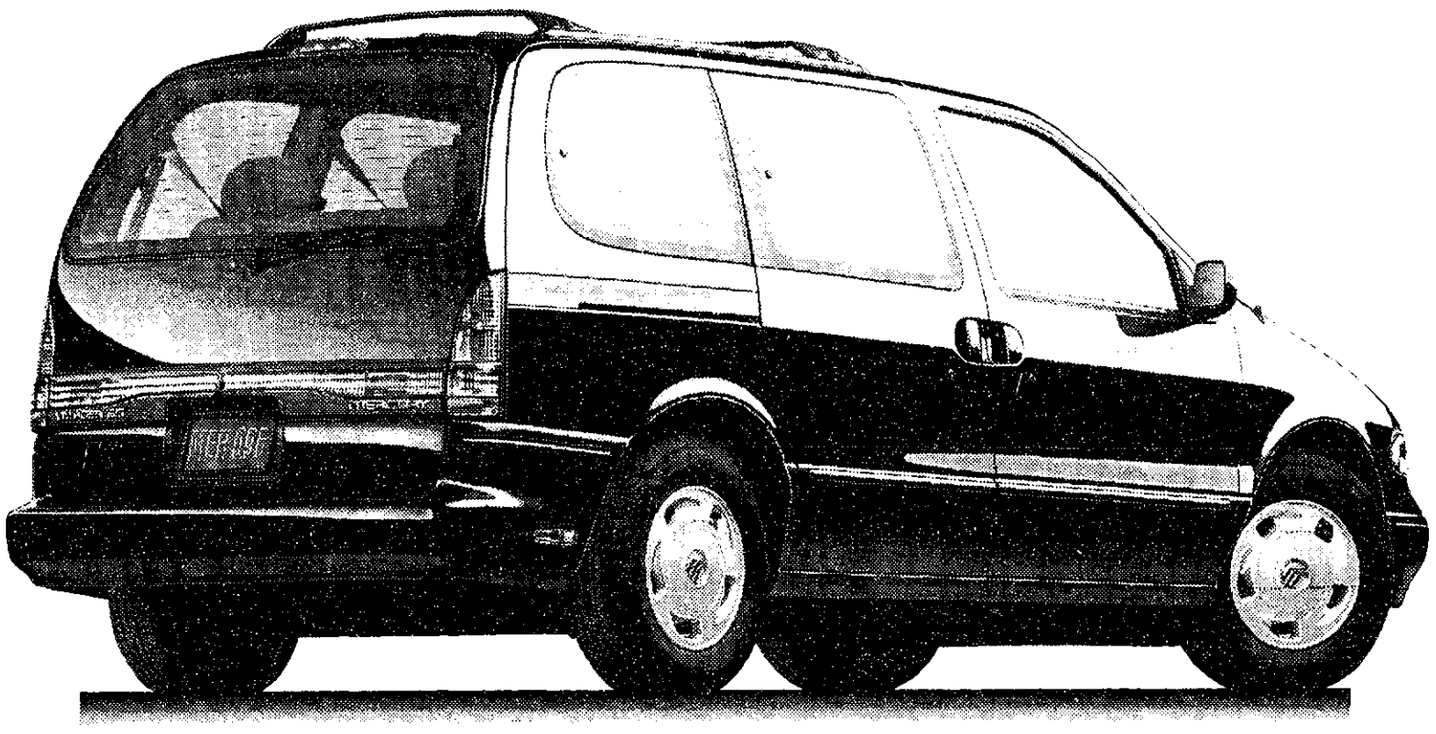

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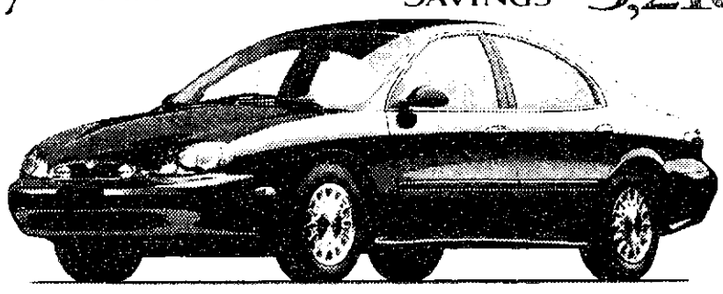

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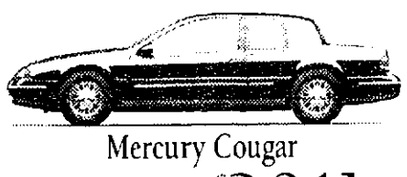

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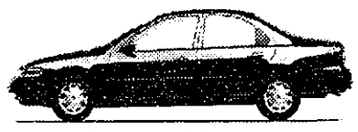

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