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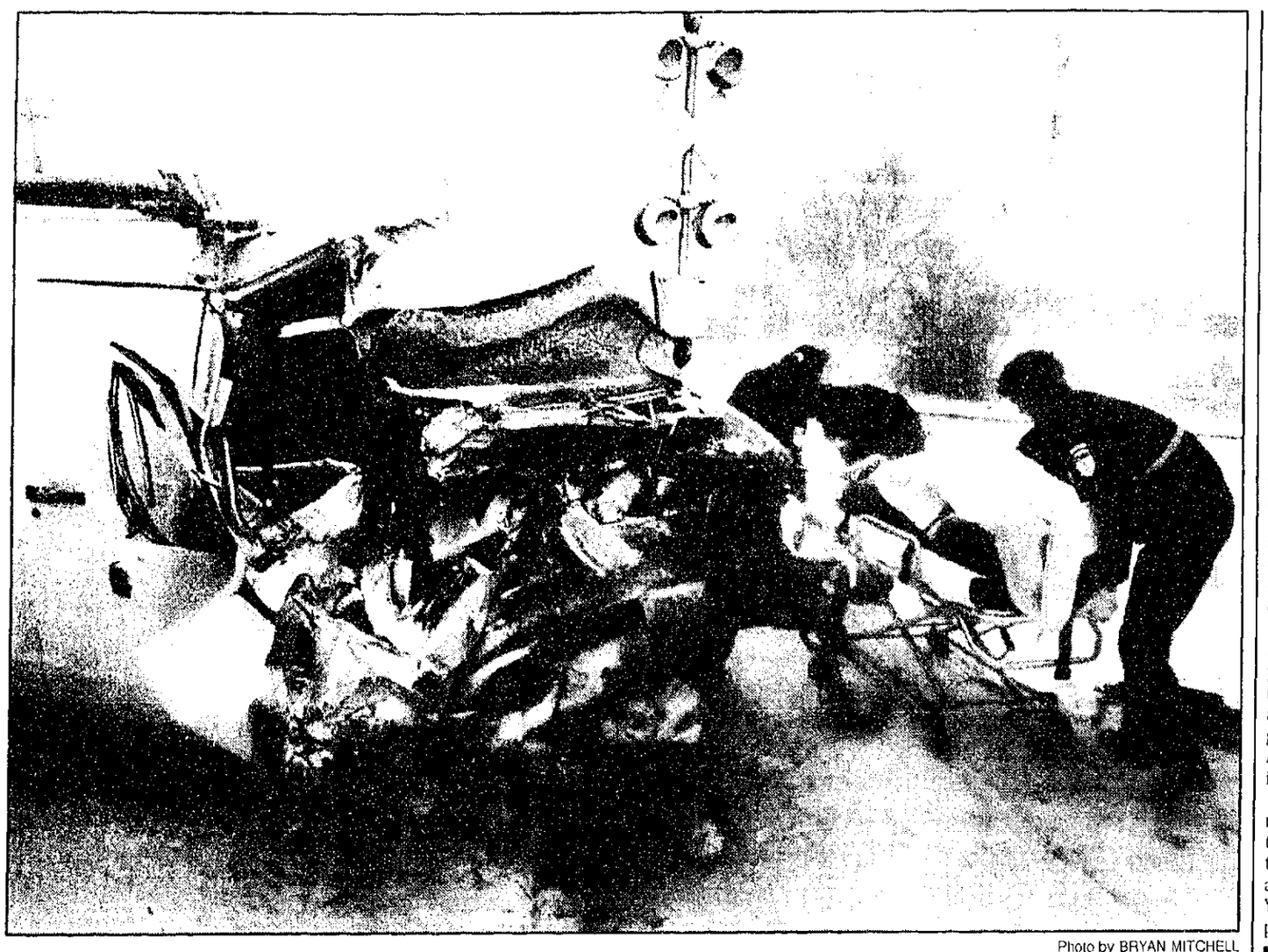

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The driver was lucky to have suffered only minor injuries when his van got tangle with a train at the railroad crossing on Novi Road. He said he could not see the warning lights because they were covered with snow.

The first day of spring?

Blizzard conditions wreak havoc on Novi area

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL, BOB JACKSON and RANDY COBLE
Staff Writers

So much for Wednesday being tagged as the first day of Spring.

Instead of sunny skies and mild weather, metro Detroit woke up to half a foot of snow and other ramifications of the overnight blizzard. The snowstorm local weathermen predicted would be minor turned out to be a large pain for many people in Novi and Northville.

The storm left hundreds of homes in Novi without electricity. Detroit Edison had no estimate Wednesday how long it would take to restore power.

Local roads and freeways I-96, I-696 and I-275 were the scenes of numerous rollover and multiple-car accidents Wednesday morning as commuters braved the ice and snow covered roads.

"There were all kinds of accidents, lots of accidents," Northville State Police post commander Lt. Shelby Slater said Wednesday morning. "It's just extremely hazardous out there. We're advising people that unless you have to go somewhere just stay home."

Novi police said they saw about half a dozen accidents Wednesday morning and indicated it was consistent with what the weather typically brings.

At about 9:45 a.m., police responded to a train and car collision at the Novi Road railroad tracks south of Grand River Avenue.

Kirk Jeffrey, 42, of Howell, said he was driving southbound on Novi Road and couldn't see the flashing lights of the railroad signals because they were covered with snow. The van slid into the CSX train, crushing the passenger side of the van.

Police said the train apparently had no idea it had been hit and kept going. CSX could not be reached for comment.

The man suffered no major injuries but complained of shoulder pain and was taken to Providence Medical Center in Novi.

Northville Police had a busy night as well, according to Police Chief Rod Cannon.

"Our officers were extremely busy throughout the night and this morning, helping stuck motorists," he explained.

A Northville Police officer was involved in a two car accident at 11:20 p.m., Tuesday, just as the storm took hold throughout southeastern Michigan. The officer, patrolman Norm Kubitskey, received minor injuries when he swerved to avoid a down pine tree and power line near Emily's Restaurant on Center Street. According to Cannon, the cruiser then clipped

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Crime does not keep pace with growth

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Crime in the City of Novi went up five percent last year.

But considering the growth of Novi's population and it's retail attraction, that's not bad, says Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

"If the community remained as is, that is more than should be expected," explained Shaeffer. "But the reality is we live in a hectic, vibrant growing community and are a destination city ... When we keep it in perspective, although we don't want to see any increases, still we can rationalize the increase."

Novi police saw reports of 19,564 crimes last year, up 920 from 1994. Most of the reports came in the form of larcenies, vehicle complaints and other misdemeanors and minor calls for service.

"The majorities of crime are larcenies as they are in any community," said Shaeffer, who explained the department saw increases in nearly every single crime category last year.

As for major violent crimes Novi encountered no reported murders, 11 criminal sexual conduct cases, 13 robberies, 78 aggravated assaults, 210 burglaries, 1583 larcenies and 115 stolen vehicles. There were seven reported cases of arson compared to only one case last year.

Compared with 1994, the numbers across all crime categories incurred relatively small increases except for a large increase of 45 larcenies and a decrease of 34 stolen vehicles from 1994.

Novi's 33 patrol officers and

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Books on tape give busy people time to read

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If anybody ever told you not to read novels while driving, they were wrong.

People all over the area are reading while they drive with no serious consequences, except maybe for a teary eye or a guffaw of laughter.

The key is to do it right.

The right way to read while tooling around town is actually by simply listening. You don't even have to take your eyes off the road.

It's a new phenomenon, books on tape, and the crazy hectic pace of life is driving people to be more efficient.

"It's more efficient because you

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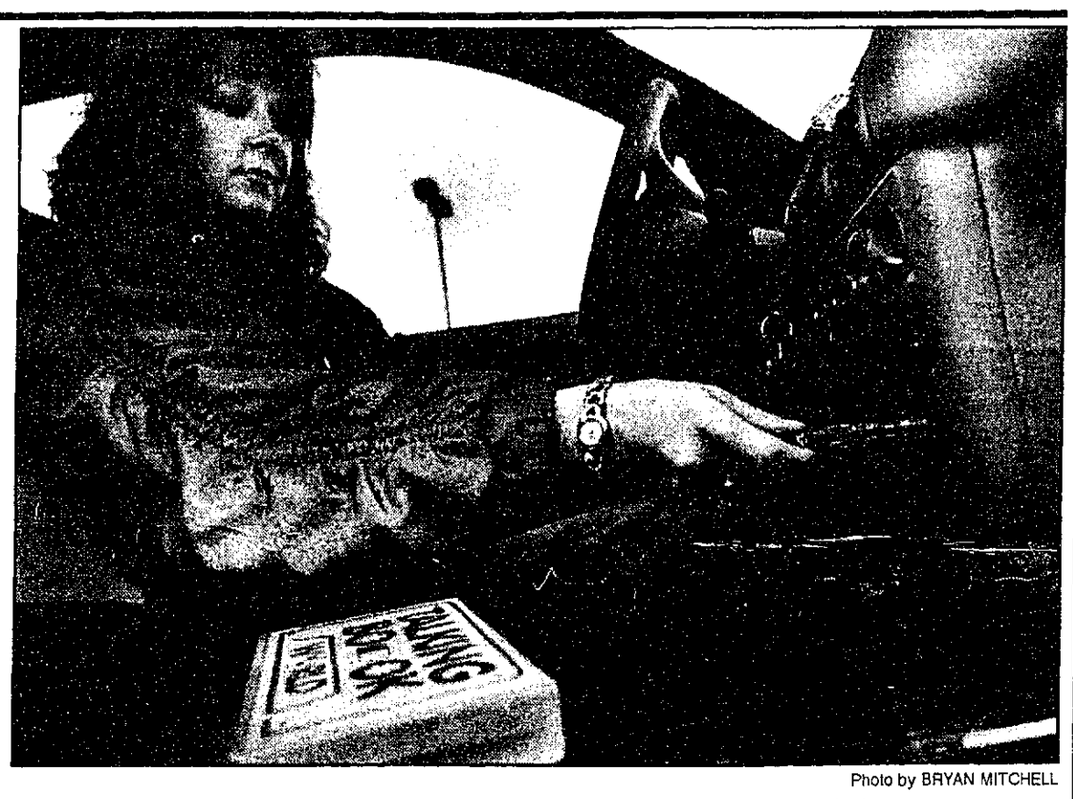

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Colleen Saad of Talking Book World in Novi often listens to books on tape in her car. It is a growing way to enjoy books among people with a busy lifestyle, she says.

Election plans anger local taxpayers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In the wake of State Sen. David Honigman's resignation, at least three local communities are protesting the huge expenditure of their tax money to get representation.

Novi, for one, wants back the estimated $100,000 it will be shelling out for the first round of what could be a spiraling series of extra elections.

Many area officials question if the governor is working on a political agenda of his own in calling the special May 13 primary and the June 4 special election. A general primary is already set for August and the general election is in November.

"You're looking at a lot of money to hold that election. We think it's political. The really big thing about it they (legislators) are not in session all summer. You're talking $100,000 for that person to have a title," Novi City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said.

> "I don't see any need to have a special election at the taxpayer's expense ... There's no reason other than to protect the incumbents' house seats to hold the special election."
>
> State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township

State Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, and State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce, both up for reelection for their own jobs, will seek Honigman's post. To date,

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Photo by AL WARD

Tom McSweeney Sr., one of two named Small Businessperson of the Year by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

McSweeney named businessman of year

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Tom McSweeney Sr. had a good job as an electrician with Ford Motor Company, so it was a bit of a gamble in 1971 when he decided to quit and devote himself to the business he was running on the side.

A gamble which paid off with high dividends. The rewards aren't just the $4 million or so worth of business McSweeney Electric does each year. Operating his own company also gave the father of four more time to spend with his children as they grew up.

"For us personally, it allowed me to grow with my family and be involved with everything they did. You can adjust your schedule around being a Little League Coach. I could stop and do what I wanted to do and come back and work," McSweeney said.

McSweeney is one of two winners in 1996 of the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Person of the Year Award. The other is Tony Rigato, of MRM Corporation.

Chamber President Connie Mallett explained that the winners

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Spring fling
Orchard Hills Elementary School will host its annual Spring Fling at the Novi Civic Center at 6 p.m.

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

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors
The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors general meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's will demonstrate preparation of low fat dishes. For more information call Renee Sorgel at 305 9739.

Saturday, March 23

Parenting Workshop
A Focus on Families Parenting Workshop will be held at Novi Middle School from 8:30 a.m-1:15 p.m. Registration is available through the Community Education Department at 449-1206.

Chamber Dinner Dance and Auction
The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner dance and charity auction, A Night to Remember, will be held at the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $45. The evening includes silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner and dancing until midnight. For additional information call 349-3743. Proceeds will benefit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

Monday, March 25

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.

Tuesday, March 26

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.

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

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

F.E.M.A.L.E.
The Novi area chapter of Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge (F.E.M.A.L.E.) 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, 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, March 27

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.

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 roads. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, call 642-7725.

Thursday, March 28

Board of Education
The Novi Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in Novi Meadows Elementary School.

Sunday, March 31

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

Monday, April 1

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

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

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

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State post's tower strobe has Novi residents irritated

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Residents in the Eight Mile Road area are not exactly disco dancing in the flashing strobe lights coming each night from the 400-foot radio tower at the Michigan State Police Post in Northville Township.

"I can see it from my house," said Mayor Kathleen McLallen, who lives on Cambridge Drive.

"They are hoping to remedy it. They are redirecting the lights. Stay tuned, but the tower is there, the strobes are supposed to dim in the evening and they seem to be everywhere."

State police say errors in installation were made on the tower.

The radio tower in question, located on at the state police command post on Seven Mile Road, is one of 181 planned statewide as a microwave radio communications system for troopers and other state workers. Following Federal Communications Commission standards, the structure is capped by lights.

Complaints have been coming into the police post since February.

Capt. Jeff Steffel, commanding officer of the state police communications division, noted in a letter to Chip Snider, Northville Township's Director of Public Safety that: "Unfortunately, the subcontractor who installed these lights made three errors in the installation. First, the wiring was wrong so that the lights did not dim at dusk. Secondly, they were not properly leveled so that the three degree minimum radiation above horizontal was compromised. Thirdly, they failed to install ferrite suppressors in the power line to eliminate any TV interference."

After these problems are corrected, the situation is expected to improve. If not, contemplated by the police post is a $27,000 revamp of the system which would employ white strobes by day and red-lens strobes and steady lights by night.

Farmington plans raise concerns

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Neighbors, they can be your best friends. Or they can drive you crazy.

While it's not time to make a judgment call on Novi's neighbors, their activities are of interest these days in city hall.

For one thing, tonight the Farmington Hills Planning Commission is accepting public comment on a plan to rezone the northeast corner of Haggerty and Nine Mile roads from residential and office service to commercial, reportedly to accommodate a mega-Kroger.

Also in the hopper for the border of that city, not far from Village Oaks subdivision, is an oil well, not precisely a popular commodity in Novi.

Farmington Hills sent notice of the pending rezoning to Novi, which has a vision of its side of Haggerty as a residential area.

"Does the city council wish to say anything to our neighbor or just wish them well," Mayor Kathleen McLallen wondered at Monday night's meeting.

Council Member Robert Schmid was all for taking a strong stand against the rezoning proposal.

> "I am considerably concerned about activity in Farmington Hills ... Kroger is not in the best interest of the City of Novi."
>
> Robert Schmid, Novi City Council Member

"I am considerably concerned about activity in Farmington Hills along Haggerty on the east side of the road. Kroger is not in the best interest of the City of Novi," he said.

"I encourage the council to take the position that it seems to make sense that we wouldn't want that across the street."

Five major grocery stores already border Novi and Kroger has a strong interest to building another at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads.

With Council Member Nancy Cassis suggesting that Farmington Hills might take exception to what might look like interference from Novi, the council agreed to send a letter in toned down language expressing their concerns.

To make your thoughts known, attend the Farmington Hills Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m., 31555 Eleven Mile Road.

Novi residents are also welcome to speak up about a request by the Traverse City-based West Bay Exploration Company for a permit for an oil and gas well drilling and pumping facility at the east side of Haggerty Road, north of I-275 and between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Before granting the permit, the Farmington Hills city council must take into consideration the separation of the oil well from residential areas. The site in question is immediately north of the Church of the Nazarene.

West Bay hopes to drill at an angle to tap into oil reserves on both the east and west sides of I-275. If you're interested in this proposal, public input is welcome at the March 25, 7:30 pm. Farmington Hills city council meeting.

HEALTH NOTE
by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Novi man assaulted in parking lot

A Novi man was beaten and battered bloody by three men in their early 20s at about 8:30 p.m. March 11 in the parking lot of the Pavilion Court Apartments.

Police said the man had been followed into the complex and through the security gate by a white Mercury Merkur. The car behind him tailgated him to get through the gate before the arm dropped.

The man told police he was followed by the car as he parked and they began yelling out their window at him. When the man asked if they belonged there the driver got out of the car and they began exchanging words.

The driver then spit on the Novi man's face, pushed him to the ground and began kicking and hitting him. A second white male joined in the beating until residents attempted to intercede. The men then got in the car and drove away.

Police said when they arrived the man was bleeding from the nose and was covered with blood and red marks. He said he would get his own treatment after giving a statement to police.

Police continue to look for the three men after first following two leads. At one point they discovered a white Merkur in the complex, but the owner said she had witnessed the incident and it wasn't her husband, who drives the car. He was still out and arrived home a little after the incident.

Police also checked the license plate number they received from witnesses. The plate was on a 1967 Mercury parked in a local mans garage.

The men were all described as white and being in their early 20s and tall. One of the men had long brown hair in a pony tail and another had short blond hair and was wearing a green jacket.

Police News

MORNING RIDE

A Novi man left his Plymouth Voyager running in the parking space under the carport of his Saddle Creek Apartment thinking he would give it some time to warm up March 6.

But he gave someone a prime opportunity for a new car. Police said the man returned about 8 a.m. to find it missing. He reported it to police the next day after first calling a relative he thought might have taken the car.

SHATTERED GLASS

Someone caused $700 worth of damage to a black Chevy truck, March 8, as it sat parked in the lot of Michigan Mobile Glass.

Police said suspects smashed a window of the car and stole a $400 tool box with various tools, a $300 cell phone and a container of mobile oil from the Northville man's vehicle.

BAD CHECKS

A Novi man wrote two insufficient checks totaling $245 to Cole's Gift at Twelve Oaks, Feb. 17 and 22. Police said the man admitted he knew his account was closed and the bank wouldn't honor the checks but wrote them anyway.

UNWELCOME VISIT

A Novi woman called police Feb. 22 after a former friend and another male barged into her home after knocking at the door. Police said the incident happened around 8 p.m. and the men continued to walk around the woman's home and looking into the refrigerator until she finally called police. The men were gone when police arrived.

CAR BREAK-IN

Someone went shopping in a Howell woman's car March 13, walking away with nearly $4,000 worth of computer equipment, luggage, clothes, a camera and business supplies.

The woman told police she parked her car in the Providence Hospital parking lot at about 3 p.m. and returned about 40 minutes later. Upon returning she found her black Pontiac's door pried open, trunk popped and items missing.

A CLEAN-UP JOB

Nearly two weeks after hiring a substitute cleaning lady, a Novi woman told police she discovered two 14 carat gold chains missing from her bedroom. According to the March 11 police report, the woman's regular cleaning lady was sick and she hired a woman she knows only by her first name.

GARAGE PILFERED

Unknown suspects pulled open the garage door of a home on Duana Avenue the early morning of Feb. 25 taking $800 worth of tools from the garage and smashing the window of a van parked inside, said police.

BIKE RECOVERED

A Village Oaks students who rode her purple bike to school March 12 didn't ride home on it after the day was done.

Police said the girls' mother reported it had been stolen that afternoon from the school property. It had not been locked in a bike rack.

Luckily, a Novi resident found the bike later that night and turned it into police.

VEHICLE BB'D

A Pavilion Court Apartments resident hear laughing and loud pops out his window about 10 p.m. March 11, said police. But it wasn't until the next morning he discovered his white Mazda's windows had been shot out by a BB gun.

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

Novi Briefs

N.C.C. goes to D.C.

City officials winged to Washington March 8-11 for the National League of Cities conference. Attending the seminars on topics such as networking, ice arenas and swimming pools were Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, Council Members Kathy Mutch and Nancy Cassis, City Manager Ed Kriewall and City Engineer Joe Kapelczak.

The group made several side trips, with Fuerst ladies Mutch and McLallen visiting the National Historic Preservation Offices. And everybody toured the Capital City Brewing Company. That was work, really. The topic was micro-breweries, something on tap for Novi's Main Street. No word on the distribution of free samples.

Nursery turns 25

Novi Coop Nursery School will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an open house on Saturday, May 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church on Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Former coop members, students, parents, and former coop presidents are invited to attend.

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Correction

A story in the March 7 edition of The Novi News incorrectly stated that city council members Kathy Mutch and Rob Mitzel voted against a motion to add new environmental protections to the city's multiple residential zoning category. Actually, they did vote for the motion, and the overall vote was 6-0. The motion was a follow up to a proposal to eliminate the PD-1 option from the Novi zoning code. Mutch and Mitzel had favored getting rid of the option, but the remainder of council rejected that idea. The alternative of adding environmental protections into the multiple zoning was nonetheless adopted by council.

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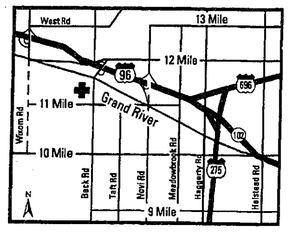

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MONDAY, MARCH 11
Medical, 24838 Applecrest, 3:14 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 20800 Haggerty, 5:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25299 Taft Road, 5:54 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 41839 Chalet, 9:26 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22675 Pavilion Ct., 9:32 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 24299 Weathervane, 11:15 p.m., Squad 4.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
Medical, 1306 Mariga, 6:04 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 44489 Midway, 7:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire mutual aid, 435 E. Walled Lake, 9:33 a.m., Engine 2.
Field fire, Grand River and Lanys, 6:48 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41643 Joindre, 8:54 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 44962 Steeple Path, 8:59 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 24200 Hampton Hill, 9:32 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Medical, 43263 Crescent, 5:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22449 Paddington Ct., 6:26 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Roads, 2:47 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
Medical, 22025 Riverview, 12:17 a.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 5:01 a.m., Engine 1.
Stand by, Stonehenge, 8:26 a.m., Response 510.
Injury accident, Novi and Twelve Mile Road, 8:30 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, Briar Point Plaza, 2:05 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, 39665 Squire Road, 8:24 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
Investigation, Beck Road and Nine Mile, 7:25 a.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 8:46 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent Drive, 9:15 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Fire Alarm, 27150 Novi Road, 9:43 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, Michael's Craft-Town Center, 1:32 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42875 Grand River, 3:32 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Grand River-Town Center, 3:45 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Grand River-Town Center, 4:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:39 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 9:31 p.m., Squad 3.
Dwelling fire, Chase Drive and Reindeer, 10:17 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Trash fire, 49490 Deer Run, 10:24 p.m., Engine 4.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
Medical, 23666 Chipmunk Trail, 2:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 45182 West Road, 4:30 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 39750 Grand River, 7:47 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29666 Le Grand, 10:50 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
Medical, Novi Hilton-Haggerty, 11:57 a.m., Squad 3.
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Pool plan presented to council

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

- If you're eager to jump into a city pool, that could splash over into your taxes, which could increase by some $12 to $19 annually to finance the proposed $4.7 million aquatic center.
- In addition, residents might shell out $5 a day or $150 to $200 per season to enjoy the water.

It's a price Novi citizens apparently are eager to pay, members of the Aquatic Facility Study Committee said Monday in presenting their final report to the Novi City Council. Voters could be asked to make a decision at the next election, possibly as soon as August.

- In two public hearings, committee spokesman Sheeran said, "there was a strong desire to get on with the project and build something in 1997."

"The neighborhoods in Novi are in four school districts. We want to unite the neighborhoods in the summer when they can all get together," Sheeran said.

The pool committee members have asked that two sites be evaluated for the seven-acre complex. Power Park at the Novi Civic Center and city park land at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads, where the new Novi middle school will be built.

However, the Novi City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission on March 16 toured Sports Clubs of West Bloomfield, a facility at Maple and Farmington roads which has tennis, aerobics, a swimming pool, racquetball, workout equipment and other activities. Under consideration is a similar plan for Novi, incorporating the ice arena proposal and a pool at an undisclosed alternative location.

The Novi City Council is expected to discuss the committee's recommendations in 60 days.

"It's an outstanding report. It came in on time. It's absolutely clear and it has a sense of direction," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

As recommended by the citizens committee, the two-pool, handicapped-accessible complex, with its park-like setting, is aimed to please everyone from toddlers to seniors and from competitive swimmers to dog-paddlers.

Designs call for one leisure pool at a depth ranging from zero to six feet, which would include a water spray for toddlers and 20-foot tall water slides for older kids. The second would be a 50-meter pool at a depth of 3.5 to 12 feet, with eight lanes for leisure and lap swims. This pool, which would be available for swim meets, would include a side area with two diving boards.

Also part of the package would be a bathhouse, a sand play area, a picnic area, a sun shelter and barbecue grills.

Parks and Recreation Commission Phil Koneda expressed concerns that the committee didn't include a tot pool in the blueprints.

"I have a concern that the proposal doesn't appeal to a wide majority of the city," Koneda said.

Several potential business partners have discussed the proposal with the pool committee, including Providence Hospital, the YMCA and the Novi school district.

The aquatic facility is expected to break even, including user fees and money generated by lessons. The committee projects the revenues at $450,000 per year, with the pool's open season to last about 100 days.

An indoor pool was rejected by the committee, both because it would cost 2.5 times more than the outdoor alternative and the pool at Novi High School is available for lessons and open swimming.

The citizens group is asking that the $4.7 million ballot question be put on the next available ballot. They've asked the council to assign the parks and recreation department the task of finalizing the designs and planning the programs and to appoint a citizens committee to run the complex.

Also requested by the committee is that soil borings for testing the land and traffic studies be conducted at each location.

The report notes a disadvantage of the Power Park, as the access would be off of Taft Road, which nearby residents have protested. That's because wetlands make the targeted location difficult to reach from Ten Mile Road. However, a preliminary study indicates that the traffic impact on Taft Road would be low, because the swimmers would probably not exit the pool complex during peak hours.

The report finds fault with the Wixom Road site in that it is not central and the construction of the pool complex would be in tandem with the new middle school, thereby delaying the process.

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The winning effort

Cub Scouts gathered in Novi High School last weekend for their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday. At left, 9-year-old Justin Cameron of Novi urges his car down the track. Above, 8-year-old Andrew McGinn lines up his car for the race.

Dispatch contract provokes anger in Northville

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

It began with one simple flyer, distributed throughout the community, and ended in a packed Northville City Council chambers, where more than 150 angry residents expressed their displeasure over a proposed police dispatch and lock-up contract with the city of Novi.

For the past year, Northville city officials have been exploring the feasibility of arranging for police dispatch and lock-up services with Novi, and the council met last week in a study session to discuss the ongoing negotiations – no official decision was made at that time, according to city officials.

What happened next resulted in a chain-reaction. Northville resident Roxanne Casterline somehow heard about the negotiations, and immediately circulated flyers to residents explaining the ramifications of such a plan.

"It all has to do with perception and it has to do with providing basic services to the community," she said. "I believe that those services – police and fire protection – should remain the responsibility of the city."

That simple flyer became the catalyst that drew the huge crowd to the council meeting. Although the item was not on the agenda for action, Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and the members of the council heard two hours of concerns.

"I would like to state for the record that the council has not made a final decision on this matter," he said. "We are at the stage where we are exploring the possibility."

Johnson added that if the city were to contract with Novi, the city of Northville would realize a significant cost savings. According to a budget analysis provided by city officials, Northville could save about $1.3 million over a 10 year period by contracting the dispatch and lockup functions.

"We could realize significant cost savings, along with some changes to the delivery of service," Johnson said. "Currently the city is facing revenue limitations, and this council is always exploring ways to save tax dollars."

City Manager Gary Word explained other advantages as well.

"Besides the cost savings, the city would be able to enhance services to the residents," he said. Word added that the disadvantage to contracting would be funding the start-up costs – such as new radio equipment – and some slight changes in procedures.

All of the explanation seemed to go unheard as one resident after another voiced displeasure over the proposed contract.

"Northville is getting busier, and I think we're now seeing an increase in drug and alcohol activity in the schools," said resident Jim Long. "We shouldn't be making these changes. I believe the effectiveness of our police department needs to remain as strong as ever, especially during these times.

"I don't stay in this town because of the taxes," he added. "I stay here because of the service I get from the Department of Public Works and the Police and Fire Departments."

Other residents voiced concerns about response times.

"I need to know that all I have to do is pick up a phone and call the police department and they'll be there," Casterline explained. "If we contract with Novi, I won't feel as secure.

"The key to this is perception and the message you're sending residents," she added. "There is a perception, right or wrong, that the police department is always open, and residents feel safe and secure knowing that."

According to preliminary studies, the Novi contract would allow Northville to close the doors to its police department at 4:30 p.m. each day. The contract would be a long-term arrangement, according to city officials, and could last at least eight to 10 years.

Over that period of time, Word explained, Northville would pay the same costs for dispatch and lockup service as other communities currently served by Novi – Wixom, South Lyon, and Lyon Township all have contracted dispatch and lockup services with Novi.

Although the council did not tip its hand as to whether it will approve the measure, City Councilman Chuck Keys said he will not vote to approve the contract.

"I think it's obvious what the citizens want," he said "They have told us that they want the service to stay with the city, and that's what I think we should do."

Keys proposed that Northville contract with Northville Township for dispatch and lockup, stating that he had talked with several members of the township board of trustees to gauge their support of such a measure.

"My feeling is that the township would welcome the opportunity to provide that service," he said. "As a matter of fact, Township Director of Public Safety Chip Snider offered us a 90 day free trial run."

According to Snider, he has only heard "hallway talk" on the issue and no formal request has been made.

"I am not soliciting business," he said. "If they wanted to entertain a joint venture, I would propose having their deputies being assigned here on a full-time basis for 90 days. At the end of that time, I would want to see an evaluation by the city fire chief, city police chief, the command staff of the police and fire departments, and dispatchers."

Staff writer Randy Coble contributed to this report.

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By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Minutes after Novi School Board President Dr. Craig Foreback officially announced his resignation, Trustee Ray Byers said he will actively seek a fourth term in June's school board elections.

Byers, who has spent nearly 11 years as a trustee for Novi schools was first appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1985.

"I've had an opportunity to grow," he said at last Thursday night's school board meeting.

He said his experience as a trustee has helped him gain professional and personal experience.

Secretary Julia Abrams' first term in office will also expire June 30 of this year. She,too, has decided to run for reelection.

"There's so much left to do," she said Tuesday afternoon. "I feel like this is something I have to keep doing for the kids and the whole community of learners."

Election Day, June 10, will offer voters the chance to elect candidates for the two, four-year terms and one, one-year term left open by Foreback who is resigning now that he is moving to South Lyon.

In the meantime, the school board will appoint a replacement for Foreback's seat to last from April to June 30.

Letters of interest as well as a resume and a statement of the candidate's philosophy on education is due by 4 p.m. on March 25.

A special meeting of the board will be held March 26 beginning at 6 p.m. to interview all candidates for the position. The board said the process should take about 15 minutes for each interview. The meeting will not be televised but it is an open meeting. Foreback will not be part of the process.

The school board hopes to make a decision on March 28. The first school board meeting the new candidate will attend is April 18.

Letters of interest for the appointed seat should be submitted to Julia Abrams, Secretary of the Novi Board of Education 25345 Taft Road Novi, MI 48374.

Candidates interested in the appointment and those running for one of the three seats in the June election must be residents within the Novi Community School District boundary and registered to vote in the Novi School District.

Petitions for the June election can be picked up at the Educational Services Building at 25345 Taft Road from now until April 8. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Candidates must have a minimum of 20 valid signatures of registered voters in the Novi School District. They must also declare which seat they are running for when petitions are filed and submit an affidavit of identity.

April 8 at 4 p.m. is the last day to file petitions at the Educational Services Building. The last day for candidates to withdraw petitions is April 11 at 4 p.m.

Sandy Lemon, superintendents secretary, suggests candidates turn in petitions early so that any problems can be corrected in time.

Also, all Novi School District residents who wish to vote in the election must register at the Educational Services Building by May 13.

Library Notes

Spring break activities

The following programs will be offered at the library during spring break:

Leader Pups in Training – Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. Trainers will bring several leader pups in various stages of their training and explain how they become dogs who help people. Appropriate age: 4 and up, 35 minutes.

Wool: From the Sheep to Your Shirt – Wednesday, April 10 at 1 p.m. Margaret Schmidt will explain how wool gets from the sheep and is turned into yarn. We'll meet a miniature sheep as well as a spring lamb. Appropriate age: 4 and up, 45 minutes.

"The Secret Garden" – Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. A special live production of the children's classic presented by the September Players, a local theater group. Appropriate age: 1st grade and up, 45 minutes.

AARP tax preparation

Representatives will be available to assist seniors with tax form on April 11 at the library. Appointment times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. Appointments are one hour long and can accommodate up to five people per hour. To register for this program, please call the library at (810) 349-0720.

Book and Author Luncheon

Thursday, April 18 at noon at Fox Hills Country Club. Nicholas Delbanco, chairman of the University of Michigan Fine Arts Department, will speak about his latest book *In the Name of Mercy*. Tickets are available at the library through April 4. Please call (810) 349-0720 for more information.

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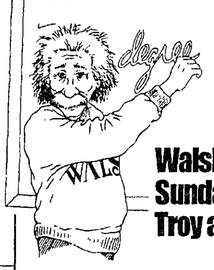

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Roll over accident

A 47-year-old West Bloomfield man involved in a rollover accident on Grand River at Novi Road last Friday morning was taken to Huron Valley Hospital for serious injuries. The man was driving his Pontiac Transport when he cut off another car according to police reports, which then crashed into him, sending the Transport rolling over and into a third vehicle.

Days of thin budgets over for college

It's not fat, but the days of starvation budgets are over for Oakland Community College.

"This was a big change year for us," interim chancellor Anthony Jarson told the board of trustees Monday. We can do everything we hoped to do. This brings us into line with reality.

"We're not anticipating a tuition increase for 1966-67," Jarson added. Currently it's $46 a credit hour for district residents.

Here are the changes:

First, voters last June approved a property tax hike of 0.8 mill for seven years that boosted the operating budget from $72 million to nearly $98 million.

Second, Jarson announced, the current fiscal year's budget has $600,000 more than expected.

Reasons: Gov. John Engler approved a supplemental appropriation of $290,000, property taxes yielded $275,000 more than expected, and investment income will be $200,000 higher. They were partially offset by a drop in tuition, fee and miscellaneous revenue of $165,000.

Third, for the fiscal year starting July 1, Engler wants to boost OCC"s state aid by at least 3.56 percent – and perhaps as much as 5.32 percent, depending on the fate of a tuition tax credit.

The good news led trustee Sandra Ritter to suggest eliminating the $10 per semester technology fee in fall. "I don't see the direct impact. How does the student directly benefit?" she asked.

Jarson raised an eyebrow at that but left the question open for future budget meetings. "Most colleges have a technology fee," he said. "It's a matter of time before every student has a laptop computer."

The revised budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 was boosted to $98.6 million. The board allocated the bulk of the new money to capital costs – renovations of aging buildings on the five campuses.

In a routine step, the OCC board set this summer's property tax rate at 1.65 mills – what's left of the one mill voters approved 30 years ago, and the 0.8 mill voters approved last June.

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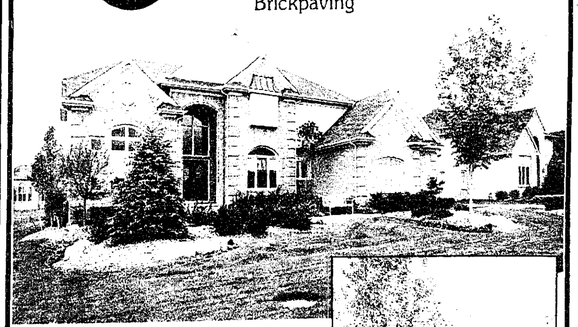

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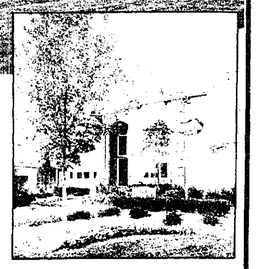

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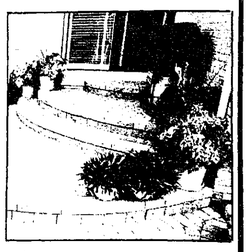

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Two were responsible for string of robberies

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL and RANDY COBLE
Staff Writers

It was the end of the line last week for two gas station robbers who have hit more than a dozen area stations, including two in Novi, in recent weeks.

The two men, Brian Jeffrey Whitehead, of Plymouth, and Albert Leon Dubenko of Detroit were arrested March 12 after Novi and surrounding area police cooperatively targeted the two men, said Novi Det. Victor Lauria.

"As soon as we realized there were a number of robberies in the area with the same method of operation, we began networking with other investigations," explained Lauria.

Whitehead, 45, and Dubenko, 41, were caught in a metro-area police surveillance sting as officers waited for the two men at a Detroit party store where they had been cashing in stolen lottery tickets.

"It was good police work on their part and we got our guys," said Lauria.

Police said the men were committing the robberies to support cocaine and heroin habits.

Since then, Whitehead and Dubenko have been making the rounds to various courthouses for arraignment on charges of robberies in Canton, Northfield and Lyon Townships as well as Westland, Livonia and Washtenaw County, according to police.

The pair were expected to be charged with two Novi gas station robberies this week.

Novi police allege that on the night of Feb. 5 Whitehead followed an attendant into the cashier's station of the Mobile gas station at Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue. The man appeared to have a gun in his pocket and told the attendant to give him the money from the drawer. He then ordered the attendant to lay down on the floor. He got away with $312.

On Feb. 9, also at night, police allege that Whitehead pointed a revolver through the cashier's window at the Mobile station at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. The cashier handed over $833.

Dubenko allegedly was the getaway driver.

Armed robbery is a felony in Michigan, carrying a penalty of up to life imprisonment. In addition, each man is charged with the use of a firearm during the commission of a felony, which carries a two-year prison hitch upon conviction.

Dubenko also is charged with being a habitual criminal offender, also a felony under state law. Anyone with a felony conviction can be convicted of it once found guilty of another felony offense. In Dubenko's case - he has three felony convictions - the penalty could be life in prison.

The two were arraigned on March 14 in 35th District Court for a Northville Township incident and for robberies that occurred in Canton Township. Judge John MacDonald entered not guilty pleas for the men. Bail was set at $50,000 for each man, which they haven't been able to post.

City mulls plan for banquet hall

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Band music could once more be heard on the shores of Walled Lake, if voters are sold on the idea of spending up to $5 million dollars to build a banquet hall and community center there.

Novi owns the now-vacant land at East Lake Drive where the old Walled Lake Casino once stood. The Lake Property Study Committee has been looking into development plans since 1992 and Monday for the first time presented their recommendation to the Novi City Council.

A banquet hall and a 114-room restaurant, would generate the money needed to run a community center there, said committee spokesman Mark Adams.

"It doesn't seem that things like concerts, art fairs, things of that nature provided a steady revenue base. What seemed to provide a good revenue was food sales," Adams explained.

The lakes property proposal could end up as a ballot issue, Mayor Kathleen McLallen said. In 30 days, the city council will discuss the issue.

Sometime this year, the city council is expected to decide just how many times it will ask voters to hike their own taxes. As well as the banquet hall, on the list of possible ballot issues are a millage increase for the police and fire departments and bonding issues for a swimming pool complex and for a new road improvement program.

"The council is going to have quite a challenge in packaging these proposals or even deciding what we're going to support," McLallen said.

"Several people, including myself, are against something being done on the (casino) land."

Adams explained that the community rooms at the Novi Civic Center are now used to capacity and the banquet hall would provide additional space.

Included in the proposed package would be a playscape, a board walk along the lake and a pier, a picnic area, gazebo, fountain and an outdoor concert shell. The banquet hall would be available for weddings and other rentals.

Some parks and recreation commissioners weren't sure that this fitted into the city's park plans. However, the casino site is not now within their jurisdiction.

The money isn't there to develop existing city parks, said Parks Commission Robert Pheiffer.

"To use this as a city recreation area, we would need something to sustain the funding. We turn away a number of Civic Center would-be users," he said.

Not enough money is available to fully develop Rotary Park and the new Community Sports Park, Parks and Recreation Commission Phil Keneda said.

"Rotary Park is in the one of the most populous areas of the city. We would like to see that park completed before we build a new one," he added.

Exchange students seek American homes

Teenagers from all over the world dream of coming to America to spend a year as a foreign exchange student in an American high school. They take English language tests, endure personal interviews, get their student visas, save their money, submit an application, and then pray that an American family will offer to be their host family. Families with teenage children, small children, or no children at all can qualify to be a host family. All you need to provide is a bed, meals, love, and guidance. Students have their own medical insurance and spending money.

Hundreds of applications are arriving daily. Three especially interesting applicants have specifically requested the Detroit suburbs: Claire Noblins, age 15 from Paris, France, enjoys gymnastics, volleyball, and skiing. She has studied cello for eight years and has heard our schools have excellent music programs. She loves animals and wants to become a veterinarian. Jana Gregarova, age 17, from The Czech Republic, has been playing tennis for 10 years and she coaches small children. She'll be a great catch for a local tennis team. Cecelia Narjal, age 16, from Recife, Brazil, is friendly, talkative, and sensitive. She loves pets, music, movies, and Italian food. Dancing and swimming are her sports.

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Snowstorm pounds Novi area

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an oncoming vehicle, driven by a Northville woman.

Northville Police and Fire responded to the accident, and both Kubitskey and the woman were transported to nearby Providence Medical Center for observation.

Cannon said he expects Kubitskey to be ready for duty sometime today. He could not verify the condition of the woman at press time.

Novi and Northville department of public works employees tried desperately to clear the roads for the morning commute.

According to Northville Department of Public Works Director Jim Gallogly, city road crews worked through the night to try to keep the streets clear.

"We began plowing at 11 p.m., and we've been at it all night," he said. "The real problem the crews encountered was the high winds, that kept the snow high on some roads. We just had to keep replowing and putting down salt."

Gallogly said because of that effort, the city's parking lots suffered. "Roads are obviously our first priority," he said. "We'll have those lots plowed by today (Thursday)."

Hazardous road conditions and power outages kept many residents from completing their daily tasks.

The Novi Police Department lost power but was able to function to about 65 percent capacity using a generator system, according to police.

The snow and ice also wreaked havoc with the Michigan State Police post in Northville, the storm cutting off power for part of the night.

Electrical service was out for about three hours, post commander Lt. Shelby Slater said, taking with it the state police's radio dispatching system.

"Normally when something like this happens our emergency generators go into action but for some reason they didn't this time," Slater said. "All our lights and telephones and the radio system went down."

Police dispatchers switched over to a mobile communications system to keep on top of things during the blackout, but that network would not allow them to receive 911 emergency calls from cellular telephones.

The icy road conditions forced Novi and Northville public and private schools to close for the day, joining the majority of the schools in the tri-county area.

According to Northville school officials, the closure was only the second of the year, and will not effect the mandatory instructional hours mandated by the state Department of Education.

Detroit Edison said 300 homes in Novi and 500 in the Northville area lost power during the storm. Overall, 100,000 homes in the entire southeast Detroit area were without power Wednesday morning.

Scott Simons, spokesman for the power company said a combination of snow, freezing rain and gusting winds downed the power lines.

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said the fire department ran at least 6 to 8 calls to secure downed power lines and assisted in numerous medical emergencies.

"We've been busy since midnight," Lenaghan said. "By two o'clock this morning all the city equipment was out."

Lenaghan said it appeared things were slowing down by about

Toy show coming to Novi Expo Center

Greenberg's Great Train, Dollhouse and Toy Show known for its displays, hobby marketplace and demonstrations arrives at the Novi Expo Center, Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m.

Meet Rand Hood, author of the series "How to Model Winter," featured in the popular national hobby magazine Model Railroading. Hood, a landscape artist, will conduct demonstrations sharing his expertise.

Dealer tables will offer one-stop shopping for hobbyists. From toy and model trains to how-to books; from dollhouses to train accessories; from handcrafted miniatures to the latest Greenberg and Kalmbach publications a variety of items.

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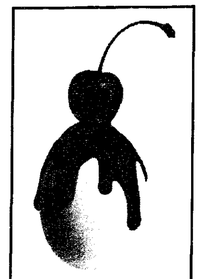

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A trip to the hospital

Orchard Hills students stopped by Providence Hospital last week to learn more about the different jobs opportunities in a hospital. They learned about registration of patients from Darlene Ephraim. Melissa Laird (center) and Bryan Ellis, both 9, helped demonstrate the registration process as Melissa pretending to have a broken leg and Bryan pretended to be her dad. This event was part of the Partnerships in Education program between Orchard Hills and Providence Medical Center.

Dole wraps up bid for nomination in state primary

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Don't ask for whom the Novi bells Dole.

It's too obvious. While only about nine percent of local voters made it to the Republican Presidential Primary Tuesday, those who did turned out for the senator from Kansas Bob Dole, with TV commentator Pat Buchanan trailing as the local choice.

Dole was more popular in Novi than he was statewide, taking 56 percent of the 2,533 votes cast here, while Buchanan attracted 29 percent. Throughout Michigan, Dole only grabbed 51 percent of the vote, while Buchanan drew in more than he did locally, 33 percent.

Scattered votes also were written in at local precincts for national political types such as Colin Powell, Jack Kemp, Bill Clinton and Dan Quayle, as well as Gov. John Engler.

Of those voters who showed up, two percent indicated they were Republican or Democrat, but marked on the ballots that they remain uncommitted.

Here's how Novi voted:

- Lamar Alexander, 38
- Pat Buchanan, 753
- Bob Dole, 1,440
- Robert Dornan, 9
- Steve Forbes, 148
- Phil Gramm, 7
- Alan Keyes, 45
- Richard Lugar, 10
- Maurice Taylor, 8
- Uncommitted, 75

What happens next is that Michigan will send 57 delegates and 57 alternates to the GOP national convention Aug. 12 in San Diego. Candidates getting more than 15 percent of the presidential primary vote will be entitled to a proportionate share of delegates.

"We expect a great deal of competition for each delegate and alternate slot, so do not delay in letting others know of your intentions. We expect to have a great time in San Diego, so I encourage every who is interested to participate," said Michigan Republican State Chair Susy Heintz.

Three delegates will come from each of the 16 congressional districts (a total of 48) and nine will be picked at-large – such as the governor, state chair, national committee members and top leaders.

On Tuesday, April 23, county conventions will be held across the state. These will be attended by precinct delegates elected in August of 1994 plus any replacement delegates and the most recent GOP nominees for county and legislative offices.

The purpose of the local conventions is to pick delegates for a state convention May 17-18 in the Amway Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids. To be eligible to become a state convention delegate, a local delegate must sign a form committing to support a presidential candidate through the first ballot of the national convention.

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Youngster holds knife to teacher

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A Hickory Woods Elementary student who held a pocket knife to his teacher's throat Monday afternoon to settle a bet was arrested and taken to Children's Village to await a pretrial exam in Probate Court set for March 28.

Police said the 13-year-old Novi boy was in the 6th grade classroom after school working on schoolwork when he asked the teacher, Lynn Morse, if she liked gifts.

He told her he wanted to give her a necklace and asked her to close her eyes.

Morse pretended to have her eyes shut while she noticed the boy "fiddling" with what looked like a shoelace. He told her to close her eyes again and moved behind where she was seated at her desk. He told her he had a surprise for her.

According to the report, the boy then placed a knife against her throat, touching her skin and told her not to move.

Morse grabbed his left hand and disarmed the boy who backed off and told her not to tell anyone. She then buzzed the office for help.

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Morse said she asked the boy for his motive. She said he told her he owed his cousin $100 for losing a bet but would be let off the hook if he hurt someone.

Then he changed his story to say he owed "some guy" across the street $100 and had to hurt someone. As proof he had to show a knife with blood on it and leave it in a special place.

The boy said the man told him if he didn't, the "guy" would burn his house down.

At that time another teacher arrived on the scene and found the boy hunched in the corner, shaking and crying.

Thomas Weddel said he asked the boy why he held the knife to Morse's neck. The boy told him he had gone to the Kid's Kingdom in Westland with his uncle. He said he played air hockey with an unknown person and lost. He said the person told him he had to pay him $100 or provide a knife with blood on it, or the unknown person would burn his house down.

Police arrived on the scene and the child's mother was called to take him home. Officers then visited the boy's home and spoke with his parents. The boy reiterated the last version of story to the officer.

The officer arrested the boy for felonious assault, transported him to the Novi police station for processing. Then he was taken to Children's Village and was ordered at a preliminary hearing to undergo physiological testing.

Det. David Molloy said Children's Protective Services was contacted due to allegations of child abuse.

According to Molloy, police have not been able to substantiate the boy's claims of threats by an unknown man.

If found guilty of felonious assault, the boy could be incarcerated until age 21, but would likely spend a shorter period of time at Children's Village.

OCC ready to start building program

The building boom has started on Oakland Community College's five campuses.

On his last day as interim chancellor, Anthony Jarson won board of trustees approval for a list of renovations that makes use of a 0.8 mill property tax hike voters approved last June – along with a speedier method of awarding contracts.

George W. Auch Co., the construction manager firm from Pontiac, will present projects and cost estimates for board approval, then have power to execute contracts for OCC to the lowest bidder. Only if the selected contractor isn't the low bidder will the board execute the contract, according to a revised policy that won 6-0 approval.

Jarson urged the speedier method because of the amount of work – $13 million a year for seven years – and the need to do the work when weather and class schedules permit.

A retired administrative vice-chancellor, Jarson filled in for five months as chancellor. After receiving warm applause, Jarson was succeeded March 19 by veteran administrator Richard Thompson.

Four architectural firms were placed under contract for projects as they become ready for the drawing boards. They are Coquillard-Dundon-Peterson and Argenta of Southfield, Giffels Hoyem Basso, Inc., of Troy, Gunn Levine Associates of Detroit and TMP Associates, Inc., of Bloomfield Hills.

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Judge MacKenzie holds court before Novi students

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"You're dangerous," rumbled the deep voice of the man in black, sitting high above the crowd.

"You don't mean to be, but you are."

Judge Brian MacKenzie sentenced the man to one year in the county jail with work release for drunk driving.

Then he moved onto the case of a man arrested for possession of cocaine.

That's the way it went Thursday.

All day, on the stage of the Fuerst Auditorium, prosecutors presented, defenders defended, the accused awaited and the judge sentenced.

Those were the players in the real life drama under the lights. The audience was made up of Novi High School students.

For the sixth year at Novi High, Judge MacKenzie, of 52-1 District Court in Novi, brought his courtroom to the stage for the students to watch, listen and learn.

It's not easy to pull it all together. It takes hours of coordination and working with the defendants, MacKenzie said.

The defendants appear, he explained, "because they know they are in trouble and I'll take it (their cooperation in the program) into consideration."

But it's worth the hard work for MacKenzie and his staff if they can educate the young people.

"I want to educate the kids about what the court actually does," MacKenzie explained. "The courts are the least understood of all the branches of government."

He also wants to make an impression about crime.

"We try to select the cases the kids themselves might commit – like shoplifting, assault or drunk driving – to show them there are consequences to their behavior," he said.

"Before I started doing this most of the kids didn't think there were consequences," MacKenzie added.

And some of the kids said his goals are well met.

"It shows that if you start now it can continue into your adult life and you could go to jail for it," said Ann Zibell, a freshman at Novi High School.

"Kids just want to have a good time and don't worry about the future," Zibell added.

She said she and her friends were unaware the penalties for drunk driving were so harsh.

"I didn't think they were this great. I thought you could get a fine but not go to jail for this long," she explained.

MacKenzie said he feels it's part of his job to get through to the students.

"I believe these people out here are on the edge of becoming adults, voters. They are supposed to play a part in the system. They get to decide who the judges are and they should have some idea of what judges do," he said.

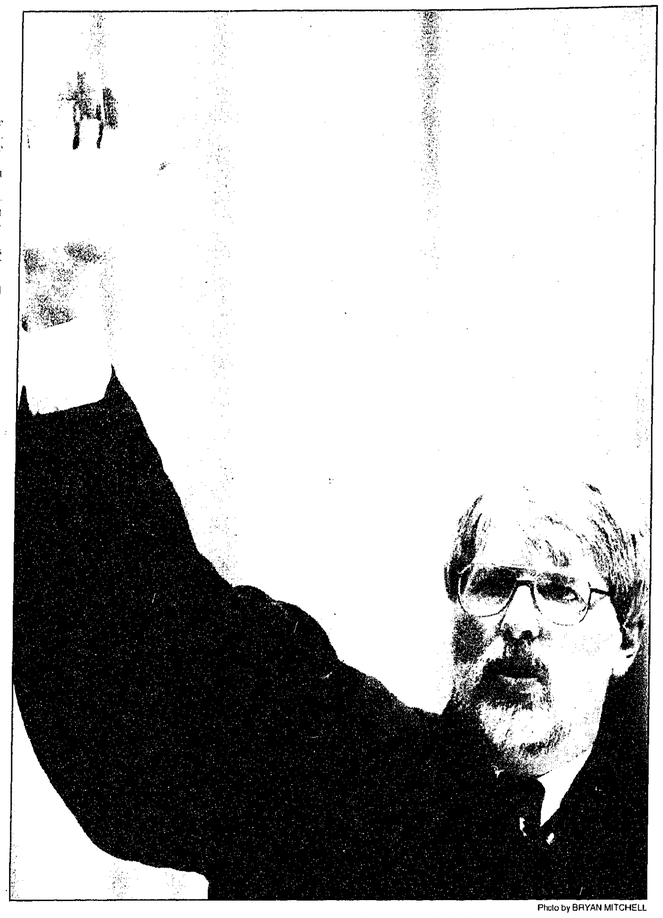

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Judge Brian MacKenzie moved his courtroom to the auditorium of Novi High School last week so students could observe how things work in a courtroom.

Local Girl Scouts join in games at Crazy Olympics

Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts celebrated the Olympics on Friday, March 8 at the Novi Middle School. Each of the twelve troops represented a Girl Scout country. The event began with opening ceremonies which were lead by Troop No. 739 from Village Oaks School who carried the Olympic torch and represented Greece. The 119 scouts competed in 10 events. Following the competition, awards were presented to the top two finishers in each event. In swimming the first place winner was Amanda Smith, Troop No. 3542, and Cindy Herman, Troop No. 2382 in second. The gymnastics competition saw Jennifer Mehl of Troop No. 2367 place first with Kiley Elfring, Troop No. 1271 second. First place in soccer went to Karen Sunisloe, Troop No. 2355, second to Kim Miescher of Troop No. 1271.

First place for towing went to Rene Schmitt of Troop No. 2367 with Jenny Mccall of Troop No. 739 in second. In the discus throw, Karen Sunisloe, Troop No. 2355 was first with Allison Davies of Troop No. 558 second. The two-girl relay was won by Jamie Hamilton and Jessica Andrews of Troop No. 2018 with Beth Goodearl and Angela Doolin from Troop No. 2333 finishing second.

Cycling was won by Jacqueline Paloni and Danielle Otten finished second. The javelin throw was won by Laura Longo of Troop No. 135 with Karen Sunisloe in second. Troop No. 1271 with Kiley Elfring, Julie Stevens, Brittany Neville, and Brittany Bixman won the four-girl relay with Lindsay Orhab, Christina Hagan, Anna Cynar, Elizabeth Kossik of Troop No. 135 taking second. The team volleyball competition was won by Troop No. 481, Troop No. 558 finished second.

The Crazy Olympics was organized by Jeri Sunisloe as a special event for older Girl Scouts to encourage their continuation in scouting. Many of the activities were applicable to badgework that the girls will earn.

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Novi Chamber gives top honors

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are selected based on "the best of small business entrepreneurship that stands out and the commitment to Novi."

What started out as a venture by Tom McSweeney Sr. is now a family affair. Three of his grown-up kids – sons Joe and Tom McSweeney Jr. and daughter Suzanne Wincka – work along side of him. A fourth daughter, Catherine, earned her way to college by putting in time at the family business.

"It's a very good feeling to have somebody you know you can trust, who's on your side. We've had enough of the other stuff," he said.

"You have to have a supporting wife to begin with. My wife's father happened to be in his own business. She knew what we'd be up against. You don't have your own life."

Genevieve McSweeney, a nurse, stayed home to raise their family but is now a hospice volunteer helping families with dying children. Through Angela Hospice in Livonia, she's also active in a program assisting children who have lost a family member through

Tom McSweeney Sr.

death.

From the picture window in McSweeney's living room in his Eleven Mile Road residence, you can see his business in the backyard, in a building constructed to look like a barn. He says he originally didn't plan to expand the firm. But from just one employee 25 years ago, himself, it's grown to five in the office and 30 electricians in the field. A Brighton office was opened seven years ago, to take advantage of the construction happening in that area.

Unavoidable are the pros and cons to being a president of a company located within shouting distance of where you work.

"People know where you're at and they'll track you down on Saturday and Sunday or if somebody blows a fuse at 9 p.m. at night," McSweeney said.

The company does predominantly commercial electrical installation throughout the area. Local jobs include the Olive Garden, Grady's, T.G.I. Fridays, The Timbers, Ted Sullivan Funeral Home, Holy Family Church, Parkview Elementary School and the United Methodist Church addition.

Working for himself doesn't mean shorter hours for McSweeney, an average week can be 60 hours on the job. What it did mean was few chances to get away for a vacation, something that's now changing with his adult kids involved in the business. McSweeney and his wife recently vacationed in Florida and Mississippi.

McSweeney has some regrets about going off on his own. He's says he'd like to retire and have "that good old pension" and health insurance coming in. But in the long run, it's been a worthwhile venture.

"I would recommend it to anybody to at least give it a try. It's certainly a gratifying feeling, when I look back I've supported us for 25 years, not depending on somebody else. That's a good feeling, a good feeling," he said.

"It's a lot of hard work and long hours. I guess success is kind of what you make of it."

He's been active in the community, too. When his children were younger, McSweeney was a coach for Novi Youth Baseball for over ten years. He sponsors a Novi Parks and Recreation men's baseball team which has won the department's championship for three years in a row.

Now, this 55-year-old grandfather of nine sees a day coming when at least one of his grandsons will take over the business. "If he comes to work and keeps it going and he sends me checks when we're down in Florida."

Virtual reality becomes tool at OCC

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

It takes up to 14 years to develop a submarine. A technique called "virtual reality" can cut that to seven years – at an obvious savings to taxpayers and benefit to national defense.

"The federal government has piles of (vehicle) prototypes – things made but never used," said Ron Pavlak, who teaches computer information systems at Oakland Community College. "The government is getting smart," Pavlak went on as he helped guide a tour of OCC's Advanced Technology Center on the Auburn Hills Campus.

The reason: virtual reality, a synthetic environment built on computer databases that enables workers to test vehicles and ships would work in the real world without building costly prototypes.

A tank manufacturer cut development costs by $168 million. Other savings: less fuel consumption, less time to plan combat orders, greater accuracy in combat. Automotive and boat manufacturers are using the virtual reality shortcut, too.

"Typically, many prototypes are required as a design evolves. Virtual prototyping eliminates physical mock-ups from the design process," said Brian Christenson of Deneb Robotics, an Auburn Hills firm that supplies equipment to OCC.

"The operator puts on a special stereo display helmet, gloves or hand-held device, and one or more position trackers to truly experience a virtual world in terms of sight, sound and touch," Christenson said.

The operators? Increasing numbers of OCC students. Some hold bachelor's degrees in engineering; some are in two-year programs and hop immediately to high-paying jobs.

OCC trustees stood almost stunned as they toured a robotics, computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM), industrial design and virtual reality laboratories prior to a recent meeting.

"Exciting," said board chair Douglas Wakefield of Southfield.

"I haven't had a tour like this, ever, and I've been here a long time," said two-term trustee Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield.

"This is one of the high-tech areas of the state," said interim Chancellor Anthony Jarson.

Phil Uchno, of the sales staff of Silicon Graphics, said OCC and Project Focus-HOPE in Detroit lead the state in using technology for training.

"Universities buy it for their researchers. One or two researchers use it in a locked room. It never sees the light of day," Uchno said, citing shortages of people at Chrysler who are trained in the new technology. "We want to partner with organizations that train people."

OCC's Auburn Hills Campus is on Featherstone Road a mile east of I-75, nestled in the hills in Oakland County's high-tech belt. Its corporate neighbors are supplying much of the equipment. Examples:

Deneb Robotics – $1.88 million in virtual reality and simulation software.

Fanuc Robotics of North America, Inc., a Japanese-owned subsidiary headquartered in Auburn Hills – five robots worth $500,000.

Silicon Graphics – four Indigo Impact computers that run the virtual reality software, worth $160,000.

Kreon, a French firm – laser scanning system worth $100,000.

Although retired as of July 1, Dr. Richard Saunders, former campus president, is still at work as a consultant to the program. He has spoken to scientific groups in England about OCC's academic-business partnership.

In the board's business meeting, Jarson reported OCC also spent $127,000 on four Indigo2 High Impact Graphic Workstations from Silicon Graphics. The equipment will be used by students of computer-aided design (CAD) at the Auburn Hills Campus.

"It is the only equipment with the power and speed to run the applications required by the college," Jarson said. "Additionally, this equipment replicates what is currently used in business and industry."

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Obituaries

NORMA (MCFEE) WORRALL

Norma Louise (McFee) Worrall, age 76, formerly of Farmington died March 14, 1996, at her daughter's home in Southfield. She was born March 14, 1920, in Mantus, Ohio.

Mrs. Worrall received her education in Detroit. During her working career she was employed as secretary/proofreader for Eagle Publications in Novi and Child Care magazines. Her interests included bowling.

Surviving Mrs. Worrall are four sons, Jack (Julie) of Novi, Joey (Lisa) of Redford, Jeff (Kathi) of Howell, and Tracy (Debbie) of White Lake; six daughters, Jill (Roger) Cooley of Southfield, Judy (Eric) Hurst of Indiana, Jean (Tony) Kleiner of Roscommon, Joan (Anthony) Oakley of Southfield, Joy (Buddy) Patterson of Southfield, and Jeri (Bill) Pearse of Taylor; 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, of 53 years.

Services were held on Monday, March 18 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Pastor Victor F. Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church, Redford, officiated at the service. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials may be given to Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice, 18831 W. Twelve Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-9806.

HAROLD H. FRITZ

Harold H. Fritz, age 75, of Northville died March 12, 1996, at his residence. Mr. Fritz was born Jan. 11, 1921, in Northville to Ambrose and Lillian (Lange) Fritz.

Mr. Fritz was a lifelong member of the community. Prior to retirement he was head of transportation at the University of Michigan. He was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars.

His survivors are: daughter, Kristie Mobarak of Northville; brothers, Lenord of Northville, and Linwood of Florida; sisters, Jo Childers of Florida; Mickey Honsinger of Central Lake; and Theada Lyke of South Lyon; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Bell).

Services were held on Friday, March 15 at Casterline Funeral home Inc., Northville, with Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, First United Methodist Church, Northville, officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

DENNIS JAY WAINNER

Dennis Jay Wainner, age 43, of Novi died March 11, 1996, at Botsford Hospital. He was born Oct. 16, 1952 in Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. Wainner was an automotive technical writer for Ford Motor Co.

His survivors are: wife, Annette (Regan); son, Joshua; mother, Fay Wainner of Bellingham, Wash.; and brother, Ralph of Santa Paula, Calif.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 14 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

MICHAEL KRPICHAK

Michael Krpichak, age 44, of Detroit died March 12, 1996, at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born May 15, 1951 in Detroit to Molly and the late George Krpichak.

Mr. Krpichak held a managerial position in retail business.

His survivors include his wife, Carolyn; son, Eric; mother, Molly Krpichak; brother, James (Judith) of Novi; sister, Nancy (Richard) Chapman; and one grandchild, Haylie Marie.

Services were held on Saturday, March 16 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was at the South Lyon Cemetery.

Tapes let busy people keep up on their reading

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can do two things at once," said Lorraine Saad, the new co-owner of Talking Book World at Ten Mile and Novi roads in Novi.

She and her daughter Colleen are capitalizing on the new trend and have been avid users of "talking books" for a while now.

It's a sign of the times.

"People just don't have time to read anymore," said Colleen.

Novi resident Marilee Duncan agrees. Duncan, who spends three to four hours a day in her car, said it all comes down to using her time wisely. She reads educational books, self-help books, fiction and biographies.

"We live in such an age where we're so busy we don't have time to do anything," she said.

Talking Book World, a franchise with locations in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Southfield and now Novi, features 3,000 different tapes ranging from children's stories, business, mysteries, romance, self-help and educational. Talking Book World offers more than 3,000 different selections.

The Novi Library has also gotten into the "talking books" business. Over the last several years the library has put together a collection of various types of books. According to librarian Donna Hollis, they are quite popular.

"It's a nice way to spend your time on a long trip," she said. "People want to take advantage of that time."

Besides the general benefit of efficiency, audio book listeners say books on tape have other advantages too.

Linda Wareck, of Northville, caught the craze several years ago but just recently started using the option regularly. She said she gets a different perspective by listening to books.

"You feel in touch with the author or the persona," she explained.

It's reminiscent of the early days when families used to sit around the large radio waiting for the latest edition of the Lone Ranger.

A college educator, Wareck said listening to audio tapes is a different way of learning. "It's a good way to get things in your mind, retain them and have time to reflect."

There is one disadvantage, though, said Duncan.

"You have to keep your mind on it," she advised. "If your mind wanders, you have to back the tape up."

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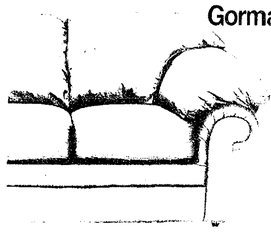

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Election schedule raises local ire

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no one else has declared for the Republican primary and it's pretty much common knowledge that whoever wins that, wins the race in this GOP stomping ground.

The primary for the state senator's position is on May 13; the last date for the loser to file for the August 6 general primary is May 14. Both Bullard and Dobb say if they don't succeed in the first primary, they'll file for the second. So it's likely that no matter what office they hold, Dobb and Bullard will remain in Lansing.

While the Republican margin is strong in the senate, at 56-to-54, it's fragile in the state house.

Bullard said he anticipates that he'll triumph in June and that a primary for his seat will then run at the same time as the already-scheduled August primary. Next, to preserve the Republican house majority, Bullard predicts it is likely a special election will be held after Labor Day for the remnant of his term, which runs through Dec. 31, 1996.

"The governor did what he did for two major reasons, he doesn't want to state senate seat vacant for a long period of time, so the people living in that district have representation for that period of time," Bullard explained Tuesday.

"It is very important to have a full house in September when we have our first session. The house of representatives has a majority for the first time in 26 years. This is why the governor has been able to get so much of his agenda through the legislature. He wants to make sure the Republicans have each of the houses."

Dobb was emphatic last week that she felt the election for the state senate opening should run concurrently with the August and November elections.

"I'm extremely upset. I don't see any need to have a special election at the taxpayer's expense. My constituents feel there are already too many elections. There's no reason other than to protect the incumbents' house seats to hold the special election," she said from the house floor Tuesday. "It's certainly unfair for anyone else who wants to run for state senator. It's too short a filing time."

Pat Masserant, Engler's deputy press secretary, says the additional special election for state representative will "probably" be scheduled. A third special election will bring Novi's additional, unbudgeted expenses up to $150,000.

Monday, the Novi City Council passed a resolution asking that the state reimburse them for the the first round. Farmington and Farmington Hills have done the same.

Farmington is also inviting local government leaders to join them in press conference today (Thursday, March 21) to protest the issue.

The state constitution allows the governor to set the elections, with the costs borne by the local communities.

"This is an election to elect their state representative. There is no basis or precedent for reimbursing a local community for this," Masserant said.

"The people in the district need to be represented. We aren't making everything into a political football."

How much the two special elections will cost varies based on the size of the municipality. District 15 covers 12 communities. For one special election, Farmington Hills, will be out $70,000; Wixom, $12,000 and South Lyon, $10,000.

To South Lyon Mayor Jeff Potter, there's another issue besides the cost. He predicts voter turn-out will be low for these events.

"A special election is like a boutique election. They don't attract a wide field of candidates. I don't think it's a good idea to elect a state representative in an off-election," he said.

"I question why there needs to be a special election for both seats. I personally don't think it's really good public policy."

Would-be state senators only have until Monday, March 25 to file with the Oakland County Elections Clerk's office. They must pay a fee of $100. Unlike a typical election, they cannot choose to submit a petition instead. Due to the short time involved, the state didn't figure out how many signatures are needed for a 15th District petition.

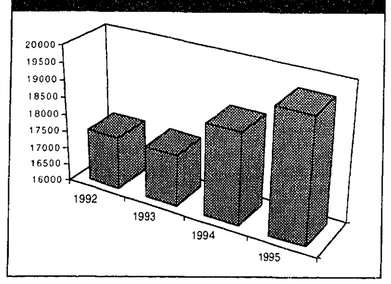
Farmington Hills City Manager Interim City Manager and Clerk Kathryn Dornan zipped off an official letter of protest to the governor on March 13. Dornan has the same complaint as Novi's Bartholomew, that her staff is already overburdened with regular and school elections.

"While we understand that it may be perfectly legal for you to call such an election, we feel it is not justified, nor necessary, and is in effect, an unfunded mandate," she wrote to Engler.

"We also are aware that the legislature is scheduled to adjourn the first part of June and not reconvene until September. What is really the purpose of the 'hurry up' to fill the vacancy, when the legislature will not even be in session conducting business?"

If Bullard wins, among the possible contenders could be Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Novi. If Schmid moves to Lansing, her seat would be open, creating what Bartholomew refers to as "a chain effect" of special elections.

NOVI CRIME INCIDENT RATE OVERALL



Crime out paced by Novi's growth

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seven detectives saw 670 cases of vandalism, up 75 from last year and vehicle complaints decreased by 150 to equal 4,035 vehicle complaints.

All in all, the police chief said Novi is handling the population and retail growth well. "We happen to think Novi is resisting very well even given the retail and entertainment facilities," Shaeffer said.

According to the department, 23 percent of total crime in Novi occurs in the 1.3 square miles of the retail center of Novi at Novi Road and I-96. Special cooperative programs have been set up between security firms and the police department in order to combat crime.

Shaeffer said calls for service in the city have gone significantly up. In 1994 police calls numbered 18,890. In 1995 that number increased by 1,036.

That bothers Shaeffer because it means manpower is being used in a reactive way instead of a proactive way.

"There's a greater value in preventing things rather than reacting to them," Shaeffer said.

Community must share effort to stop crime

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's been said the first broken window that goes unfixed in a community is the first sign of decay.

Novi police are working toward keeping all windows intact, and one of the tactics they are using is getting the community to take a part in fighting crime.

"Law enforcement can't do it on its own," Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said. "It takes the whole community."

Shaeffer said crime is increasing at a low rate despite the boom in population, but in the future there will need to be close attention to maintaining a high level of integrity on the city.

"The community has to share in that and address this crime," Shaeffer said.

Using the latest buzzword in law enforcement, community policing, the department is intent on getting people and officers in touch with each other.

Novi police are using several methods to accomplish that goal.

Officers are required to get closer to the residents of the city by getting out of their cars and talking with people on the street.

Officers also pay visits to homeowner's associations, schools and businesses to share information, safety tips and hear concerns.

Shaeffer said when the community is informed about crime it can help in the fight against crime by just being knowledgeable. That's why the department shares crime statistics and other information with community groups.

"So they know what's taking place in the community, so they can work on it too," he explained.

Shaeffer said the department is still exploring new ways it can effectually use community policing in Novi but cited several incidents where the cooperation has already worked in the last year.

Security companies at Twelve Oaks Mall and the surrounding shopping centers developed a program with police that resulted in a team effort to prevent and stop crime in that area.

"We brought the security companies together so now when one store has a problem we all rush to resolve it for the collective good," explained Shaeffer.

Shaeffer also cited the cooperative effort, last April, between *The Novi News* and his department on a number of articles explaining gang activity in the city, last April, that helped to squash the increasing gang activity.

In addition, with the help of all aspects of the criminal justice system in Oakland County, police are trying to put an end to domestic violence.

A combination of strong police policies, high bonds and stiff sentences as well as encouraged counseling has helped to reduce the number of times cops are called to the same home for the same problems, said Shaeffer.

"Nationwide, there used to be the view that little impact could be made by police on that offense," said Shaeffer. "Now we know that police can impact the numbers of the crime and the severity as well as provide victims and abusers resolution to the conflict."

Shaeffer said the Novi Expo Center worked closely with the department to tackle tough traffic problems in that area and also met with success last year.

The effort to utilize the community in the fight against crime is far from over, said Shaeffer. He is talking with people at Michigan State University in an effort to gain more training in community policing and problem solving for his department.

And Shaeffer is pushing for more sophisticated software in his office to be able to pinpoint information such as where certain areas of crime are concentrated and to establish crime patterns more effectively.

Shaeffer said the officers have moved into a new arena of what is expected of cops. It used to be officers wrote a couple of tickets, ran a couple of calls and just drove around the rest of the time, that was all that was expected of them. Shaeffer said until about the early 1980s that was the norm.

Within the last several years the department has learned "the community expects much more action and interaction with the officers," said Shaeffer.

OCC employees sign up with Teamsters

A group of 150 administrative and management staffers at Oakland Community College have voted for representation by Teamsters Union local 214 of Detroit.

The vote was 66 yes and 33 no, with two challenged ballots and 28 excluded. A majority of those voting decided the question, under rules of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

"We will respect their decision," said interim Chancellor Anthony Jarson.

The unit will elect officers and appoint a bargaining team. The college will appoint a bargaining team.

The unit includes all full-time administrative and management persons except 25 persons – the chancellor, two vice-chancellors, four campus presidents, director of the Pontiac Center, management and confidential employees who report directly to the chancellor, controller and human resources staff.

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Developer wants residential zoning rather than industrial

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A West Bloomfield developer who bought up 194 acres of land in the west end of Novi plans to build a combined single family, apartment complex, commercial shopping center and light industrial development.

The problem is the plan doesn't mesh with the hopes and dreams of the Novi Planning Commission which wants to put high tech industrial development there and keep the west end of the city for low-density development.

Gary Shapiro, President of The Ivanhoe Companies, presented his plan for Lexington Village at a March 6 planning commission meeting and expressed his intention to ask for a rezoning of part of Section 18 on the corner of Wixom and Twelve Mile roads.

Shapiro said he knows he's getting ahead of things but felt he needed to keep communication lines open.

Shapiro said he's worked on the plan for more than a year and bought the property with the intention of placing a large residential community there.

The property itself is zoned for low density single family homes, offices and light industrial development but the city has it master planned to be developed as high tech industrial development.

Shapiro said he can't find anyone interested in building high tech there because that industry only wants to locate on land with frontage on freeways and near major big-three auto centers.

He claims the land is not suited for the zoning planning commissioners gave it and says his option is the right one and will work better.

"The property is dysfunctional in that zoning over the years," said Shapiro. "I haven't got anybody who sees it as an interesting parcel."

But Chairperson Laura Lorenzo said that wasn't enough proof.

"I'm not at all convinced our plan for high tech industrial won't work here," she said, explaining that committees are fine tuning ordinance proposals to attract those types of companies to Novi. Those companies haven't even had a chance to respond, she said.

Shapiro said while he understands the community's desire to maintain the master plan, his development concept takes in the key items of the site such as the wetlands and woodlands and natural environment.

And it provides a transition from the industrial projects already in the area to the low density zoning the city wants to keep, he said.

Shapiro has a reputation for building large developments in West Bloomfield Township (Chelsea Park) and some in Farmington Hills that include conservation of the natural environment of the land, parks and trails. His least expensive homes are in Commerce Township starting from $150,000 to more expensive homes in the $300,000 to $700,000 range.

Shapiro said he needs feels compelled to bring moderate, affordable homes and upscale, multiple housing to Novi and needs a high density zoning to keep prices low. The average gross density of the plan is eight residential units per acre. His plan indicates selling the homes for about $250,000.

Shapiro said he met with City of Novi planning consultants as well as planning commissioners to work out an agreeable plan and hear concerns last year.

He also rounded up neighbors who protested a 1989 proposal to put industrial development on the property. One of those Wixom residents appeared at the meeting to support Shapiro's plan.

After talking with the city, Shapiro chopped his density proposal down from 1,500 to 900 units. About 34 acres would be developed as commercial with a grocery store, pharmacy, coffee shop and bookstore. Shapiro said that side of the city needs commercial to compete with nearby Wixom commercial and to serve west-end residents.

But Commissioners Glen Bonaventura and Jacque Hodges said the density and commercial doesn't fit there.

Bonaventura doesn't want to see a large commercial or retail section in the west end. "This community is based on a centralized commercial," he told Shapiro. "I think its working."

Hodges said she cannot see the benefits to the city. "It brings chaos to mind," she commented.

Member Michelle Bonont took the opposite track. She said neighborhood services could be important in that area in the future but did have concerns with density and Shapiro's assumption that high tech won't work because of freeway frontage.

"I won't argue that low density is better, like building one acre lots, but the land is surrounded on three sides with high density (apartments, industry, a car dealership and a mobile home park) so it has to be developed high density," Shapiro said.

Shapiro reminded the board that the entire plan for high tech and industrial isn't wiped out with his revised plan because 60 acres is left high tech.

Project is site of Novi's old Grand Plan

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

City officials once had big designs of a different nature for the site developer Gary Shapiro now wants to build into a residential/recreational mecca.

In fact, the issue was the hottest one to unfold in Novi at the dawn of the 1990s.

Back in November 1989, City Manager Ed Kriewall unveiled The Relocation and Enhancement Program, a.k.a. "The Grand Plan," a scheme to clear heavy industry such as the cement plant from 30 acres in the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue area, thereby making way for a new downtown. The industrial firms would then get a tax break to rebuild in an industrial park in Section 18, the site now targeted by Shapiro.

In the original concept, a regional materials recovery facility for recycling trash might have been located in the industrial park. Furthermore, the residences of several homeowners would have been condemned to make way for it all.

At the time, the goal was to clear land for Main Street, Novi.

While it may have sounded good on paper, the idea hit the fan of public opinion.

Organized as Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP), residents in the area – including the Birchwoods subdivision, Old Dutch Farm mobile home community and Wixom's Leisure Coop Apartments – turned out in droves through 1990 to protest "The Grand Plan." What they feared were possible pollution of land and water by heavy industry; major traffic, including garbage trucks; and the possible plunge in property values.

In September 1990, convinced by NAPP's arguments, the Novi City Council put The Grand Plan to rest.

But while the industrial park may have died a quick death, Main Street, in the hands of the private sector is alive and well. A 1996 delivery date is anticipated.

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As We See It

West side land can be developed as industrial

Government

There seems to be no end to the hundreds of houses erected daily in the city of Novi.

In 1995, home permits totaled 507, or a 30 percent increase from 1994. More than a dozen new subdivisions were given the okay to begin construction in Novi for a combined total of 655 lots.

It's a frenzy full of wood, hammer and nails pounding together the makings of residential habitats.

But what the city isn't seeing much of is industrial development. Only nine industrial developments were welcomed into the city in 1995. City Planning Director Jim Wahl called it "stagnant."

In order for a city to balance out, have a safe tax base and survive it, needs a variety of development within its borders.

In 1995, the residential tax base in Novi was 61 percent of the city's total tax base. Commercial was 27 percent and industrial was 9.2 percent.

Lately, planners in Novi have seen the need for industry and are questioning why Novi isn't attracting it.

In order to combat companies turning from Novi and going into neighboring cities, Novi is beginning a close examination of its zoning and policies.

Industry is planned for the grand river corridor and along the railway lines through the center of the city.

One of those spots is now threatened to be turned into a high density multiple housing development with commercial and a small portion of high tech industrial that would encompass nearly 200 acres on the Novi/Wixom border near Twelve Mile and Wixom Road.

Although the parcel is currently zoned for low-density residential housing, the intent of the planning commission and master plan has been to bring high tech to the site.

But the property owner, Gary Shapiro of The Ivanhoe Companies, says it won't work and wants it rezoned. His reasoning is that high tech industry wants freeway frontage.

Shapiro said he's had no bites from those types of industries as of yet, but admitted he bought the property with the intention of putting in a high density residential development.

Perhaps he's right. Maybe the timing isn't right for that location.

But that doesn't mean it won't work sometime in the future when our surrounding communities are filled to the max and industry is looking for space. It could then be a prime location.

Building as quickly as possible isn't necessary here in Novi. The city has already proven to be high on the list of popular places to live. And we think it will remain so.

With so much of the east part of the city built up, the west end should be used wisely.

The planning commission's plan for low-density, large lots in the west and industry along the northern west-end of the city is appropriate for Novi.

Novi needs that industrial or high tech base. It also needs to keep the west end as open as possible. Bringing in a large scale residential development there paves the way for other developers to request rezoning too and add to the density.

Planning commissioners and city officials would do well to remember the questions and concerns raised last year regarding the lack of industrial development in the city. There must be a balance. The parcel in question is in accordance with the Novi corridor plan for industry and should remain so.

Bringing in a high density development at this moment in time, opens up a whole other can of worms.

Politics costing taxpayers

It ought not come as any surprise that politicians are spending taxpayers' dollars for political reasons, but this latest example is infuriating.

After the resignation of Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, the governor has set up a special election that could cause a series of special elections, dominos style. Were Reps. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, or Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce, to win that election – and it seems highly doubtful anybody else can win it – there could be a second election to fill the post they vacate. Take the scenario that County Commission Kay Schmid, R-Novi, or city council member Bob Schmid run for the representative's post and win. Then there could yet another election.

And mind you, all this with primaries and generals already scheduled for this August and November.

The cost is not small. Novi Clerk Tonni Bartholomew puts the cost to this city alone at $100,000. And there are 12 municipalities in that senate district.

Some believe the point is insure that Bullard and Dobb will retain a place in the state legislature. Even Bullard admitted the goal on the part of the governor was likely to maintain the GOP's clear majority in the legislature.

Neither is a goal we think city taxpayers would be willing give their money for.

The city of Novi is asking for reimbursement of the costs, but the state has never done that and officials queried this week in Lansing indicated it is not likely to start now.

Nonetheless, community officials in Novi and nearby towns are going to try to make their case to the state this week. Novi will be joining Farmington Hills in a press conference to protest this wasteful process.

Bartholomew has pointed out that there is really little point to filling the post in a special election. The balloting would not take place until June, about the same time the legislature takes off for summer break. So even with all the expenditure, Novi and the other communities of the 15th Senate district won't get much representation in Lansing until the fall anyway. As the clerk put it, the expenditure in effect is to give someone the title for the summer.

We're glad to see the local officials are stepping up to tell the state and the governor what they think. We'd urge others to get in on the protest and add their voices.

It is easy for the folks in Lansing to start to think that politics there is all consuming, and all important.

In reality, in this case, it is just a waste of time and money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Catching up with my reading

Michael Malott

Reading for pleasure is an activity I gave up a long time ago. Not that I wanted to. Not that I don't still try now and again to sit down with a good book, but there just doesn't seem to be enough time left anymore.

For one, this job just is not one that can be done well in 40 hours a week. I sometimes have trouble doing it well is less than 60.

And then of course there are the kids. Regular readers of this column know full well I have three of them, ranging in age from 2 to 8. When they are awake, I've usually got better things to do than poke my nose into some reading material. When they're asleep, I'm usually to tried.

I know I'm not alone in this plight. Leisure time is in short supply among today's modern working folks. *U.S. News & World Report* recently reported that parents today spend 40 percent less time with their children than parents did 30 years ago. How sad. So I certainly am not going to waste any of that precious time reading novels when I could be playing with my children.

But in the past two weeks, I've managed to polish off two books and Tuesday – that's right, on deadline day, my busiest day of the week – I started a third.

How? Books on tape. Talking books. I drive; I listen. I am well read.

I'd been eying the books on tape rack where I rent movies, wondering if I should give it a whirl. Then I happened across Talking Book World, a new store which opened this month in Novi at Novi Road and Ten Mile. I happened to mention the new store to Brian and Karen MacKenzie during a lunch meeting, and what I heard was that they also listen to books on tape quite often.

The judge said he listen mainly to historical books and biographies. But he also listened to *A Brief History of Time* by Steven Hawkings on tape. Did he understand it? Yes, he said - which is a heck of a lot better than I did trying to read it from the book.

So I gave it a whirl. I started with *Fatal Cure* by Robin Cook, a book that was recommended to my by a physician, who said it portrayed the current troubles of the health care industry pretty well. I don't know about that, but I was able to solve the crime a heck of a lot faster listening to it on tape than I usually do reading it from the book.

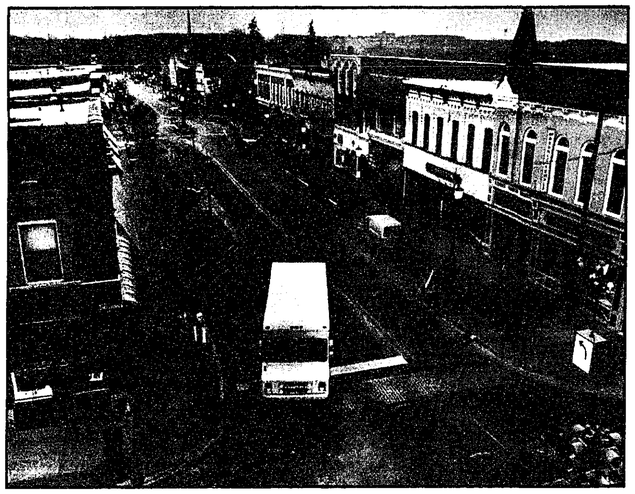
Now I'm working on *The Road Ahead* by Bill Gates. There is something irresistible in the symbolism of having to listen to tapes while driving to get the opinions of this programmer-turned-futurist who gives in to the term "information highway" to describe the coming computer network. Life is just moving too fast, and that may just be the ultimate symptom of it.

Nonetheless, if I am to have any hope of getting to read books in the near future, this is likely to be the only way.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Good morning

The sun peeks over the horizon as Northville wakes up

The clues are all around us

Carol Workens

Eight years after the lights dim and the crown comes off, what would a former Miss America have to talk about?

I wondered why the Northville Town Hall Series would have as a guest speaker Miss America 1988, Kay Lani Rae Rafko, who was raised in Monroe.

She began by telling the audience about her family and many who had heard her talk to the group two years earlier were eager for the update.

I expected to hear her talk about what it's like to be Miss America for a year. Which she did.

But intertwined with her humorous recollections of the famous people she met and the places she traveled were the sobering lessons she learned along the way.

Rafko picked up on the clues she received from family and patients about keeping a level head and never loosing sight of what is important, which brought her back to her real dream of nursing and opening a hospice.

Rafko views the Miss America program not as a quest, but as a gift. The program gave her more than just a wonderful experience but a platform for her to speak on topics such as "Finding Magic in Life," the one she gave on March 11.

Her speech touched many in the audience although not everyone was pleased with the emotions it stirred in them.

I recently saw the movie *Clueless*, starring Alicia Silverstone, about a group of girls and boys at Beverly Hills High School as they attend classes and parties. A very funny movie about a 15 year old girl, Cher, who saw nothing more important in life than being the envy of just about everyone. Knowing where the best parties are and shopping for new clothes are what makes the world turn for Cher. She had not strayed from a purpose in life, she hadn't even gotten to that point yet. Although she manages to keep busy playing matchmaker for a pair of teachers and providing the dowdy new girl in school with a fresh look, she soon discovers something is missing in her life. She is going through life with blinders on and really hasn't caught the big picture yet.

It was toward the end of the movie, that she began to put the pieces together. She learns that all of her friends have discovered what is important in their lives and they were happy. She had not found the happiness they had and was the only one who didn't have a clue.

I was surprised with the ending. Simplistic, yes. But it happens in real life too.

Clues are all around us, we just have to be open to receiving them and keep focused on what's really important in life.

Carol Workens is a staff writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Honigman ranks with top lawmakers

Tim Richard

Legislators typically gush praise when one of their number departs. But the rhetoric was unusually simple and deep last week when David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, announced his resignation from the state Senate at age 40 due to ill health. The praise was genuine, even if it came from lawmakers.

"When I was running for the Senate, he threw himself in body and soul and gave a piece of himself," said Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham. "Our collective presence will be diminished."

"He was the only one who came out and helped me, even after I was nominated," Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, said in an interview.

"I think it has been good fortune to have served with you both in the House and Senate," said Democratic leader John Cherry of Clio. "We haven't always agreed on issues, but I do know that you have always approached your responsibilities as a thoughtful individual; one who has taken the time to examine an issue, and you have not taken your positions lightly."

"You have always brought to this body a stern commitment in public service, a willingness to do your homework, and an ability to see through the facades that have been placed on issues *.* Your commitment to urban areas is one that I applaud," said Democratic floor leader Virgil Smith, who praises a Republican about as often as hell freezes over.

"You have been most fair and compassionate. The next time I sing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow,' I will have you on my mind," said the singing senator, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

"You are a person I truly admire," said Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion. "I do believe you'll be back in public service."

"Every step of the way, you've dedicated yourself to issues," said majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto.

There was much more, but you have the flavor.

The public will miss Honigman, too, because in the entire Legislature there are only a fistful of champions of open government. Honigman was working on revisions to strengthen the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act, the two "sunshine laws." He had a bill called the "PAC Pulverizer," aimed at political action committees.

Kaza is an avowed and vocal supporter of openness. Ditto with Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos, who keeps getting bashed on near-party line votes when she advocates strengthening the FOIA.

Otherwise, Lansing is turning the sunshine laws into a dark fog, with one crippling amendment after another. Gov. Engler's handpicked Secchia Commission issued a report, "Toward a User-Friendly Government," that listed the Freedom of Information Act as a "counter-productive" law. That's the secretive, exclusionary mindset in the Capitol Building these days.

Honigman is an attorney, but he doesn't talk legalese. Before studying law at the University of Michigan, he majored in philosophy at Yale. It showed. Honigman searched for the big idea to improve society before working on the mechanics to put it into statute.

I rate him among the half-dozen finest I've ever covered, a category that includes Bill Milliken. As Mat Dunaskiss said, let us hope that in a few short years Honigman can return to public service.

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A sad day when AT&T uses such tactics

Letters

To the editor:

The recent passage of the telecommunications act is an important step forward in promoting competition in the communications industry. Finally, consumers are provided choices in who they would like to see carry all their calls.

Yet, it's a sad day when a telecommunications giant like AT&T stoops to such lows as what's being reported lately – slamming or changing one's carrier without notification, and sending consumers separate phone bills for long distance charges without asking the customer if they want two phone bills. I believe that from the beginning – from the breakup of AT&T more than 12 years ago – the intentions were to give consumers more control over their telecommunications choices, not less. Slamming is not fair competition; it takes away our right to choose.

I, for one, like having a choice which carrier I use, and I would prefer to write one check, use one stamp, and mail one envelope, not two.

Chris Colcer

Dutch film premiers on local cable

Mary Linda Calderone

There wouldn't be anything so extraordinary bout it, if I saw it in *The News* or *Free Press*. It might read something like this: "Coming soon to the Maple Theater," or perhaps "Coming soon to the Detroit Institute of Arts" the premier of the international film *Krima Kerime* (translated from the Dutch – *Noah's Ark*). But to pick up the local TV listings and see it's going to premiere on our community access channel INFO TV-12 is certainly impressive.

And they think community TV is limited to its neighborhood boundaries. I'd say we've hit the big time here.

And how did it all come about? Distribution of *Noah's Ark* was given to Dr. Philip Singer during his attendance at the Fellini Film Festival in Rimini, Italy. Singer is a medical anthropologist and a professor at the school of health science at Oakland University. He works closely with INFO TV-12 Production Specialist, Todd Whitman. Dr. Singer's programs cover a variety of topics such as alternative medicine and medical anthropology.

The Dutch film, *Noah's Ark* was made in 1995 by the celebrated European director Herbert Curiel. The concept of the film is a dream version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet as well as ideas taken from the Jewish philosopher, Espinoza. It was produced in cooperation with Berlin and Istanbul film makers. Of particular visual interest are the special effects displayed in the program. The film also has very clear subtitles for foreign film enthusiasts.

So forget the drive downtown to the DIA or to the Maple in this cold weather. Light the fire, sit in your easy chair and thank your lucky stars that you can watch *Noah's Ark* right here on your community access channel, INFO TV-12. Better yet, just thank Dr. Singer for his efforts in bringing this premiere film to our community. Tune into INFO-TV 12 to view *Noah's Ark* on Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 2 at 4 p.m., and Thursday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m.

You know community access is much more than just a couple of kids producing programs in their parent's basement. Sure, the majority of work is produced locally. But as a resident of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, you have a say in what you want to see on Public Access TV.

So if you don't produce programs, you can call in requests. Perhaps there's a program you've seen on INFO TV-12. Or perhaps you saw something interesting on another access system. Just let us know.

If you want something brought in from another system, you must act as the sponsor. That means it's your responsibility to get the tape to us and sign the necessary release papers (as Dr. Singer did for *Noah's Ark*). The only stipulation is that the film or video be non commercial and non profit.

Call (810) 553-7303, extension 251 with your requests.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next Community Access Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m., 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills. The next meeting of SWOCC is Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m., Farmington City Hall.

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Capital improvements set for OU

Oakland University trustees recently approved recommendations to complete work on five capital improvement projects throughout the university.

"the university is experiencing unprecedented growth and we are embarking on several new capital initiatives in 1996 that support student learning and ongoing growth and development," said interim President Gary D. Russi. "We're excited about these improvements and additions that will provide an enhanced learning environment for out student population."

The following grounds and facility improvements are planned.

• Meadow Brook Hall entry reconstruction:

Meadow Brook Hall's entranceway, courtyard and service area are scheduled for reconstruction this fall, while preserving the historic quality of the grounds. Funded by a $2.3 million gift from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund, the restoration is expected to enhance vehicular and pedestrian access to the hall. Also scheduled for refurbishment are the entry gates and bridge, and improved barrier free access to the outdoor garden areas.

"Meadow Brook Hall is a symbol of the heritage and special qualities of both the university and the region – this gift from the Wilson Fund allows us to maintain our grounds without diminishing historical elements of the property," said Meadow Brook Hall director Lisa Ashby.

• Honors College offices to move and grow.

Honors College offices will be expanded and relocated to East Vandenberg Hall – a project made possible by a $347,000 grant from the Oakland University Foundation. The college is currently housed in two offices and a conference room in Varner Hall.

The new 1,800 square feet of space, scheduled for completion in September, will include a secretary/reception area, director's office, meeting room and classroom/computer space.

"The expansion and new location for the Honors College will allow us to better serve our students," said Brian Murphy, Honors College director. "The new Honors College facility will be a highly visible reminder of what we think academic excellence and :commitment to students are all about."

Expansion of the Honors College, which today serves 200 students, will allow for the future growth of the college and aid in attracting more high achieving students.

The Honors college suite will be named in honor of the late Dr. Alvin R. Larson, a long time friend of the university, whose gifts to the foundation totaled more than $2.5 million.

• Admissions and Academic Skills Center to undergo facelift.

The Office of Admissions and the Academic Skills Center have received a $531,000 grant from the OU Foundation to renovate their 8,500 square feet of space in North Foundation hall.

More than 4,700 potential students and their families visit admissions annually. Many eventually join Oakland's student population, which numbers a record 13,600. The skills center serves approximately 2,500 students each year providing tutoring, specialized academic support programs, and university- and state-funded intervention programs. The new look will provide prospective students with a strong first impression of Oakland and students seeking academic assistance with a more positive learning environment.

Along with new office space and improvements to the lobby, the mechanical system will be refurbished and movable partitions will be constructed. These offices will be temporarily relocated when construction begins this summer – renovations will be completed by September.

• New parking spots will keep pace with growth.

In an effort to meet growing demands for parking space on campus, approximately 1,000 new spots will be developed over the next four years. As part of this expansion, 250 new spots in the Varner Hall lots will be constructed this fall for the new recreation and athletic center, scheduled to open in fall 1998. An additional 200 spaces will be added to the Vandenberg Hall lots this fall.

Several existing parking lots throughout campus will be expanded and reconfigured in the next four years.

"More parking spots are needed due to an increase in enrollment and the planned addition of the new recreation and athletic center," said Susan Aldrich, assistant vice president for capital planning and design. "We anticipate that people's patterns will change, and they will be remaining on campus for longer lengths of time or returning to campus to use the new recreation facilities."

A master plan study is proposed during the 1996-97 year to verify the need and location of future parking spaces. The need for additional spots appears greatest in the vicinity of the new Science and Engineering Complex and Lepley Sports Center.

• Vandenberg Dining Center cools off.

A new air conditioning system will be installed in Vandenberg Dining Center in Vandenberg Hall, which is welcome news to students and others who use the dining hall on a regular basis.

The 16,200-square foot dining site provides cafeteria services to approximately 1,200 residence hall students as well as faculty and staff.

Scheduled for installation this spring, the new system will also provide an improved environment for summer conference attendees, orientation students and student campers.

According to Residence Hall Director Eleanor Reynolds, air conditioning will allow the dining center to increase its use throughout the year and to become a multi-purpose site. "In addition to its use as a dining area, it will also be available to summer camp groups and others wishing to hold a reception or banquet. Its central location on campus, easy access to major thoroughfares, and adjacent parking makes it attractive to the university community and the greater Rochester area," she said.

Total cost of the project, including design, construction, project management and equipment will be $404,000.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25
10:00 a.m. — Exotic Evening: Dances and Tales of India
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — Dickerman Showcase: One Flight Up
11:30 a.m. — Career Development: Career Exploration
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. — Justice
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: GOP TV
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. — Seniors Beware: The Furnace Man
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Walled lake Casino and Amusement Park
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Samuel Sacks II DIA
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
10:00 a.m. — Business of Living: Maximizing the Sale of Your Home
10:30 a.m. — 1995 Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction
11:00 a.m. — (con't)
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
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. — A Culinary Adventure: Paul Gonino
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Musicale: Amadeus
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women – Their Lives Through Song
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Depression
5:30 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — John Akouri Live
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Good Health: Prostate Problems
11:00 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Earl Holmes
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
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. — Paws With a Cause
3:00 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: Dance Steps II
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Rudy
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Speakers Row
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. — Violence and Abuse
9:30 p.m. — Neighborhood Watch

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Senior Spotlight: Hearing Impaired Services
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Lawmakers wrestle with tuition costs

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Even the adjunct faculty are great, and being a commuter student isn't so bad either, a University of Michigan-Dearborn student told Senate Appropriations.

"I planned on transferring to Ann Arbor when I could afford the extra costs," said junior Alicia M. Kolar, a Redford Union High graduate. "But after a year at UM-Dearborn, I knew this was where I wanted to stay."

"Our student was a real powerhouse," said a UM-D spokesman after the March 8 budget hearing in Ypsilanti. Gov. John Engler is recommending $22.1 million – a hefty 11.6 percent hike – for UM-D though only 5 percent overall for the 15 public universities.

Kolar, a vice president of the student government who is majoring in history and political science, told lawmakers that students "are very thankful for the new buildings that are going up on campus now. They will give us much needed space for labs and lecture halls.

"But we need more space. The biggest problem a commuter students faces regarding on-campus facilities is space to study." Because of jobs and families at home, she said, students need group study space on campus.

Kolar touched a responsive chord with lawmakers when she talked about faculty quality. "I've had several classes with a history professor who is a nationally recognized expert on the Holocaust. One of my political science professors worked in the Carter Administration, and another is renowned for his knowledge of Middle Eastern affairs.

"Even the adjunct professors at UM-D have impressive credentials," she said, citing District Judge William Runco (a former legislator) and Supreme Court Justice Conrad Mallett Jr.

"We are cost-conscious," Kolar said of the student body. "I'm a full-time student, I have a part-time job, and I received some financial aid."

UM-D Chancellor James C. Renick said his growing campus has remained "student centered" and focused on teaching. He called Engler's budget recommendation "an investment in our capacity to continue to respond to those needs."

"Our enrollment has reached a historic peak (8,200)," he said.

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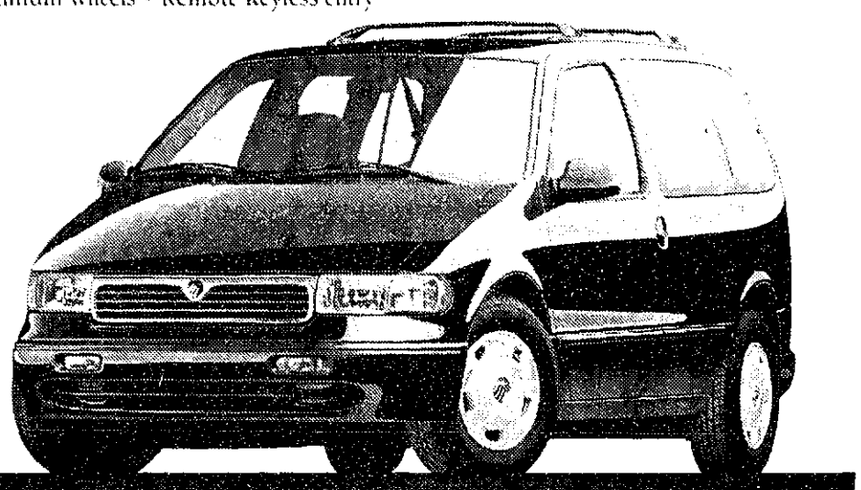

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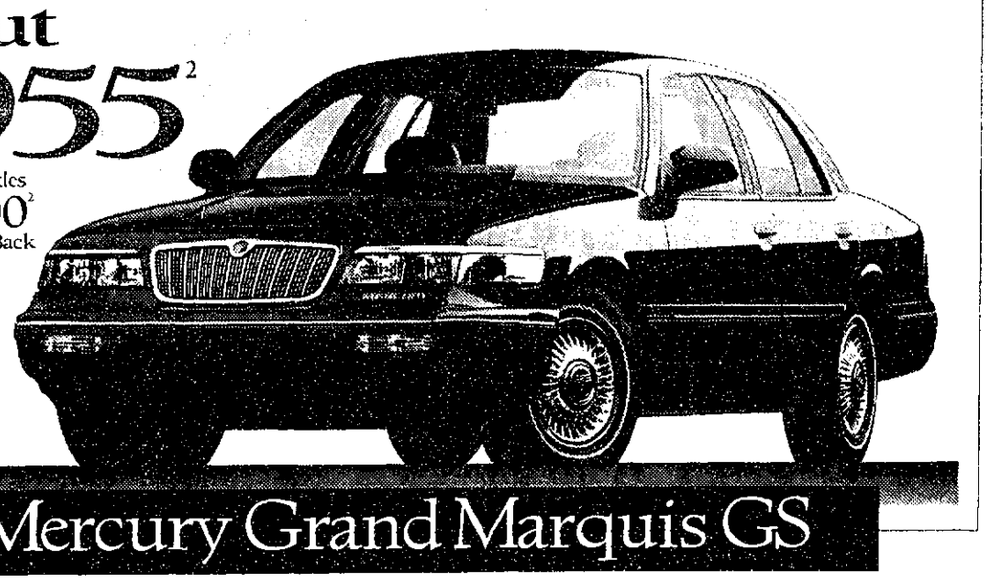

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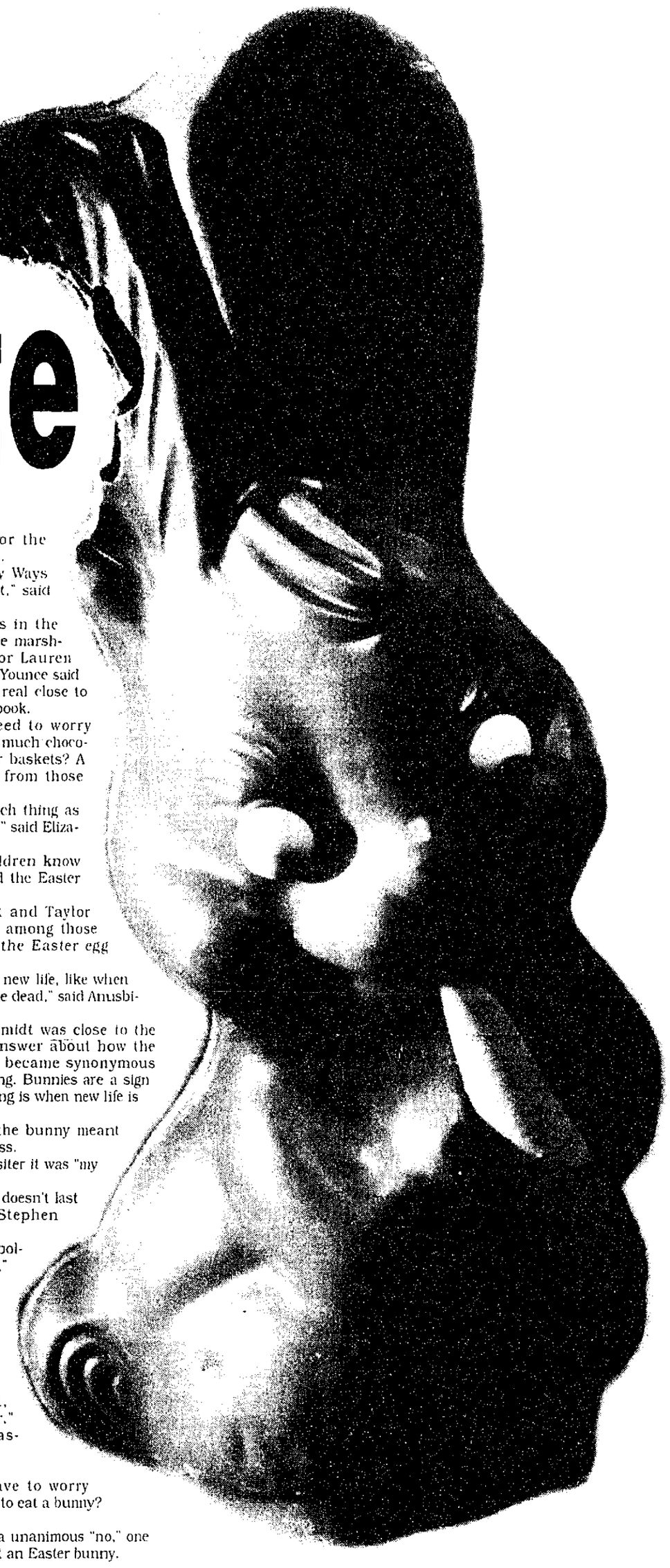

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Modern etiquette books are lacking in suggestions concerning the correct way to eat chocolate bunnies. Which leaves those who follow etiquette books in a bit of a quandary this time of year.

Is an Easter bunny finger food? Is the use of a fork and knife to carefully slice it into bite size pieces preferred?

Answers to these and other questions concerning the correct way to eat an Easter bunny are best left to those who know — children.

According to fourth and fifth grade students at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville, when it comes to the art of eating a chocolate bunny you're on your own.

Some start with the head, like Andrew Adams.

Those who prefer the ears include Nick Reilly, Katie Williams, Colleen Burke and Nicole Hicks.

"It doesn't matter which one because sometimes they're attached," said Peter Abdal.

The other end of the bunny is the way to go for Angela Hersey and Nick Pruitt who prefer to start with the feet.

A few, like Jennifer Burkhardt, Kevin Keuhn and Sheena Joychan, start in the middle and they have a logical reason for doing so.

"I start in the center so I'll have two extra pieces left," said Joychan.

"I eat it from a little bit lower than the stomach because it's the thickest. That's where all the chocolate is," said Nathan Rzeppa.

Andrew Adams doesn't have to decide where to begin.

"I smack it with a hammer first," he said.

"I start with the arms, so he can be Captain Hook," said Sean Nichols.

Another creative place to begin includes the tail, which is where Ali Smith starts. Marissa Hughes takes a bite out of the nose first while Angelica Muscat starts with the eyes. The back of the head is where it all begins for Katie Langan.

"I start from the neck to behead him," said Alex Wojcik.

"I like to suck on the chocolate till it sticks to my mouth and then I have to get a drink of water," said Laura Kempa.

Is a chocolate bunny best served at room temperature or chilled from the freezer? Most of the students prefer it at room temperature although a few like it chilled.

And then there's Tadas Kasputis.

"I wait until it melts," he said. "It takes me five days to eat it after it melts because it's real messy."

While a few students said they couldn't tell the difference between white and milk chocolate, almost all favor milk chocolate, with a definite preference for solid bunnies over hollow.

The length of time it takes to devour the bunny from beginning to end varies, too. An Easter bunny can take anywhere from one minute to a month to eat.

"One minute," said Gytis Mik. "My sister timed me last year."

"It takes me practically forever because I keep saving it," said Sheena Joychan.

For Tadas Kasputis and John Shefferly, the bunny's history in a matter of minutes.

"I eat my bunny in five minutes. That way my brothers and sister can't steal it," said Katie Hoeg.

Those in the two day category include Matthew Timco and Joe McIntyre. They methodically eat half the first day and half the second.

Danielle Rabahy makes his last a week.

"It takes about a week because if I eat it in one day I want more the next day," said Laura Sirgedas.

"I like to save it," said Leah Andersen who savors her bunny for two days.

"It takes two days because my mom doesn't want me to get a stomach ache," said Kate Clarke.

Mollie Kempa eats a little bit over three days.

Justin Ambrosi gobbles his down in about one minute and Ana Beerbower can devour her bunny in 20 minutes.

At the other end of the table is Sara Droze who is still nibbling on her bunny months after the last blade of grass has hit the garbage.

"I just don't like it that much," Droze said.

"I can't eat it all because I get too much," said Lauren Walsh.

Most students say that the hunt for the Easter basket can take anywhere from a few seconds to a few minutes.

Side orders that accompany a bunny include marshmallow chicks, cream filled chocolate and peanut butter eggs, and jelly beans.

What's the first thing to go? Almost all said the bunny.

The "sides" can wait.

Lauren Connolly however, likes to eat the cream filled eggs first while Lauren Harmer looks for the stuffed jelly beans.

"I eat my Milky Ways and Snickers first," said Kevin Kuehn.

Other favorites in the basket include the marshmallow chicks for Lauren Krozuk, while Jill Younce said jelly beans come real close to the bunny in her book.

Do parents need to worry about putting too much chocolate in the Easter baskets? A unanimous "no" from those who know.

"There is no such thing as not enough candy," said Elizabeth Sant.

How many children know the history behind the Easter egg and bunny?

Elizabeth Sant and Taylor Anusbigian were among those who knew what the Easter egg symbolized.

"The egg means new life, like when Jesus rose from the dead," said Anusbigian.

Megan Goldschmidt was close to the mark with her answer about how the chocolate bunny became synonymous with Easter - spring. Bunnies are a sign of fertility and spring is when new life is born.

Many thought the bunny meant peace and happiness.

For Michael Rossiter it was "my dessert."

"Something that doesn't last very long," was Stephen Bahra's answer.

The bunny symbolizes a cute animal," Katie Dallacqua said.

"The big fat furry thing that gives you candy," said Michael Hambell.

"My breakfast, lunch and dinner," added Joseph Sassaman.

Do you ever have to worry about being too old to eat a bunny?

The answer was a unanimous "no," one is never to old to eat an Easter bunny.

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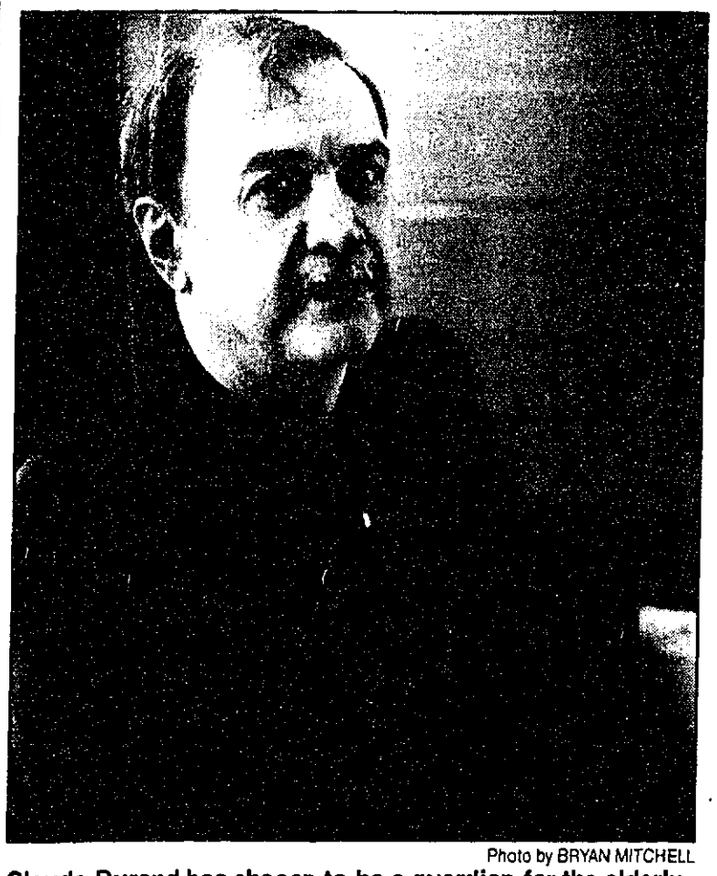

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Claude Durand has chosen to be a guardian for the elderly.

Guardianship program keeps Durand on duty

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

The volunteer job which Claude Durand has chosen for himself is that of checking on the quality of care given to a person under the guardianship of Probate Court.

Every month he receives a list of three persons to visit to determine whether they are treated well and their finances are in order. He could have asked for more than three but since he is still employed, he thought three was enough.

Those he visits may be in a private home or in a nursing home, but they each have no relative who is responsible for their well-being for such things as medical needs, shelter or food.

The ages of the people Durand has visited are between 65 and 95, and they are not necessarily senile. They just don't have the means to support themselves.

"Look," he said, "it's no crime to be poor." But these people do have to be taken care of.

He has an area near his home - an area consisting of Novi, Milford, Farmington and White Lake.

At first when he was accepted for the duty, he was put on hold for a month. Then he was sent out with another volunteer to work in a team of two. Then he was put on his own.

"You meet a lot of people," he said. "This is reality. You get older. You're healthy. But some people aren't so healthy."

One woman in her 90s, Durand said, was in good health and doing well, but she'd lost incentive to go on. She was waiting to die. So he tried to encourage her.

"I can help my fellow man. It doesn't cost me anything. It's not depressing. This is life."

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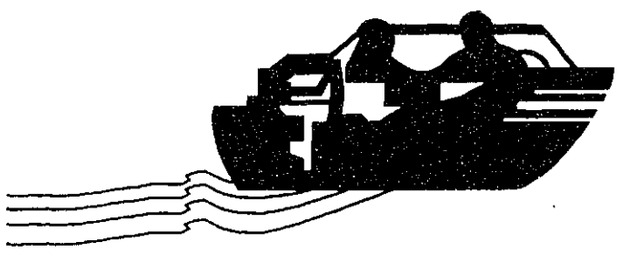

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Seniors flock to St. Pat's party

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Senior Center had a very successful St. Patrick Day lunch March 17. The program had record breaking attendance of over 70. The Novi Social Club also attended in lieu of their regularly scheduled potluck on the second Wednesday of the month; their next potluck is scheduled for April 10 at the Civic Center.

At a recent meeting, the quilting group was taped while working on quilts for the babies at the HAVEN. They recently donated 43 quilts to this organization and plan to do more. Quilting material is needed as are volunteers who can help cut material and do the actual quilting. For more information, call Jan McAlpine at 347-0414.

Free transportation to the Center is provided for seniors who wish to join the activities and stay for lunch. A return trip home is also provided by the van service. Reservations must be made for both lunch and transportation several days in advance.

The Pacific Rim seniors will be meeting at the Novi Center for a variety of projects made available by Yuping Yung and Mary Valente. The seniors are of Asian descent.

Tuesday, March 26 will be the monthly dance with a live band. Special guests enjoying the music and dancing will be seniors from the Whitehall Health Center accompanied by their director, Kathy Israel.

Please check the brochures available in the Center near the Parks and Recreation office for more information regarding future programs: Breakfast at Tiffany's the first part of April, call in for reservations; Pen Pal letters for Easter must be in at the Center by April 3; end-of-the-year party scheduled for May 15.

Novi Highlights

MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

The Women's Service Club enjoyed a Lenten salad luncheon at their last meeting while making plans for their annual rummage sale to be held April 18, 19 and 20.

A class for prospective members has started for those who wish to learn more about the church and congregationalism. Attendance is required to join the Meadowbrook Church.

New members will be received during Maundy Thursday worship on April 4. At that time, there will be a catered dinner at 6 p.m. and worship and communion at 7 p.m. In addition, the Confirmands will be confirmed.

The annual Palm Sunday pancake breakfast is scheduled for March 31 following worship; the cost will be $2 for children and $4.50 for adults. Breakfast will include juice, fruit cup, pancakes, sausages and beverages.

Plans are also being made to have Easter lilies and tulips in the meeting house on Easter Sunday for the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. A nursery will be provided at each service. Those who donate the plants can pick them up after the second Easter service or designate having them delivered to a shut-in.

Easter Sunday is also the day that everyone "springs ahead" for Daylight Savings Time.

Saturday, March 30 the Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 481, sponsored by Meadowbrook, will have a pop bottle and can drive. This will be a two-fold fund raiser. One, to participate in the "Sister to Every Scout" program – registered Girl Scouts' donation of national dues so a needy girl may join Girl Scouts; second, earn money to finance a trip to Mackinac Island during the summer of 1997. There will be an empty garbage can for returnable bottles and cans in the Fellowship Hall March 24-31.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Plans have been made for grades 1-6 for "something to do" during the spring break. A program will be held at the Orchard Hills gym from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. everyday and will be presented by Living Science Foundation. A safari will be taken each day to a different country such as North and South America, Africa, Australia and Asia.

Deadline for summer camp registration for grades 2-8 is Thursday, March 28. The program starts April 9 and 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The entire soccer staff will assist in the instruction.

Monday evening swim classes will begin on April 1 and continue for seven weeks. Also, a seven-week Wednesday night swim class will begin on April 3. Classes are available for all levels of swim and will be offered for adult beginners and adult advanced.

Open swim continues to be offered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Call 449-1296 for schedule changes and open swim time available during spring break.

Currently in session is Fitness for the '90s, ages 17 and up, which is being held at Novi High School in the new indoor track and weight machines area. Second session will start April 16.

Karate sessions are starting again for age 6-adults; discounts are available for additional family members. Karate will take place at Orchard Hills on Tuesdays, and at Novi Meadows on Tuesday and Thursday starting April 16.

Planning a Vacation seminars will conclude March 27 with "How to Travel for Free" with special discounts available to those in attendance. Elliott Travel and Tour will offer this presentation, the cost of which will be $13 or $10 for senior citizens.

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

The annual Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Breakfast was recently held at St. James Catholic Church. The program included a continental breakfast presented by the senior troop leaders, Janice Church, Neighborhood Service Unit Director, presented green angel pins to several people in the neighborhood who had given extra service throughout the year. Included in this presentation was troop leader Sherry Dingman, who not only helped on the Discovery Zone program but co-chaired the recent Sock Hop for the neighborhood; troup leader Genie Dupell who was in charge of registration this year for 532 Girl Scouts in the Novi area, their leaders and committee people; to Mary Reichel, troop organizer at Novi Woods for two years and who chaired last year's plant and grow program. Also recognized for their service was Maria Caruso for her work as calendar/nut manager; to Jeri Sunisloe for working with the older girls and for the many neighborhood programs she organized successfully; and to Sally Collins for her outstanding volunteer work as neighborhood cookie manager for the newsletter.

Marie Tinzini of Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council presented Janice Church with a gift for her work in the Novi Neighborhood. The Novi Neighborhood is the second largest neighborhood in the Council, Livonia is the largest with 536 girls.

Troop No. 2310 of Orchard Hills School, under the direction of Chrys Kohl, Genie Dupell and Sue Olkowski, went to Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth while earning their Manners Badge. They have also been to the Marquis Theater to see *The Wizard of Oz*.

Recently held was the investiture and rededication with parents present as girls were presented with badges earned since September.

Future plans include Hands-On Museum in Ann Arbor scheduled for Friday, March 29; at a later date, the Holiday Inn splash program for an overnight; and will finish up with a picnic on June 9.

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

Artists sought for exhibition

Oakland Community College's Womencenter announces a call for entries for the 10th annual spring art exhibition – "Our Visions: Women in Art."

Entries will be accepted from artists nationwide in two categories: visual art and poetry. Deadline for entries is April 1. The exhibition will be held at the college's Smith Gallery of the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills May 8-June 14.

For an entry form or more information call OCC's Womencenter at (810) 471-7602 or write to: Womencenter, Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Visual artists are asked to submit slides of their work for jurying. Once selections have been made, the works will be juried for cash prizes. Visual art from any medium (excluding jewelry) will be accepted for jurying. Best of Show award includes a cash stipend of $600. Other cash prizes will also be awarded. All artists will be recognized at an awards reception and open house on May 16 at 7 p.m. in the Wallace Smith Gallery.

Jurors of the visual art category are Marion (Mame) Jackson and Susanna Linburg. Jackson is an associate professor and chair of the department of art at Wayne State University. She holds a M.A. and Ph.D. in art history from University of Michigan. Before moving to Detroit, Jackson was on the faculty at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada.

Susanna Linburg is a sculptor. A professor of fine arts at the Center for Creative Studies from 1962-91, Linburg holds a MFA from Wayne State and received a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship to Slade School of Fine Arts in London, England. Her selected public collections include The American Academy in Rome, Detroit Institute of Arts and Osaka University of the Arts in Japan.

The poetry portion of the exhibition will be juried by local writer Dorinda Ares. Ares is the coordinator of the Literary Arts Festival for the Detroit Festival of the Arts and is the founder and editor of *Triage* magazine and Triage Press.

Ares is also a creative and literary consultant for several Detroit high school literary magazines.

Training for new hospice volunteers to begin soon

Hospice of Michigan is recruiting companionship, patient/family care and office support volunteers. Volunteers are a valuable part of the Hospice team, providing a variety of services for patients and families as well as vital community relations support. Most of all, volunteers are friends for patients and families at a time when their lives may be filled with stress and fear.

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Church Notes

The 1996 Fine Arts Series begins at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street in Northville, with Paul Sullivan, pianist and composer, on March 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $6, $5, and $15 for adults, students and seniors, and families, respectively.

Season tickets are now available for the 1996 Fine Arts Series which includes Sullivan's performance, Detroit Brass Society on Nov. 3 and *Messiah* on Dec. 8. Season tickets are $22 for adults, $17 for seniors and students, and $58 for families (four persons).

The Adult Life Committee is sponsoring a women's retreat on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the church. The topic is "Woman to Woman in Search of Fulfillment," with guest speaker Luan Jackson and music by Kelly Williams. The cost is $32 before April 18 and $35 at the door. Continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and notebook are included. Partial scholarships are available.

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

Three vans full of baby items which were collected during the Lenten Giving Crib at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville. The donations included 90 packages of diapers and wipes, as well as several snowsuits, six umbrella strollers, three baby carriers, a crib, numerous sleepers, bottle, lotion, outfits, etc. which were delivered to the Salvation Army-Denby Center in northwest Detroit.

For more information, call 349-2621

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, will present "The Fourth Wiseman" on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 31, at 4 and 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call (810) 348-9030.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, presents a Parenting Support Group on Thursday, March 21 and 28. The topic will be "Nutrition and Kids" presented by Margaret Lightner, a registered dietitian. The public is welcome.

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

An alternative, non-traditional worship service continues on Sunday at 11 a.m. at **NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH** which worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, on the square in downtown Plymouth. On March 24, a video titled *The Last Leaf* which spotlights Art Carney in a film parable that has strong Lenten and Easter themes based on a story by O. Henry will be shown.

The traditional service with Holy Communion – based on the *Lutheran Book of Worship* – moves to 8:30 a.m. with youth and adult education starting at 9:45 a.m. The adult class is studying the parables of Jesus.

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

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI, 45301 West Eleven Mile Road at Taft, has a new time and name for Sunday morning services. The Family Praise and Celebration Service will take place from 9 until 9:45 a.m.

As the name implies, the family will worship together at this service. There will be group singing, special music, drama and messages from God's Word that will be spiritually uplifting and entertaining. Casual dress will be allowed.

Immediately following the 9 a.m. service, regular Sunday School will be held from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m.

A traditional worship service will be held from 11 a.m. until noon. A nursery is available at both services should children get fussy.

For more information, call Pastor Gary F. Elfner at (810) 349-3477.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 481, which is sponsored by **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold a pop bottle and can drive on Saturday, March 30, to raise funds for two projects.

The first project is the "Sister to Every Scout" program which will help raise funds to sponsor needy Girl Scouts. The Cadettes will sponsor each girl in Troop 481.

The second project is to help finance a trip to Mackinac Island which is planned for the summer.

An empty garbage can will be placed in Fellowship Hall from March 24 through 31 for donations of empty returnable pop cans or bottles.

For more information, call the church office at 348-7757.

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

Grand opening symbolic of new life

New Song Community Church is hosting a grand opening celebration on Easter Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a one-hour service.

New Song will be meeting at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck road. The Easter celebration will include contemporary music, drama, a special gift for the kids, and a special Easter message, "Love of Another Kind," by Pastor Brent Hanson. A nursery and children's program will be provided.

New Song is a church for those who've given up on church. The messages, music, and drama are specifically designed to meet people where they are in their everyday lives. They present contemporary and creative messages to reach a generation in need of a practical approach to living, helping them to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

New Song began as a vision in the minds of Brent and Debi Hanson nearly two years ago. Their heart is to create a church where people can meet God, meet friends, and make a difference in their world. "We try to make church an interesting, rewarding experience for the whole family," say the Hansons. "When you visit New Song Community Church, we don't ask you to say anything, or join anything. We welcome you just as you are. We particularly welcome those who have turned away from traditional churches. Our service is informal. Come casual or dressed up. There are no strings attached when you attend. Come and see for yourself and discover the difference."

Brent Hanson and Dave Chatel are collaborating together to produce the music and drama for this new church. They worked together formerly at Fairlane Assembly of God in Dearborn Heights. It was there that they wrote Easter and Christmas musical/dramas that saw crowds numbering 8,000-10,000. It was from this basis that the whole idea of creating a church that used music and drama as a major part of its message began. They now present a message through music and drama that makes God real in people's everyday lives.

For more information, call the church office at (810) 926-1512.

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Performing in Sound of Music at Mercy High School on March 22, 23 and 24 are from left, Novi residents and Mercy students Stacey White, Sharyn Sanderson, and Dana Begnoche.

Students cast in *Sound of Music*

Cristine Price

Mercy High School, a Catholic College Preparatory School for Young Women located in Farmington Hills, announces its production of *The Sound of Music*, Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m.

Northville resident Christine Price, a 9th grader, has been cast as Brigitta while Stephanie Quay, a 12th grader will be playing the role of the Baroness Eberfeld as well as a dancer.

Also in the production from Northville are Mercy High School students Mandy Coklow (nun's chorus) 10th grade and Adrienne Frogner-Howell (nun's chorus) 10th grade. Novi performers include Dana Begnoche (nun's chorus) 10th grade; Sharyn Sanderson (nun's chorus and dancer) 12th grade; and Stacey White (nun's chorus) 11th grade.

Boys from seven high schools and colleges and younger children from several area elementary schools will join the Mercy students in the school's performance of the landmark Rodgers and Hammerstein musical at the school's Rosemary Clooney Auditorium, located at Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills.

Advance ticket sales run through March 22 for general admission. Information is available at (810) 476-8020 ext. 223.

Adult tickets are $8, students and children $6. Special rates are available for groups of seniors (10 or more).

Reunions

MACKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL: Classes of January and June, 1946, 50th reunion on Sept. 21 at the Novi Hilton in Novi. Call Donna Fairful White at (810) 348-2375 or write to her at 19440 Cardeme, Northville, MI 48167.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1976, 20-year reunion, Aug. 10. Call Nancy (Bruce) Morris at (810) 348-8704 or Leigh (Tarczy) Guzowski at (313) 525-7068.

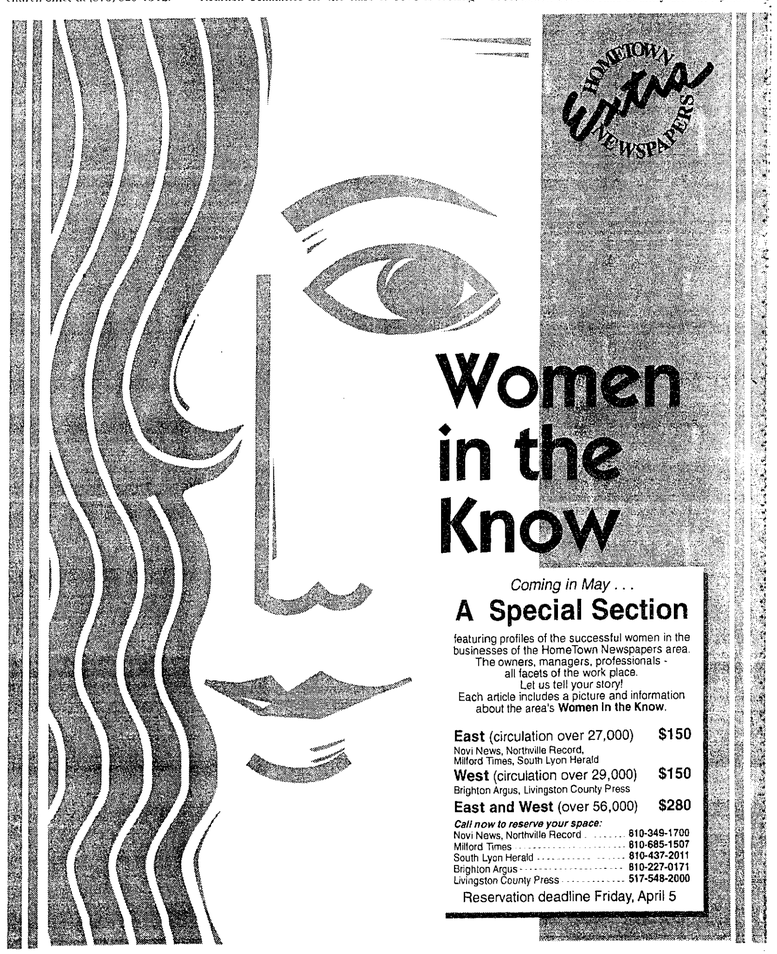
LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: The Reunion Committee for the class of 1976 is looking for classmates for a 20-year reunion.

If you know the address of anyone from that class, call Kathy at (517) 546-4157.

The following reunions are being planned by Class Reunions Plus (313) 886-0770:

MILFORD LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1985, March 30, Brentwood Golf and Country Club, White Lake.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1985, March 30, Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



Forum focuses on vitality for diabetics

The focus will be on vitality at this year's "Diabetes V.I.P. (Very Informed Person) Day," hosted by Botsford General Hospital, on Saturday, March 23.

The day-long forum, which is being offered to individuals diagnosed with diabetes and those with whom they share their lives, will feature informative sessions focusing on how to take control of diabetes and live a more active, enjoyable life.

Exercise physiologist Tim Maynard will give the Diabetes V.I.P. Day keynote address and suggest ways of how people with diabetes can get motivated to start and maintain a healthy and fun exercise program.

The day-long gathering will feature sessions led by Botsford health professionals on a variety of topics, including: medical therapies for the '90s; heart health and nutrition; attitudinal healing; choosing the exercise equipment that's right for you; footcare and footwear with diabetes; exercise snacks; and exercise strategies for people who have physical imitations.

"We're pleased to be hosting the second annual Diabetes V.I.P. Day," said Deborah Orloff-Davidson, R.N., director of Health Development Network. "The focus this year is not just living with diabetes, but living with gusto. Having diabetes doesn't mean that an active, fun-filled lifestyle is out of reach, it just means that you need some strategies in place. That's where Diabetes V.I.P. Day can help."

Support for the program is provided by Health Development Network at Botsford General Hospital, which coordinates the diabetes education program, and ElderMed at Botsford.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's Zieger Center, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. The registration fee of $25 per person includes lunch, refreshments and a variety of displays. Space is limited, so preregistration is required. More information and registration can be obtained by calling (810) 477-6100.

Botsford General Hospital is affiliated with the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Single Place will meet for dinner at Sundowner followed by a presentation at the church at 7:30 p.m. by Tom Borg on "How to Market Yourself" or an open forum on "What Can We Do Next" with facilitator Howard Layson. The cost is $4.

Sports activities coming up include bowling evenings on April 5 and 19 at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads; and volleyball on April 12 and 26 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.

Upcoming workshops include "Why We Choose the Wrong Person" with Ron Papa, M.A., L.L.P., on three Thursday evenings, April 11, 18, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $24 with advance registration, or $28 at the door.

A golf league begins Friday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The spring edition of social ballroom dancing begins on March 31 and continues for five Sunday evenings through May 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Williams Room of the church. The cost is $35.

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

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

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds 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 350 activities per year.

Co-ed golf and softball leagues are now forming. Both leagues will start the beginning of May.

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.

PARENT WITHOUT PARTNERS INC., an international non-profit, non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children, meets every second Friday of the month in the small banquet room at 300 Bowl at 100 South Cass Lake Road in Waterford.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. with orientation for those interested in joining at 7:45 p.m. The cost is $3 but admission is free to those who attend orientation.

For more information, call (810) 975-6242.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT, for single Catholics age 21 and older who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

For more information, call (810) 247-8426.

Send Singles information to The Northville Record *and* The Novi News.

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Pastor Daniel Cave
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Wed 7pm Lenten Vesper Service

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Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James F. Cronk, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
217 N. Wing 348-1020
Rev. Stephen Sparks, Pastor
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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
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Holy Days 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Father John Bucko, Pastor
Father Andrew Tomalko, Assoc. Pastor
Parish Office: 349-8847

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21260 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600
(between 8 & 9 Mile Rds. near Novi Hilton)
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Evening Celebration 6:00 pm
(Nursery provided)
Holland Lewis, Pastor

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SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.
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Speaker to address adult issues at weekend fair

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Giving adults information they can use in all areas of their lives is the goal of Andy Morgan, the keynote speaker at the Single Place Fourth Annual Singles Fair set for March 29 and 30.

"The key word is 'adult,'" said Morgan, former minister of single adults at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia. "We need to focus on adult issues that relate to singles.

"In our culture singles are tired of being singled out and they don't want to go and hear someone talk about singleness," said Morgan. "They want to hear someone talk about adulthood."

Five of the most comprehensive and thought-provoking issues relating to issues of concern to adult singles, will be divided between a morning and an afternoon session. Morning sessions include "Intimacy" with Dr. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.; "Making Love: A Way of Life," with Diane Szymanski.

"Intimacy is a word that is used a lot with a variety of different meanings," Morgan said. "There are a lot of misunderstood concepts surrounding the word and relationships. We are going to spend the time talking about the infrastructure that is created in all of us to develop intimacy and relationships and what are some of the barriers to establishing intimacy."

Choices for the afternoon are "Mastering the Delicate Art of Intimacy" with Libby Thomas, Ph.D.; "Tools for Finding Your Passion in Life" with Patricia Cook, M.S.W.; and "Being Crime Wise" with Dave Fondelet of the Northville Police Department.

"Singleness may last for a short season so whatever they [attendees] hear, they don't want to hear something that will help them through the short season but a core issue that will last them a lifetime," Morgan said. "You have to give a person a principle that will last a lifetime regardless of what season they are in, widowhood, marriage, or singleness."

Saturday evening's dinner-dance, "We Dare You to Dance, the Adventure," will be held at the Masonic Temple of Plymouth, located in the heart of downtown Plymouth. Dinner is made to order for appetites with baked chicken, meatballs, vegetables, salad, mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee and dessert.

The evening's DJ is Louie "Mike" Howard, who is also a traffic reporter for a local radio station. Howard will play oldies of the '50s through the '80s and country western music of the '90s.

"The problem with most ministries is that we segment them so that we have marriage encounter, bereavement groups, etc.," said Morgan, now minister of singles and administration at Christ Church of Oak Brook in Illinois. "The reality is that we are talking to adults and the same basics needs of significance, for intimacy, etc., are adult issues."

The cost for the reception on Friday is $8 in advance, $9 at the door. Saturday's Single's Fair is $22 in advance and $25 at the door. The dinner-dance is priced at $15 and registration must be received by March 27. The cost for the dance only is $10 at the door and $8 in advance.

Complimentary child care is available for the fair only.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 200 East Main Street in downtown Northville.

For additional information, call (810) 349-0911.

Volunteers bring in new loot for auction benefit

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is expecting another sell-out year for its annual charity auction "A Night to Remember." The fourth annual charity auction to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton.

Over 400 people are expected to attend this year's auction. The event offers a silent auction and raffles, and also features an exciting live auction. Major sponsors of this year's event are Stanley Steemer International and Heslop's.

Robbie Timmons, WZYX-TV/Channel 7 news anchor, is the 1996 Honorary Chairperson. Timmons is co-anchor of Action News Midday with Erik Smith and at 5 p.m. with Frank Turner.

New items on the auction block this year include a Red Wing signed jersey; use of several vehicles; tickets to a Neil Diamond performance with chauffeured limo service to and from the Palace of Auburn Hills; Pistons ticket in a suite at the Palace; gift certificates from furniture stores in the area; a three-night stay at Harvey's Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada; a two-night stay at the Flamingo in Las Vegas including air fare; a three-night stay at Laughlin Resort in Nevada which also includes air fare; a $500 gift certificate from Swan Hotel at Disney World in Orlando; and several weekend packages at hotels in Chicago which include travel vouchers.

A limited number of tickets priced at $45 per person are still available. An elegant sit down dinner and dancing to the Jerry McKenzie Sound Crew are included.

Other auction items gathered by volunteers include a two night stay in an ocean view room at the Inn at Laguna in California, an autographed hockey stick from Keith Primeau, a mystery shopping spree from Twelve Oaks Mall, a two carat diamond tennis bracelet from The Diamond Castle in Novi, and numerous other weekend packages to Chicago, Winnipeg, and Florida, according to Chamber President Connie Mallett.

Tickets are available at the chamber office in person or by calling (810) 349-3743.

"Our goal is to raise $30,000," said event chairman Diane Risko, of Brady's Food & Spirits. "The funds we raise will not only help continue Chamber sponsored community programs, but a sizable portion of the proceeds will be given to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit, whose mission is to involve supportive volunteer adults as role models for children in need from single parents and families."

Noontime concert open to public

Jason Vieaux, a young guitarist who has been hailed as "an unusually promising newcomer," will perform at Schoolcraft College in a free noontime concert Wednesday, March 27. The program will include works by Bach, Britten and Regondi.

Vieaux made his concert debut with the Cleveland Orchestra after winning the prestigious 1992 Guitar Foundation of America International Competition. He has completed a 53-city solo recital tour of the United States and France and a tour of seven Southeast Asian countries as a United States artistic ambassador for 1995.

He has a debut recording of solo works by Bach, Ponce, Regondi, Brouwer and Morel and a new CD of 20th century Latin American music, *Soundboard Magazine* called Vieaux "close to perfection ... with a maturity, confidence, emotion and virtuosity which belie his youth."

Vieaux will perform in the Forum recital hall from noon to 1 p.m. There are no reservations for the free concert. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile.

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Bronte is here

The Novi Theatres' Performance Plus presents Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre* featuring Hilberry actor David Haig in the male lead, Edward Rochester, on March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. and on March 31 at 3 p.m.

The classic novel has been adapted for stage by Willis Hall.

"We have stayed with his adaptation 100 percent," said Linda Wickert, director. "We haven't made any changes at all. It is true to form."

While having retained all the familiar passionate qualities of the novel, Hall has managed, with a minimum of fuss, to successfully transpose the nineteenth century world of Jane Eyre to the stage, according to Wickert.

"Hall uses a group of narrators to provide the mortar of the story," she said.

With the passage of narration broken up and shared by the company of actors, the tale of a penniless, plain girl becomes a work of great emotional force in the complete stage adaptation of the classic novel, Wickert concluded.

The cast list for *Jane Eyre* from Northville and Novi include Erika Alpert, Lindsay Anau, Ellen Cynar, Nicole D'Avanzo, Jessica Davis, Charlie Decoster, Laura Decoster, Kym Edge, Shoshana Glick, Sarah Hamilton, Katie Johnson, Jessie Jones, Kirk Jones, Matt Kardell, Nathan Mitchell, Nick Nerio, Pat Seymour, Lauren Sorrentino and Kristy Vermillion.

Alia Olori-Mensa of Plymouth is the assistant director.

"As we do with every show, we put a great deal of attention to detail," Wickert said.

Costuming alone has taken five weeks working every day.

Some costumes are rented from Hilberry while other have been made, donated or redesigned from previous costumes.

Haig recently gave an acting workshop for the Performance Plus group of actors who are from many school districts and range in age from 12 on up.

Tickets for *Jane Eyre* are on available now by calling the Novi Civic Center Stage at (810) 347-0400.

Photo by WARREN LEDGER

Performance Plus actors appearing in *Jane Eyre* from left are Mary Stock, Lauren Sorrentino and Shoshana Glick.

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.*

AUDITIONS

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: Auditions for the musical "Little Red Riding Hood" for children ages 8 to 18 will be held on March 30 at the Marquis Theatre starting at 6 p.m.

This is a Marquis Theatre children production cast with children only. There are many speaking parts available.

For the audition children should prepare a poem to recite.

The show opens May 10 and plays weekends and on three school days through June 15.

The Marquis Theatre is a professional children's theatre located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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For ticket information, call the Novi Civic Center Stage at (810) 347-0400.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances which are held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

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

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of *Pinocchio*, the musical adaptation of the story of how a wooden puppet – lovingly hand-carved by Gipetto the toy maker – becomes a real live boy, run through April 28.

Performance dates are March 23, 24, 30 and 31, and April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. During spring break, weekday performances will be held April 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $6.50. Children under 3 and a half will not be admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main Street in downtown Northville.

For more information, call 349-8110.

DORE PRODUCTIONS: Dore Productions of Northville presents an evening of murder-mystery theater once a month at the Water Club Seafood Grill located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one quarter mile east of I-275. Call (313) 454-0666.

A Fireside Chat with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone are presented once a month at the Botsford Inn located at 28000 Grand River in Farmington. Call (313) 474-4800.

MUSIC

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILL: Classic Productions and Joseph A. Nahra Enterprises will present Johnny Ginger, Marv Welch and a special guest star on March 22 at Timbers, which is the home of "Bananas" Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday, March 22. Doors open at 8 p.m. Shows are at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are $8.

For reserved seating and additional information call (810) 476-1940.

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 March the featured act will be the Wilbert Peagler Jazz Trio with 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.

Upcoming performances include: Michael King, composer and songwriter, on March 21, 28 and 29; Michael Fischer on March 25; Christa Grix, harpist, on March 26; jazz with Gary Cooper on March 22 and 23; Brad Dase on March 27 and Melissa McLaine on March 30.

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

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

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

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing 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.

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

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

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

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

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.

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

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a vast array of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

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

ART

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other gallery owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call 474-8306 for more information.

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.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

NEARBY

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96, include: "Dreaming With Your Eyes Open" film series with Dr. Marvin Hyman on March 21 at 7 p.m.; Righteous Willy Acoustic on March 22 at 7 p.m.; Kids Gardening Day on March 23 at 11 a.m.; Internet Demonstration with David Berger on March 24 at 1 and 2:45 p.m.; and a knitting circle with Allene Boughton on March 24 at 7 p.m.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

COMEDY/MYSTERY NIGHT: Entertaining People will present an audience interactive approach to dinner theater on Saturday, March 30, at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

Cast members will mingle with the audience to weave tales of suspense, intrigue and craziness beginning with "A Deadly Development," which is a comical look at commercial development and how it effects the environment and "our tiny little wetland creatures."

Tickets are $19.95 per person and include dinner.

Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. Show time is 7:15 p.m.

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READER MOVIE REVIEWS

BEFORE AND AFTER
BY HELAINE BINSTOCK
NOVI

With Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson in starring roles, it's got to be great. Right? Wrong!

"Before and After" wastes the talents of these two fine actors. Liam Neeson goes over the wall, seemingly over-acting in a futile attempt to save this flop. Nothing will help. Meryl Streep is wonderful as usual, but why she agreed to perform such a bad script is a mystery.

The main problem with "Before and After" is that it never gets focused. The writing doesn't know where it wants to go.

Streep and Neeson are parents of a teenager charged with murdering his girlfriend. Following the homicide, he disappears, convincing his angry father of his guilt. The residents of their small town demonstrate that they, too, suspect him, even before any actual details come forward. The film is entirely unreal!

Especially miscast was the teenager, a whiny character, unconvincing as someone who'd have a girlfriend, let alone even want one. Had the film proceeded along those lines, the story could have had some substance.

I often suggest people wait for mediocre films to be released on video. On this one, save your time and money.

CLUELESS
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

They're rich, popular, beautiful and totally clueless. The movie is pointless. Still, "Clueless" will make you laugh, and I recommend it.

"Clueless" stars Alicia Silverstone ("The Crush" & the Aerosmith videos "Cryin," "Amazing," and "Crazy") as Cher, a spoiled, selfish, gorgeous Beverly Hills brat. (She has her own Jeep, even though she can't drive yet since she's only 15.)

But Cher has one quality that makes her stand out from her classmates. She can make-over anyone and turn them into a show stopper.

Whether it's her "bogus" teachers or a new girl with "no sense of fashion direction whatsoever," Cher will find their better qualities and make them shine.

But soon Cher realizes everyone has a "significant other" except her, and no matter how hard she tries, she can't find a boyfriend.

But that's because love's staring Cher right in the face in the last place she'd look...

Her home.

'Clueless' receives four stars out of five. It's humorous, but also pointless and somewhat unbelievable. Still, it's cute and a good film to see.

LEAVING LAS VEGAS
BY DR. GAIL MAJCHER
NORTHVILLE

It is apparent why this movie was the winner of the Golden Globe award for the best actor. Nicholas Cage gives an amazingly realistic portrayal of an alcoholic whose primary goal is to drink himself to death. He gives up everything to move to Las Vegas to accomplish this mission.

Once there he meets a prostitute played believably by Elisabeth Shue. A genuine relationship of caring begins to develop between *them although it reeks of their two* damaged souls. So the movie gives the viewer a realistic view of the very dark side of life which includes substance abuse and prostitution. Is this what we want to see when we go out for the evening? Isn't there enough of this kind of pain to deal with in everyday *life without going* to the movies to watch it? Alcoholism has painfully scarred most of the lives of the people in the country, it is not a pretty sight to behold. So why is there a need to create a movie which puts the agony in front of our eyes on the big screen? Is the acting excellent? Yes, but do we really want to spend our time watching it and walking away feeling sad about the dark side of life?

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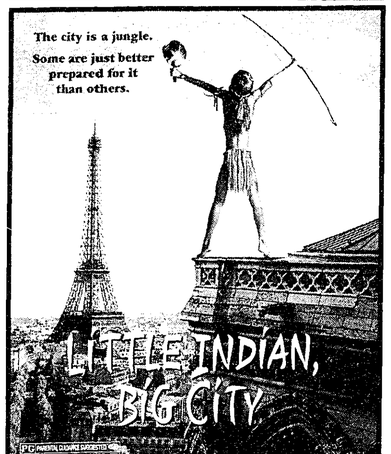

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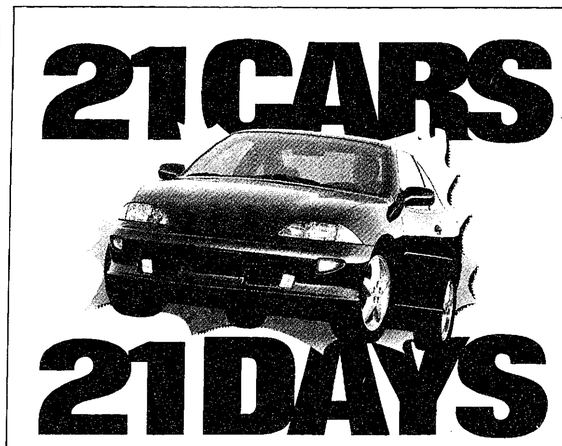

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MAKE HER LAUGH?
SWF, 21, intellectual, fun, humorous, student, enjoys socializing, watching NFL games, reading, writing, seeking SM, for dating, fun, maybe more. Ad# 2237

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWF, 22, 5'5", 115lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, nightclubs, staying home, seeking honest, sincere SWM, 22-30, marriage-minded. Ad# 1957

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
SWF, 22, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, camping, travel, bowling, outdoors, dancing, cooking, seeks SWM, 21-30, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 7301

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
SW mom of two, 23, 5'4", 132lbs., seeks easygoing, talkative SM, who enjoys conversation, great outdoors, cuddling on the couch, for friendship and companionship, maybe more. Ad# 1234

CARING CATHOLIC
SWF, 24, health-conscious, enjoys the outdoors, nature, walking out, going to church on Sundays, seeking M, for friendship, to experience new things together, possibly a relationship to follow. Ad# 1971

IS THIS YOU?
DWF, 25, 5'9", 120lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mom of two, enjoys family activities, hockey, Harleys, dancing, seeking secure, attractive, medium-built SM, to share interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 1970

FUN AT THE FARM
SW mom, 26, 5'3", 94lbs., brown hair, green eyes, likes nature walks, quilt making, gardening, dancing, cooking, romance, seeking SM, 27-33, who likes little children, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 8249

SHARING LIFE'S DREAM
SWF, 29, professional, enjoys rollerblading, volleyball, barbecues, darts, billiards, dining out, seeking motivated, yet easygoing SM, to share interests, possible relationship. Ad# 3579

ALL LOVE HOCKEY
DWF, 30, 4'10", 210lbs., full-figured, mom, loves dining out, most sports, pizza in front of the fireplace, seeking N/S, social drinking SM, 30-40, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 9420

CALL HER!
SWF, 30, enjoys dancing, dining out, most outdoor activities, seeks SM, any age, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 3333

IF INTERESTED, CALL!
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BE HER FRIEND
DW mom, 33, 5'8", family-oriented, N/S, enjoys children, gardening, old movies, music, motorcycles, biking, pets, housework, seeking romantic SWM. Ad# 5553

BIG-HEARTED
DW mom, 34, 5'1", 165lbs., dark hair, N/S, social drinker, enjoys auto racing, sports, her son, camping, skiing, horseback riding, home life, seeking active, easygoing, fun-loving SM, N/S. Ad# 2352

TALKATIVE MOM
SW mom, 34, outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys children, the new people, having a good time, seeking SM, with similar interests. Ad# 1013

SEEKING A PAL
SWF, 35, attractive, honest, affectionate, active, likes nature, church, music, concerts, hiking, seeking healthy, active SM, who likes walking out, pets, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 8443

CARING PROTESTANT
SWCF, 36, 5'8", 130lb., 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

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

LOOKS TWENTY-FIVE
DWF, 30's, 5'8", slim, attractive, independent, hardworking, likes music, slow dancing, laughing, movies, seeking tall, dark, handsome, hardworking SWM. Ad# 6431

CHILDREN ARE A PLUS
SW mom, 38, 5'6", 160lbs., auburn hair, gray eyes, office worker, likes cooking, trips, hot tubs, refinishing furniture, romance, seeking DM, 30-35, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 2219

METHODIST CHURCH MEMBER
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# 5063

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
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

VERY PETITE LADY
DWF, 40, big blue eyes, blonde hair, professional, enjoys outdoors, theatre, dining out, plays, seeking positive SM, kind, sensitive, nurturing, good listener & conversationalist, with God first in his life. Ad# 5101

WORKS AFTERNOONS
SWF 40, enjoys doing things for other people, seeks SCM, with similar values, who enjoys long slow walks in the park, zoos, music, quiet times together, stimulating conversation, for possible relationship. Ad# 4842

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
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METHODIST
DWF, 42, 5'3", athletic, enjoys church, sailing, sports, traveling, the outdoors, seeking educated, friendly SM, for friendship, similar interests. Ad# 8216

ACTIVE LADY
SWF, 42, 5'6", 115lbs., attractive, athletic, outgoing, easygoing, enjoys sports, a variety of other interests, seeking employed, outgoing, active SM. Ad# 4545

FEELS LIKE TWENTY-THREE
SWF, 42, 5'2", sandy-blonde hair, hazel/blue eyes, petite, attractive, down-to-earth, open-minded, enjoys music, dancing, star gazing, outdoors, animals, seeking generous, compassionate SM, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 5373

AVERAGE NICE GUY?
DWF, 42, average looks/weight, professional, enjoys walks, bowling, biking, quiet nights at home, seeking fun SM, for companionship. Ad# 3267

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

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
DWCF, 43, 5'5", 150lbs., dark hair/eyes, humorous, enjoys bowling, sports, playing cards, theatre, dining out, seeking SM, with similar interests, for dating. Ad# 1952

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 43, 5'4", medium build, enjoys bowling, quiet times at home, and much more, seeking honest, caring SM, similar interests, who wants to feel special. Ad# 3485

CRAZY ABOUT FISHING
DW mom, 44, 5'5", reddish-blonde hair, hazel eyes, N/S, non-drinker, drug-free, loves children, animals, camping, nature, seeking sincere, honest, kind SM, for new experiences. Ad# 1951

FRIENDS FIRST
SWCF, 44, 5'4", weight proportionate, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks strong SCM, for friendship, dating, and possible relationship. Ad# 3232

JUST GETTING STARTED
DWF, 46, 5'1", 115lbs., enjoys dining out, travel, horseback riding, boating, seeking SM, no games, to share fun, possible future relationship. Ad# 1012

LIVES IN BRIGHTON
SWF, 46, 5'5", N/S, non-drinker, no kids, loves the outdoors, seeking gentleman, N/S, non-drinker, friendship first. Ad# 1036

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GIVE HER A CALL
DWF, 50, 5'2", height/weight-proportionate, enjoys outdoor activities, skiing, skating, fishing, boating, long walks, biking, seeking SM, for friendship. Ad# 6260

FAMILY VALUES
SWF, 50, 5'4", 140lbs., easygoing, honest, humorous, enjoys children, music, dancing, traveling, animals, seeking SM, similar interests. Ad# 5678

SPARKLING PERSONALITY
DWF, 50, 5'2", 150lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, energetic, romantic, aggressive, N/S, social drinker, family-oriented, enjoys pets, dining, dancing, boating, seeking outgoing, open-minded, educated M, N/S, social drinker. Ad# 2468

WEEKENDS UP NORTH
SWF, 50, 5'4", blonde, heavyset, humorous, N/S, professional, likes photography, hiking, camping, scuba diving, skiing, dancing, music, travel, seeking warm, open, active SM, for companionship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Ad# 1146

INTERESTING, ARTICULATE
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AFFECTIONATE LADY
SWF, 53, 5'2", blonde-hair, upbeat, humorous, caring, enjoys dancing, camping, dining out, movies, walking, sports, seeking active SWM, in his 50's, similar interests. Ad# 3226

TALK THE NIGHT AWAY
WWWF, 55, N/S, loves animals, dancing, long walks, picnics, water sports, cuddling in front of a fireplace, seeking honest, secure, committed SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 7958

HOPES TO GET TOGETHER
WWWF, 56, younger-looking, likes theater, camping, rollerblading, skiing, church, travel, things with grandchildren, seeking SCM, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 5139

SHARE LIFE'S INTERESTS
WWWF, 57, 5'2", reddish hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, reading, PBS, cuddling in front of a fireplace, the water, quiet times, seeks financially & emotionally secure SM, 55-66. Ad# 1938

LIKE TO HAVE COFFEE, TALK?
WWWF, 59, 5'7", average build, likes music, gardening, playing piano, good conversation, travel, seeking sincere, stable, intelligent, humorous SCM, for companionship. Ad# 7236

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SWCF, 59, 5'3", loves the Lord, seeks kind, humorous SCM, who likes children, with home living at home, for kind and good relationship. Ad# 1945

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SWF, young 59, N/S, non-drinker, employed, romantic, enjoys walks together, dining out, quiet evenings at home, cuddling, seeks romantic SWM, N/S, who likes to be pampered, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 3456

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SWF, 65, 5'6", healthy, N/S, enjoys music, animals, seeking SM, for friendship/companionship. Ad# 5103

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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

TALKATIVE GUY
SWM, 22, outgoing, enjoys playing pool, quiet times, the outdoors, playing cards, staying home, seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 2580

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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

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SW dad, 29, 140lbs., brown hair, green eyes, mustache, likes the lake, parks, outdoors, children, seeking small SF, with similar interests, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 3809

LONELY GUY
SWM, 29, 5'9", 170lbs., easygoing, enjoys sports, traveling, dining out, quiet evenings, seeking SWF, 21-29, for possible relationship. Ad# 7355

NEW TO THE AREA
SWM, 29, 6', 170lbs., healthy, N/S, employed, enjoys dancing, dating, seeking SF, for friendship, possible relationship, 23-33. Ad# 5844

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

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SWCM, 30, outgoing, athletic, old-fashioned, preacher, enjoys sports, long walks, nature, seeks serious, commitment-minded SF. Ad# 5252

TALK FURTHER
SWM, 30, 5'10", dark hair/eyes, muscular, good-looking, seeking spontaneous D/SWF, who enjoys outdoor activities, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 3282

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

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SWM, 30s, medium build, clean-cut, never married, college graduate, humorous, enjoys sailing, snowwater skiing, autumn colors, fireplaces, cuddling, seeks SF, for possible relationship. Ad# 4637

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SWM, 30, sincere, honest, polite, well-mannered, respectful, seeking polite, caring, open-minded SF, size not important. Ad# 2424

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

INTERESTED? CALL!
SWM, 31, 6'1", 220lbs., black hair, professional, enjoy dancing, travel, outdoor activities, sports, movies seeks SF, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 8499

CALL LISTEN TO HIS POEM!
SWM, 31, 6'6", 270lbs., blond hair, green eyes, honest, likes bowling, skating, fishing, sailing, pool, ping pong, dogs, cats, cooking, cuddling, and more, seeking honest SF, to share life with. Ad# 1515

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

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# 1778

SPRING IS FAVORITE TIME
SWM, 32, 6'4", 250lbs., hardworking, likes outdoors, fishing, canoeing, reading books, movies, weekend getaways, seeking SF, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 6741

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

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# 8900

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 33, 5'11", 165lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, a variety of other interests, seeking SF, for friendship. Ad# 9999

KIDS ARE OKAY
DW dad, 34, 5'10", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, interests are movies, dining out, quiet evenings home, walks, seeking SF, 18-33, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 3462

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

INTERESTED??
SW dad, 35, handsome, athletic, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies, videos, dining out, children, cooking out, dancing, family, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 9538

BE HIS FRIEND
DWM, 35, 5'11", 155lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, traveling, the outdoors, summer concerts, seeking SF, for companionship, possible relationship. Ad# 2460

HANDSOME
SWM, 36, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, romantic, sensitive, caring, enjoys outdoor recreation, quality times together, seeking tender, attractive SWF, 28-36, no dependents, similar qualities, for monogamous relationship. Ad# 1959

KIND OF SHY
DWM, 36, easygoing, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, quiet evenings at home, dining out, seeking SF, for companionship. Ad# 2001

SPECIAL SOMEONE?
SWM, 37, active, athletic, kind of a workaholic, enjoys home/gardening projects, working out, seeking special SF, for relationship. Ad# 9225

LOTS OF LOVE
SWM, 37, 5'8", attractive, compassionate, employed, home owner, enjoys family, going out, traveling, conversations, cookouts, sports, dancing, seeking SF, children are ok. Ad# 1276

LIKES TO LAUGH
SWCM, 38, 6', 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, engineer, enjoys staying home, dining out, movies, children, pets, seeks nice SCF, with similar interests. Ad# 6540

CHECK THIS ONE
SWM, 38, 5'10", 165lbs., 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

SEEKS SOUL MATE
DW dad, 38, 5'7", enjoys flying, boating, scuba diving, seeks slim, attractive SWF, 28-38, to explore life with. Ad# 7623

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

MOVING SOON
SWM, 38, warm, caring, educated, enjoys canoeing, the outdoors, camping, quiet evenings, seeking caring, sharing SF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 5704

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

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

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# 9651

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, 5'5", 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 sporting 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

SINCERE
SWM, 43, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, enjoys country music, dancing, dining out, long walks, movies, bowling, seeking SF, N/S, 40-55. Ad# 1469

ENJOYS LIFE, KIDS
SWM, 44, 6'1", blonde hair, blue eyes, never married, weekend trips, car shows, music, seeking D/SWF, with children, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 1151

LETS GET TOGETHER
SWM, 44, 5'9", 190lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, likes volleyball, softball, concerts, movies, music, seeking down-to-earth SF, 18-35, for companionship, possible relationship. Ad# 4112

CHILDREN ARE OK
DWM, 47, 5'11", 190lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, athletic, attractive, employed, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys children, pets, dancing, sports, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 6103

SPECIAL PERSON
SWM, 47, 6'5", beard, professional, enjoys working 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

HUMOROUS
SWM, 48, 6', 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, attractive, athletic, sincere, articulate, N/S, easygoing, honest, romantic, loves comedy clubs, museums, golf, bowling, seeking independent, slender SF, for companionship, possible monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4127

LOVE FOR LIFE
SWM, 48, 6'3", 285lbs., gray hair, hazel eyes, balding, romantic, enjoys conversation, fishing, craft shows, Harley Davidsons, powwows, seeking SF, friends first. Ad# 5347

FAMILY'S MOST IMPORTANT
SM, 50, 5'11", 210lbs., shy at first, lives in the country, employed, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, travel, raising exotic animals, seeking N/S, drug & alcohol-free SF, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 1984

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, easygoing SF, who might be his soulmate. Ad# 4845

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, 5'6", 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", weight-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

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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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Photo by HAL GOULD

Pat Schluter (left) has coached Novi for three seasons.

Coach faces assault charges

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High varsity basketball coach Pat Schluter is facing misdemeanor assault and battery charges stemming from a Jan. 5 incident in a game between the Wildcats and Farmington Hills Harrison.

The third year coach allegedly "pushed" a Farmington Hills uniformed police officer during an on-court dispute between the teams, according to police reports. A misdemeanor citation for assault and battery was subsequently given to Schluter.

The coach has several legal options in addressing the charges.

He can plead guilty and face 90 days in jail and/or pay a $500 fine. Schluter can also request a trial. The judge handling the case can dismiss charges or renegotiate penalties as well.

The matter will be heard at the 47th District in Farmington Hills in front of Judge Marla Parker. A pretrial date has not yet been set, according to court officials.

Schluter declined comment on the case.

> "I saw no reason to have any disciplinary actions taken against Pat (Schluter)."
>
> JOHN FUNDUKIAN
> Novi Athletic Director

From eyewitness and police accounts, here's what allegedly happened in the incident:

A Harrison and Novi player scrapped for a loose ball. Officials then blew the play dead and signaled for a jump ball.

When the two players stood up they exchanged words and then shoves. Both Harrison and Novi players on the court then went to their teammate's defense.

Officials quickly diffused the situation and no further shoves were exchanged by the teams. No technical fouls were called on either team as a result of the incident.

During the course of the dispute, both Schluter and the Harrison coach went on to the floor. At that point, a uniformed Farmington Hills police officer also went on to the court in an effort to help keep the peace, according to police reports.

The officer went directly to Schluter. It's unclear what was said between the two, but this is when the alleged push took place.

The officer followed Schluter back to the bench and spoke to him briefly before returning to the sideline.

Novi High Athletic Director John Fundukian witnessed the incident. He said "finger contact" was made between Schluter and the officer.

Fundukian said he and Schluter met with the officer after the game to apologize and bring "closure" to the incident. After that talk, he said, he felt the matter was closed.

But Schluter was later summoned to appear in court for the misdemeanor violation.

Fundukian said an unfortunate set of circumstances led to the incident. He did feel, however, the officer erred in going on to the basketball court and noted that officials never

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Wildcat grapplers place four on top All-Area squad

Wrestling coaches like to toss around words such as "dominant" and "tough" to describe their athletes.

Sometimes these accolades are deserved, sometimes they aren't. In the case of Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area 1996 Wrestling Team, you couldn't heap on enough praise.

Our 14 wrestlers represent an awesome collection of the area's top talent.

From Lakeland 103-pounder Kevin Neuendorf to South Lyon heavyweight Joe Yurkunas, our lineup is, indeed, a tough and dominating group. The 1996 squad features one state champion in Novi's Taka Watanabe and several state placers.

And with only a handful of seniors in the group, we're sure you'll see many of our dream-teamers on the podium again next season.

Now let's take a closer look at each of Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Wrestling team members as selected by the sports editors from *The Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Heard*l and *Milford Times*:

KEVIN NEUENDORF
103 pounds, Lakeland
First-year inexperience never was a problem for Neuendorf this season.

A seasoned club grappler when he opened the season with the Eagles, Neuendorf wrestled with the poise and confidence of a veteran.

He posted a 39-11 mark while winning the KVC title and a district crown. He also took sixth at the Oakland County tournament. Lakeland coach Ken Velzy said Neuendorf's attitude and desire to learn will prevent any kind of sophomore jinx next season.

"Kevin's one of those kids you love to coach because he's willing to try anything. He's not afraid to make a mistake," Velzy said. "I think he got better on his feet this year and he got more aggressive. He'll continue to improve."

JOHN McCURDY
112 pounds, Milford
McCurdy saw a brief glimpse of light when he joined the Milford wrestling team after his sophomore season and it turned into a roaring blaze of fire this winter.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Brighton	9-3/13-6
Howell	9-3/13-7
Lakeland	6-6/10-10
Novi	6-6/10-11
Milford	5-7/10-10
Hartland	4-8/6-14
South Lyon	3-9/6-14

AREA LEADERS

SCORING

Henson (Brighton)	20.3
Sander (Northville)	19.5
Szostek (Northville)	16.5
Daniels (Hartland)	14.4
Krips (Brighton)	13.7
Amburgey (Pinckney)	13.6
King (Howell)	12.2
Hardin (Lakeland)	12.0
Chwalek (Milford)	11.9
Greenman (Pinckney)	11.6
Olthoff (Howell)	11.1
Arden (South Lyon)	10.8
White (South Lyon)	10.8
Portera (Howell)	10.6
Cody (Novi)	10.5
Demeester (Milford)	10.2
Lewis (Fowlerville)	10.0
Wilkins (Lakeland)	10.0
Kearney (Novi)	9.8
Curtis (Hartland)	9.8

REBOUNDS

Amburgey (Pinckney)	11.4
Hardin (Lakeland)	11.2
Henson (Brighton)	9.2
Edmunds (Novi)	8.1
Lewis (Fowlerville)	8.0
Curtis (Hartland)	7.1
White (South Lyon)	6.9
King (Howell)	6.3
Arden (South Lyon)	6.3
Baliko (Hartland)	6.2
Coleman (Brighton)	5.9
Chwalek (Milford)	5.7

ASSISTS

Wilkins (Lakeland)	6.8
Mouser (Brighton)	6.6
Kersey (Northville)	5.5
Kramer (Novi)	4.5
Shilland (Lakeland)	4.5
Daniels (Hartland)	4.2
Brown (Pinckney)	3.8
Whitmyer (Hartland)	3.7
Leppek (Hartland)	3.3
Henson (Brighton)	3.0

STEALS

Wilkins (Lakeland)	4.5
Mouser (Brighton)	3.8
Daniels (Hartland)	3.8
Hardin (Lakeland)	3.5
Shilland (Lakeland)	3.2
Saylor (Lakeland)	3.1
Lamontagne (South Lyon)	2.4
Greenman (Pinckney)	2.3
Brown (Pinckney)	2.2
Sander (Northville)	2.1
Parker (Fowlerville)	2.0
Leppek (Hartland)	2.0

THREE-POINTERS

Daniels (Hartland)	46
Sander (Northville)	38
Olthoff (Howell)	34
Krips (Brighton)	33
Kors (Pinckney)	30
Wilkins (Lakeland)	27
Brown (Pinckney)	25
Portera (Howell)	25
Wilkins (Milford)	24
Henson (Brighton)	23
Thomas (Fowlerville)	23
Dodge (Brighton)	20
Shilland (Lakeland)	20
White (South Lyon)	20
Wojacho (Lakeland)	18
Hardin (Lakeland)	17
Blakeslee (Howell)	17
Demeester (Milford)	16
Cody (Novi)	15
Phillips (Milford)	15
Stevenson (Lakeland)	14
Kearney (Novi)	13
Sargent (South Lyon)	13
Leppek (Hartland)	13
Szostek (Northville)	12
LaMontagne (South Lyon)	12

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Hardin (Lakeland)	.575
Amburgey (Pinckney)	.569
Henson (Brighton)	.563
Szostek (Northville)	.550
Sander (Northville)	.526
Eyklenna (Novi)	.510
Coleman (Brighton)	.500
Buchholz (Brighton)	.491
Curtis (Hartland)	.484
Greenman (Pinckney)	.480
Pihaljo (Howell)	.470
Austin (Milford)	.460
Krips (Brighton)	.457
See (Hartland)	.455

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Wojacho (Lakeland)	.890
Wilkins (Lakeland)	.850
Cody (Novi)	.840
Parker (Fowlerville)	.820
Williams (Milford)	.820
Dodge (Brighton)	.810
Sander (Northville)	.800
Hardin (Lakeland)	.790
Kearney (Novi)	.780
Dinning (Fowlerville)	.770
Demeester (Milford)	.760
Henson (Brighton)	.756
Chwalek (Milford)	.750
Kors (Pinckney)	.750
Hardin (Lakeland)	.750
Kearney (Novi)	.750
Lewis (Fowlerville)	.740
Whitmyer (Hartland)	.739
Goulet (South Lyon)	.733
Blakeslee (Howell)	.730

TEAM OFFENSE

Brighton	68.4
Howell	59.1
Northville	57.4
Lakeland	57.0
Milford	52.6
Hartland	52.4
Novi	50.0
South Lyon	46.5

TEAM DEFENSE

Novi	49.1
Howell	51.6
Milford	52.7
South Lyon	53.9
Northville	55.0
Lakeland	57.9
Hartland	59.5
Brighton	62.6

WRESTLING

103 POUNDS

Saran (Northville)	15-1
Nouendorf (Lakeland)	39-11
Tawey (Pinckney)	39-11
Kowal (Hartland)	32-11
Forsyth (Howell)	22-12
Finch (Fowlerville)	12-9
Grix (Fowlerville)	13-10
Strzalkowski (Fowlerville)	8-8

112 POUNDS

McCurdy (Milford)	42-5
Sreaman (Northville)	27-7
Barr (Howell)	22-9
Cowan (Pinckney)	26-12
Howe (Hartland)	25-13
Call (Fowlerville)	27-20
Secco (Brighton)	20-15
Lawrence (Milford)	6-5
Rickard (Lakeland)	19-1b

119 POUNDS

Chris Williams (Fowlerville)	45-1
Worley (Hartland)	19-2
Trierweiler (Howell)	38-11
C. Christoff (Novi)	24-15
N. Wayne (Lakeland)	16-10
Torrence (Northville)	21-12
Cuchner (Brighton)	20-13
Glyna (Hartland)	17-15

125 POUNDS

Cheyne (Milford)	44-1
Kyle (Northville)	29-9
Rosen (Howell)	33-12
Forich (Fowlerville)	22-10
Ellis (South Lyon)	21-15
Dorenzo (Hartland)	20-16

130 POUNDS

Trierweiler (Howell)	39-7
L. Christoff (Novi)	36-16
Weltman (Fowlerville)	29-16
LaRouche (Lakeland)	15-12
Long (Hartland)	20-23
Paul Gienapp (Brighton)	6-2
S. Yurkunas (South Lyon)	11-11

135 POUNDS

Grifin (Brighton)	38-0
Matter (Pinckney)	14-7
Lusk (Hartland)	30-19
Make (Howell)	26-16
Brown (South Lyon)	21-15
Burton (Novi)	23-21

140 POUNDS

Wakeshe (Novi)	49-4
Graysier (Hartland)	45-11

145 POUNDS

Wilkins (Fowlerville)	28-16
Dupree (Hartland)	25-16
Stewart (Novi)	23-20
Andis (Howell)	22-15

152 POUNDS

Stagnaro (Hartland)	32-4
Ackerman (Pinckney)	42-7
Bennett (Hartland)	30-11
Dukes (Howell)	36-10
Hickey (Novi)	24-12
Kalis (South Lyon)	19-19

160 POUNDS

Frost (Hartland)	21-1
Rosebrook (Pinckney)	40-7
Stevenson (Fowlerville)	37-7
Booker (Novi)	41-8
Kent (Lakeland)	34-14
Boley (South Lyon)	30-18

171 POUNDS

Blue (Brighton)	26-0
Dinning (Fowlerville)	45-1
Kuzmich (Hartland)	41-7
Oliver (Howell)	35-12
Kujawa (Lakeland)	9-5
Grider (Northville)	17-13
Baxter (Novi)	20-16

All-KVC Basketball

First team

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	POSITION
Drew Henson	Brighton	So.	Center
George King	Howell	Jr.	Center
Chad Dicken	Novi	Sr.	Forward
Aaron Daniels	Hartland	Sr.	Guard
Jason Olthoff	Howell	Sr.	Guard
Dave Wilkins	Lakeland	Sr.	Guard
Andy Mouser	Brighton	Sr.	Guard

Second team

Chad Chwalek	Milford	Jr.	Center
Joe Portera	Howell	Sr.	Forward
Eric Hardin	Lakeland	Jr.	Forward
Bill Krips	Brighton	Sr.	Forward
Steve White	S. Lyon	Jr.	Forward
Nick Demeester	Milford	Jr.	Guard
Sean Kramer	Novi	Sr.	Guard

Honorable Mention:

BRIGHTON: Chad Dodge, Chris Coleman
HARTLAND: Kory Leppek, Nate Whitmyer
HOWELL: Nate Blakeslee, Scott Boss
LAKELAND: Jason Martin
MILFORD: Justin Williams, Treavor Phillips
SOUTH LYON: Kris LaMontagne, Mike Arden

ALL KVC VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

name	grade	school
Alicia Durand	Sr.	Brighton
Laura Malthaner	Jr.	Brighton
Amanda Shaw	Jr.	Brighton
Joey Jandasek	Jr.	Brighton
Amanda Squires	Sr.	Hartland
Rachel Sweeney	Sr.	Howell
Erin Zwinck	Sr.	Lakeland
Sarah Digsby	Sr.	Lakeland
Carrie Williams	Sr.	Milford
Stacie Tobiczyk	Sr.	Milford
Ursula Place	Sr.	Novi
Michelle Mott	Sr.	Novi
Janie Agemy	Sr.	South Lyon

HONORABLE MENTION

Brighton - Teresa Dziekan, Corri Piatek
Hartland - Tara Zarosley, Shannon Muir, Amanda Bosak
Howell - Sylvia Blakeslee
Lakeland - Carey Bogle, Stephanie Uballe
Milford - Anne Madden, Katie Koehler
Novi - Renee Suenkonis, Junko Matsunaga, Julie Britton, Lindsey Drury
South Lyon - Kathy Lendel, Maria Haapala

Coach faces assault charges after incident

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requested his presence.

"I feel the contest should be left in the hands of the officials," Funduklan added.

A district level review of the incident was performed by school officials.

Funduklan said Schluter and his accounts of the incident were heard, as well as those of five to seven Novi parents who were at the game. After the review, it was determined that Schluter wouldn't face disciplinary actions from the school.

"I saw no reason to have any disciplinary actions taken against Pat," Funduklan said.

Schluter has hired an attorney. The school district will pay for his attorney fees, Funduklan said. The district wasn't required to do so, he added.

> "I feel the contest should be left in the hands of the officials."
>
> JOHN FUNDUKIAN
> Novi High Athletic Director

"We felt compelled to stand behind the coach," said Funduklan.

If Schluter is convicted of the charge, the AD said he wouldn't be removed from his varsity post.

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Health Matters

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Diabetes is a common disease

By DONNA RICE
Special Writer

Are you thirsty? Do you have frequent urination? Are you always tired? Experience blurred vision? Frequent infections?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may have diabetes.

Diabetes occurs when your body cannot properly use the sugar from the foods you eat as a source of energy. Many of the foods we eat contain sugar from starches. They are the primary source of energy in our body. Once digested, sugars are released into the blood stream to be used by cells throughout the body.

However, insulin is vital before these sugars can enter the cells to be used for energy. Without insulin, sugars will remain in the blood and fats and proteins become the only sources of energy for the body.

Insulin is a hormone secreted by the pancreas. In people who have diabetes, two things may have occurred; either insulin is not being made by the pancreas or the insulin being made does not function in the right way. In either case, the level of sugar will rise in the blood and cause some of the signs and symptoms of diabetes. Frequent urination, thirst, hunger and extreme tiredness are some of these symptoms.

Diabetes is a common disease, affecting about 550,000 Michigan residents. Diabetes is a lifelong disease and is classified as Type I or Type II. Type I is called Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus and usually occurs in childhood. About 10 percent of all diabetes patients suffer from Type I diabetes. These individuals always need insulin.

Type II diabetes is called Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus and accounts for the remaining 90 percent of those people with diabetes. This form usually develops later in life (after age 40). Type II individuals usually produce insulin, but it is ineffective. This is called resistance. These individuals take injected insulin or oral medication to help control their disease.

Though the onset of Type I and Type II diabetes types differ, the treatment is basically the same. The cornerstone of diabetes management includes medications, meal planning, exercise, blood glucose monitoring and education.

People can successfully control their disease, but it takes effort to learn about and to use the tools of diabetes management. Education is the most basic tool of diabetes care.

This means learning to care for the disease. Today, we know that good control means keeping blood sugars below 150 mg/ml. It is much more than taking a shot or pill - it means monitoring blood sugar, working with a dietitian on a meal plan that works for the individual and working with a health care team (doctor, diabetes educator, dietitian, exercise physiologist and pharmacist). These professionals have extensive knowledge of diabetes and can teach the skills and knowledge necessary to lead a healthy and happy life.

Without the proper skills and knowledge, diabetes can be difficult and frustrating. It can lead to longterm complications such as kidney disease, eye disease, and nerve and blood vessel disease. However, with good control these longterm complications can be significantly delayed or prevented.

It is important that people with diabetes talk to their doctors about their disease. The doctor should support and encourage efforts toward the patient's education and control of diabetes.

When a patient is diagnosed as having diabetes, it is important that he or she understand that they are in control. Ultimately, they will need to take charge of managing diabetes if they are to live successfully with the disease.

Botsford General Hospital is a leader in diabetes care. The hospital offers a comprehensive six-week education program and an annual Diabetes "V.I.P." (Very Informed Person) Day - this year's is Saturday, March 23, for people with diabetes.

In addition, Botsford Hospital also offers a "New to Insulin" Program, Blood Glucose Meter Loan Program, Gestational Diabetes Education Program, a day and evening diabetes support group program, and a state-of-the-art exercise program.

For information about these services, please call Botsford's Health Development Network at (810) 477-6100.

Donna Rice, RN, BSN, CDE, is the health programs coordinator at Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network. With over 10 years experience in the area of diabetes management, Rice is certified in diabetes education and presents nationally on the topic. She serves on the board of directors for the American Diabetes Association, Michigan affiliate.

Braces can help cure dental problems

Kathryn Hoppe

Does your child have trouble biting or closing his or her mouth? Does the lower jaw cover the upper front teeth or are the front teeth not in proper alignment? These are only a few potential signs of orthodontic problems.

"Buck teeth," poor lip closure, difficulty chewing or biting, and crooked teeth are all possible indications that a child needs braces. Not every orthodontic problem is glaringly obvious, however. Only a dentist can decide if your child's problem constitutes a genuine "malocclusion" (bad bite). And only a professional can determine if your child can benefit from orthodontic care.

Crooked, crowded and poorly spaced or positioned teeth can be inherited. But various kinds of malocclusions also can be caused by environmental factors, such as premature loss of one or more baby teeth or bad oral habits such as continuous thumb sucking past the age of four.

A malocclusion (bad bite) not only can affect your child's appearance, it can cause and contribute to a variety of health problems. Crooked, crowded, protruding or widely spaced teeth can make biting and chewing difficult, affecting nutrition. A poor bite can create muscle tension and pain, and may weaken the bones and gums supporting the teeth. Misaligned teeth are also more difficult to clean and, therefore, often are more susceptible to dental decay and gum disease.

Most children have all 20 of their baby (primary) teeth by the age of three. Between the ages of six and 12, these primary teeth will be lost and replaced by permanent teeth. Premature loss of baby teeth however, can have long-term negative effects on your child's dental health.

Primary teeth reserve space in the jaw for permanent teeth. If a primary tooth is lost too early, the neighboring teeth can drift into the space, interfering with proper growth of the permanent tooth. The result is often a malocclusion.

If your child loses a primary tooth prematurely, your dentist can insert a space maintainer, a metal device that will prevent nearby teeth from drifting into the space.

Should your child require orthodontic treatment, a variety of options are available. Some braces must be worn at all times; others are removable and need to be worn only during certain times of the day or night. No matter what kind of appliances are used, all of them gently and gradually steer teeth into proper position.

Most children wear braces between 18 and 30 months; treatment time varies from child to child. But the outcome is always the same - a lifetime of straighter, more attractive teeth and better dental health.

Kathryn Hoppe, DDS, is a contributing columnist to Health Matters. This column is coordinated by the Office of Planning and Marketing at the University of Michigan.

Health Notes

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital is offering the following programs:

•St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold its second annual Women's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. Women's Health Day will include a keynote speaker, a variety of one-hour workshops on health topics of interest to women, continental breakfast, lunch, a fashion show by Jacobson's and exhibits from local merchants.

Keynote address for the event will be "Walk-on-Water Women" presented by Melodie Chenevert, R.N., of Gaithersburg, Md. Chenevert directs her own company, Pro-Nurse, and conducts workshops on communication skills, management strategies, creativity and innovation. She has extensive experience in education, nursing and therapy and has written numerous publications for adults and children.

More is being asked of women, and women are asking more of themselves, says Chenevert. The drive to be it all, have it all, and do it all has given rise to the myth of the "Walk-on-Water Women." These women strive to be high achievers intellectually, creatively, personally and/or professionally. Unfortunately, today's women are up against shifting values, unforgiving schedules and conflicting priorities.

Workshop topics include "Stress and You," "Abuse and Domestic Violence," "Creativity and Innovation," "Coping with the Loss of a Relationship," "Mid-Life Changes," "Building Self-Esteem," "Fabrics of Friendship," and "Women's Cancer Issues for the '90s." The event, co-sponsored by the Marian Women's Center and St. Mary Hospital, is also supported by Project SMILE.

Holiday Inn-Livonia is located at 17123 Laurel Park Dr. at I-275 and Six Mile road. Advance registration is required by Thursday, April 11. Cost is $25 in advance or $30 at the door. The cost includes workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-2882 or toll free at 1-800-494-1617.

Breastfeeding basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding - how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding, as well as answering the questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. Classes are held at the Health Development Network at Botsford in Novi. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

Cholesterol and vision screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a $5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing care to keep children well from birth to school- entry age. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include:

Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call:

North Oakland: 858-1311 or 858-4001.
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Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital if offering the following services:

•Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering individual appointments with a registered dietitian to assist in losing weight, lowering blood pressure, lowering cardiovascular risk factors and providing positive dietary changes. The dietitian will assess the participant's health status and nutritional goals are evaluated. After such evaluation, a diet plan is developed.

Day and evening appointments are available. There is a $40 fee for the initial visit and $30 for follow-up sessions, if indicated. A specifically designed weight modification program is also available. Call (810) 424-3385 for further information.

•The Associate Activities Committee at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers has scheduled its spring Arts and Crafts Show for Friday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital's Fisher Center auditorium and lobby. Tables are still available and interested exhibitors may request an application by writing Providence Hospital, Department of Medical Education, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

A wide variety of craft items and baked goods will be available. Lunch items will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•If your child is scheduled for surgery, it can be a very frightening experience for them. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers continues its "Sally the Surgery Star" program to help little ones deal with a hospital stay.

The child is taken on a tour and is familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. At the end of the tour, the child is honored as a "Surgery Star."

Tours are offered at both Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Call (810) 424-3978 to arrange a tour at Providence Hospital and (810) 380-4170 to arrange a tour at Providence Park.

•Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month.

This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiopulmonary Department. Call (810) 380-4225 for further information.

•Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

•Physician referral service

Are you new in the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups and health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Date: March 26, 1996
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: 41600 West Six Mile Road

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Northville has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at Northville Township Civic Center for questions and comments regarding proposed changes to Zoning Ordinances to update Articles. The proposed changes apply to Article 20, Site Plan Review, Article 30, Zoning Board of Appeals, Article 17.6 Planned Unit Development and (new) Site Condominiums.

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Novi Expos

Tryouts for the Novi Expos travel team, ages 11-12, are coming up. Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1983 and July 31, 1985 to be eligible. Tryouts will be held March 30, 9 a.m. to noon and March 31, 10 a.m. to noon at the Sports Academy on Heslip Drive in Novi. Contact manager Jeff Crawford at 348-2616 for more information.

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.

Novi Youth Baseball

The Novi Youth Baseball League's 14-year-old travel team is currently recruiting talented, motivated and team oriented players for the 1996 season. To be eligible you must have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1981. For further information, contact Mike Lehnert at (810)347-4206 after 6 p.m.

Cougars

The Novi Cougars won the Total Soccer indoor second session girls under 10 championship with a convincing 2-0 victory over the Select Farmington Flames/Thundercats at the Southfield facility last Sunday. The Cougars also won the first session in December and their overall record is an impressive 14 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Team members include Chelsea Atiyeh, Marissa Sarkesian, Nicole Cauzillo, Kristen Hamer, Laine Williams, Sarah Schmitt, Nikki Hermann, Lauren Kava, Lauren Marchioni, Maureen Pawlak, Jordan Wroby, Christina Hagan, Keavy Nenninger, Kelly McMann, Nicole Barndt and Melissa Dobbyn. All season honors went to Sarah Schmidt, Loren Marchioni, and Maureen Pawlak on defense while Kelly McMann, Melissa Dobbyn and Nicole Cauzillo received Offensive honors. Nikki Hermann received the goal tending honors and was particularly sharp in the final game. The team was coached by Ron Pawlak and Tom Marchioni and sponsored by Cougar Cutting in Novi.

Scorpions

The U-10 Novi Scorpions Boys Soccer Team won Total Soccer's Second Indoor Session Trophy last Saturday at the Farmington facility. The Scorpions were unbeaten with a record of 8-0. Including the first session the overall Scorpion record is now 15-1-1. All league honors went to Kyle Grech, Ryan Stec, Kelly McMann, Eric Matter, Matt Urich and Nicole Cauzillo. All players contributed greatly towards the success of this team throughout the season. Team members include: Josh Buck, Philip Cullen, Jeff Engleman, Kevin Gee, Andrew Gorman, Kyle Grech, Nicole Cauzillo, Eric Joseph, Brian Kohring, Jeff Korby, Andrew Krupansky, Eric Matter, Kelly McMann, Cory Schiffman, Ryan Stec, Eric Tingwall, Matt Urich and Adam Zorza all of Novi. The team is coached by Dave Stec and Dave Joseph and sponsored by Kipco Printing of Novi.

Jaguars

The Novi Jaguars girls '83 soccer battled to a 4-4 tie recently against the undefeated South Lyon team. Meredith Epley scored two goals for Novi, while Anna Habash and Lindsey Beach each added one.

Jaguar Soccer II

The '84 Jaguar premier soccer team are tournament champions. The capital area classic soccer tournament took place in Okemos on Sept. 23-24. Under the coaching of Doug Olson, the team took first place in the boys under-12-years-old division. Team members were: Mike Crawford, Eric Schleuder, Nick Clarke, Drew Herpich, Jake Ray, Jim Beson, Brandon Davis, Kris Kuhr, Tyler Mohr; Tim Moore, David Oljace, David Wendland, Nick Heslip, Vince Slovan, Brian Swift, Casey Kreutzberg, assistant coach Ryan Olson.

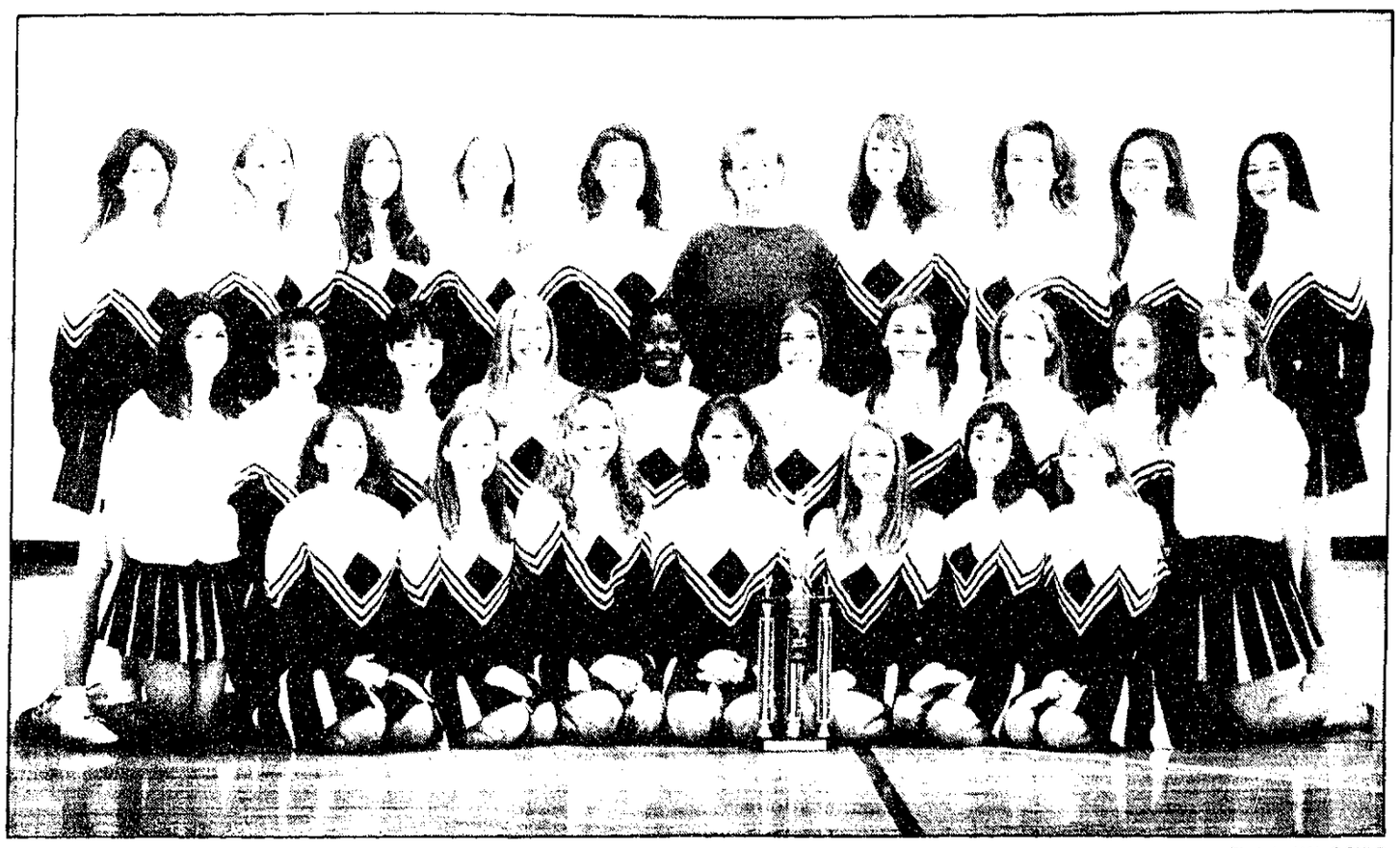

Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi High's pompon team scored 346.5 points out of 360 to win the state title recently.

Pompon squad wins state title

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

For the second time in three years, Novi High has won a pompon state championship.

The Wildcats took the Division I title March 10 by outdistancing a field of seven schools. Nearly a full year of practicing and performing culminated in an almost perfect performance by Novi at the championship.

"The girls didn't score anything below a nine," said team spokesperson Wendy Harfoot.

Teams qualified for the final, which was staged by Mid American Pompon, from regionals held last month. Novi was one of just seven schools that captured the required 85 percent of total points to qualify for the Division I final.

In winning the title, the Wildcats were judged in 14 different categories ranging from appearance, general form and execution to overall performance. Teams could score a maximum of 20 points most categories.

A total of 360 points were possible at the final.

Novi posted a score of 346.5 to win the championship. The Wildcats narrowly edged Saginaw Heritage, which scored 346 points. Last year's champion, Livonia Churchill, was third.

Harfoot said the championship team was formed last April. Since then, the Wildcats have been practicing and performing at games and competitions five to six days per week.

Jessie Perreca and Brandy Ephraim captained the squad. Other team members include: Stephanie Aristeo, Tracy Bishop, Kristi Calandro, Tracy Cohn, Sara Elfring, Melissa Frankish, Kelly Harfoot, Julie Harris, Maria Hernandez, Margie Householder, Jessica Hubel, Jami Jackson, Andrea Jarvis, Shelley Lingertot, Lauren Madeja, Meghann Moose, Trisha Naughton, Kelly Polcyn, Holly Presson, Christine Smith, Michelle Thompson, Amika Thornton, Linzi Tullar, Cheri Watts. The team was coached by Julie Hobbs.

Four Wildcats make all-area top team

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MIKE SCAPPATICCI
152 pounds, Northville

Without a doubt, Scappaticci is the best wrestler in Michigan not to win a state title this year.

After an incredible regular season, the senior got ill at tournament time with an upper respiratory infection. It got so bad at times that the 152-pounder could hardly breath on the mat.

Until that point, Scappaticci was nearly unbeatable. His only loss until the tournament was to Watanabe.

"He won every tournament he was in," Potter said.

Scappaticci, who went 32-4, outclassed most of his opponents. Potter said he never got rattled on the mat.

SKIP BECKER
160 pounds, Novi

Mention this junior's name and Wildcat coach Brad Huss begins to gush.

"I can't say enough good things about Skip," he said. "He's a great kid."

And not a bad wrestler, either. Becker finished seventh in the state at 160 pounds and won 44 of 54 matches.

Huss thinks Becker can improve on those numbers in his senior year.

"He has untapped potential," he added.

Becker is known for his work ethic. When Huss told him he needed to improve his take down techniques after last year, Skip did just that.

"I can't think of a match this year where he didn't have a takedown," said Huss.

BRYAN GRIDER
171 pounds, Northville

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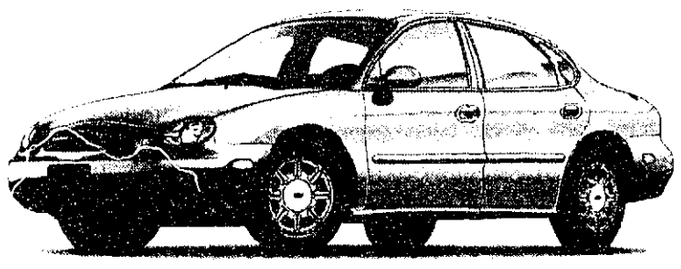

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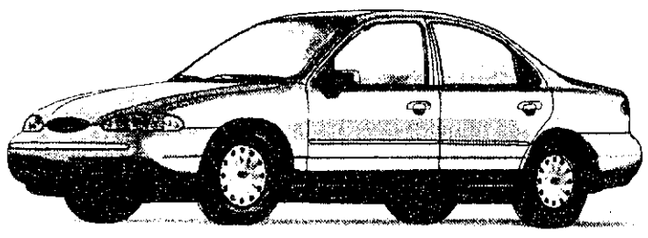

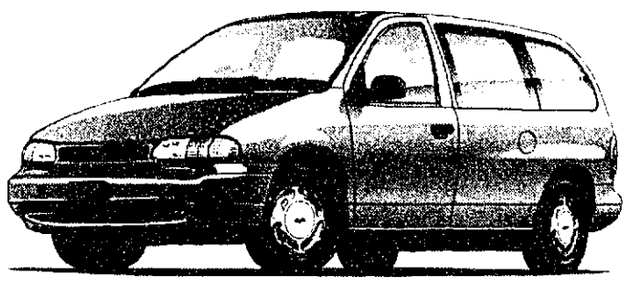

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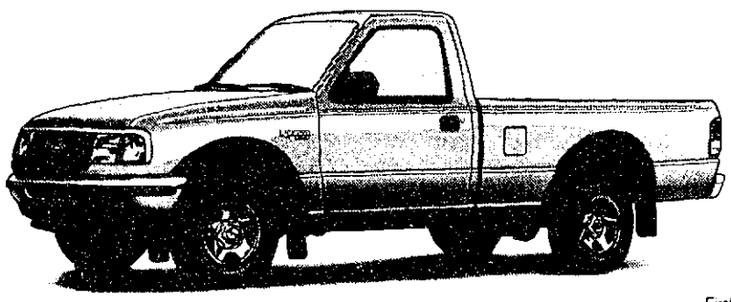

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