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Chris Andrew, owner of the Centre St. Market, across from the proposed development, is not in favor of the retail shopping strip, as he would like to keep the area as it is, and fear that additional noise and congestion would ruin the area's charm.

Frankel pitches Ten/Beck proposal

Residents come out in force to oppose shopping center

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It was like an old cowboy movie standoff.

The room went silent as all heads turned to the back of the council chambers.

Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel walked down the center aisle and came to the podium.

"I'm not here seeking a rezoning for the northwest corner of Beck and Ten. I'm here tonight to discuss and share with you the thoughts and observations I have for convenience retail shopping in western Novi," said Frankel.

Frankel came to the Novi Planning Commission Jan. 8 to present his theory that a grocery store and strip mall is necessary at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads, the site of the old Willowbrook Horse Farm.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Frankel is proposing a grocery store for this corner.

He attempted to gain the support of the commission and the residents, he said.

"I am a concerned neighbor and property owner in this area, although people won't agree with that," he said, adding that without the support of the residents, the project won't succeed.

But behind him in the audience, nearly 100 protesters jeered and snickered during the presentation. Opposed to the development, they presented to the commission their theory that the property should stay residential.

"I didn't plan on buying a $400,000 home to be across from a large shopping mall and potential movie theaters," said Peter Schermer. He and his wife, Jayne, are building a house in Broad-

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City hires consultant for course

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

To some teed off Novi residents, it doesn't take a paid consultant to figure out that an 18-hole golf course and the North Novi Park don't mix.

But to an unanimous Novi City Council, only a feasibility study will give them the hard data on the finances, marketability and the environmental impact of the proposal. Last week, in a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission, they approved seeking proposals for the work.

They also instructed the city's Community Development Department to find other possible locations for the course.

"I hope we'll all put enough effort into finding alternative sites," Council Member Rob Milzel said.

About 35 men, women and children turned out during a snowstorm to protest spending public money on the research, trying the patience of at least one city council member.

"I've sat at this council and listened to haranguing for some time. I happen to believe in a golf course whether on this site or another site for a city. Virtually any city I know of any size has one or two golf courses," Schmid said.

Both Schmid and Council Member Ed Kramer said the study would offer more factual data than the "emotional" responses of the residents. About 1,000 have signed a petition or filled out a survey indicating that they would prefer the park remain a passive, natural recreation area.

"Where we are in this phase is fact finding. We're not in the 'do it' mode," Kramer said. "When you look at a golf course, you see

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MEAP SCORES

The following is a breakdown of area school district MEAP scores for students in fourth and sixth grades:

District	4/Math	4/Reading	7/Math	7/Reading
Livonia	69.2	50.8	63.2	50.1
Northville	90.8	75.0	86.5	67.0
Plymouth	66.6	57.1	65.3	50.3
Redford	48.1	36.9	41.3	36.9
Farmington	77.8	62.7	67.3	52.9
Novi	**88.5**	**80.1**	**77.8**	**59.3**
South Lyon	70.8	55.6	68.5	57.2
Walled Lake	67.8	53.3	69.1	49.1

Novi students edge up in MEAP scores

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Michigan Educational Assessment Program test results are in and show Novi's fourth and seventh grade students performed comparable to last year's set of students.

State MEAP results show 88.5 percent of the 347 fourth grade students tested in math last fall scored satisfactory. On the reading portion of the fourth grade tests, the 347 students tested scored at 80.1 percent satisfactory.

Last year's fourth graders scored 87.5 percent satisfactory in math and 77.7 percent satisfactory in reading.

"We're pleased we at least maintained where we were and increased a little bit," said Charlotte Schotte, Village Oaks Elementary reading specialist.

Novi scores for seventh grade math indicate 77.8 percent of the 360 students tested scored satisfactory on the math test. For reading, the 356 students tested scored a 59.3 percent satisfactory.

"Your never comparing apples to apples oranges to oranges," noted Schotte, explaining the students tested are different each year and the material is rotated each year so students aren't tested with the same questions.

Novi had among the highest score results in Oakland County.

- Troy, with 854 students tested, scored 90.3 percent satisfactory on the fourth grade math and 79.1 percent on the reading.
- West Bloomfield with 375 students tested, scored 88.5 percent

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Ledger dies at age 62

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Warren A. Ledger may have spent the last four years fighting a losing battle with lung cancer, but that didn't keep him from continuing to give his time to the community he loved.

A founder of the Novi Arts Council and manager of the 70-member Novi Concert Band, Ledger continued to offer his services, even as his health and energy drained away. He was so involved in the city, said Rita Ledger, his wife of 32 years, that some people called him "Mr. Novi."

"He loved people, he loved being with people. He'd do anything for you," she said.

Ledger died Jan. 8 at his home. He was 62 years old.

Along with his wife, he is survived by daughters Paula Harris, Kari MaLarkey and Laura Spadoni; three grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters.

Born in Cleveland in 1934, Ledger had been resident of Novi since 1978. Shortly after the Korean War, he served as a mortician in the armed forces and helped select the Unknown Soldier who is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

A self-taught and self-employed photographer focusing on weddings, he threw himself into life in his new hometown, starting out by becoming active in the Village Oaks Clubhouse Association.

He was manager of the Novi Concert Band for 12 years, was

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Warren Ledger

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Council proceeds with city pool

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

To members of the once-defunct, now resuscitated, Aquatic Facility Committee, it seemed as if the city would never go ahead and take the plunge.

But last week, what they've been awaiting for one year happened. The Novi City Council authorized seeking professional consultants to research the financial feasibility of building a community pool, as well as conducting traffic and environmental studies of potential sites. The results should be in by mid-summer.

Also revived was the citizens committee, which "sunsetted" not long after requesting in March 1996 that the $5 million aquatic complex be placed before the voters.

"Ask the voters if they approve the bond issue. We approve the pool. If they don't, we don't," committee member Gwen Markham urged the council.

While the committee asked that the question be placed before voters in November 1996, that got placed on the back burner as the city negotiated with developer Glenn Healey over the possible placement of the pool and a private sports club at the Meyer Berry Farm.

Committee members said that the pool, which would feature user fees in the $5 to $8 per day range, would provide a fun place for families.

Although The Sports Club will build its own pools at its proposed Ten Mile Road location,

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Chilly Willy Fest coming Saturday

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Who said the weather outside is frightful?

With Novi's Chilly Willy Festival on Saturday, all this snow should be delightful.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed so we can do our Sno-ball tournament. Last year, it thawed before the festival," Novi Public Relations Director Lou Martin said.

"It's been three to four years since we've had a really huge snow. We're really excited about the weather reports, as long as we don't get fog."

Actually, Chilly Willy's had a pretty steady track record of unseasonably warm and sunny weather.

When it comes to this event, bad weather is good and permits good stuff like ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing to happen. But good weather is not too bad, because the fun will continue indoors, snow or shine.

Topping the list of the festival's activities for many fans is the opportunity to slurp down chili from local eateries, at 25 cents a taste. This year's restaurants include Chili's Bar & Grill, Brady's Food & Spirits, Holiday Inn, Rocky's of Northville, The Doubletree Hotel, Maisano's and Guernsey's.

New in 1997 is the free magical entertainment program by Gordon Russ. Billed as "The Wizard of Ahhs," Russ comes with his

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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, January 16

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

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

Walled Lake Schools
The Walled Lake Consolidated School District Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Room, Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Rd., Building D.

City Council
The Novi City Council will hold a Work Program meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, January 20

Cholesterol Screening
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is $5 fee. For more information, call 477-6100.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City offices and recycling center are closed.

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, January 21

Garden Club
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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, January 22

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

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

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

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

Play Structure Meeting
The Tim Pope Memorial Play Structure committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For additional information, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Thursday, January 23

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

Monday, January 27

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 (810) 344-2167 after 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28

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.

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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 F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call Beth at (810) 669-5836.

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.

Monday, February 3

City Council
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

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Tuesday, February 4

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

Civil Air Patrol
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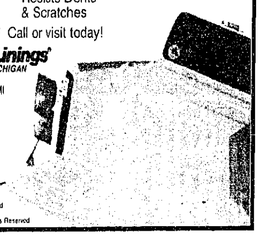

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Departments vie for census dollars

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some 500 anxious people taking turns at Porta-Johns at the new Novi Sports Park this summer is something Parks and Recreation Commissioners say they want to avoid.

That's why they made an urgent bid last week for a sizable chunk of the $500,000 in mid-decade census money the state is giving Novi.

"If we don't have a restroom there, it's a crime for the community," said Parks and Recreation Commissioner Phil Koneda.

"We want to get in first and get at the top of the list."

But this department may be one of several at city hall, each with hands out for the extra money. Novi's state shared revenue funds were increased to compensate the city for its growth in population since the 1990 federal census.

"I'm sure the police chief probably wants some of it and the fire chief wants some," City Council Member Rob Mitzel warned.

The commission's goal is to have one of the city's new parks fully completed and ready for residents' use, said Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert Shaw.

"When would we like to have it? Now," Shaw said.

The 73-acre sports park will be open for baseball this spring and for soccer the following fall. The grass won't be in condition any sooner for soccer, explained Shaw. Eight ballfields and six soccer fields are in place at the park, as are courts for sand volleyball, basketball and tennis.

One hundred percent of the $1.3 million funding allocated in the voter-approved parks and recreation bond to develop the sports complex has been spent, but that was never expected to be enough money.

However, the parking lots are done and the septic fields will go in this spring.

About $500,000 worth of construction remains, with the commission's top priority being the two combination concession stand/restroom buildings. The pair will cost about $200,000 to build.

Today, there's no cash to put in the pump system to activate the sprinklers for the playing fields, the commissioners said.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis ranked the priority list (after the restrooms) as a $75,000 maintenance building; irrigation pumps; parking lot safety lights; landscaping for the site, which formerly was a farm; sidewalks along the bordering roads and fencing for the ballfields.

Earlier plans to build $60,000 in playground equipment were scratched, now that the Tim Pope Playstructure will be built on the site in June, but some commissioners suggest that money be shifted over to as part of a maintenance fund for the $125,000 memorial playground.

When soccer and youth baseball parents first lobbied for the parks bond in 1993, many had preteen children. Now, the youngsters are almost too old to use the new ballfields, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dennis Colligan said.

"If we don't give the water to soccer fields, it'll be one season and out. I hope we will get serious funding to get us as close as we can to finishing that park," he said. "This should be a really exciting summer."

Submitted photo

(Left to right) Elizabeth, Stephanie, Arlie and Andrea Jirasek pose with the World War II torpedo they found in Florida.

Local girls find bomb on beach on vacation

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You couldn't say the Jirasek family vacation in Florida was a bomb, but that thing on the shore sure was.

While most kids find sea shells when combing the beach, Arlie Jirasek, 11, spotted a World War II "Tiny Tim" rocket uncovered by the tide.

Looking down from a boardwalk that evening, her dad, Mike Jirasek, first realized that the funny-looking object was a torpedo. He climbed down to have a closer look, said Arlie's mom, Ruth Ann Jirasek.

"He came up and said, 'okay, girls, let's go home.'" Ruth Ann said.

The family called 9-1-1 the next morning and the area was then cordoned off until ordnance experts from the Navy could take care of the rocket several days later. Meanwhile, the police kept the beach clear of sightseers.

The Jiraseks got the clue that the Navy had a final solution when TV camera crews starting showing up at the beach.

"We were just putting our lunch dishes away when the whole house shook," Ruth Ann said.

"They put explosive charges on it and fired it out at sea."

The family was visiting Ruth Ann Jirasek's parents, former Northville residents Richard and Florence Booms, who now live south of Vero Beach on the Atlantic coast. The area was a military training site in the 1940s.

The Jirasek sighting was on Dec. 21. Another torpedo was found nearby in November and while the Novi family was in Florida, about five more rockets began surfacing. In addition, what appeared to be a land mine was discovered near a shoreline residence.

Like many areas in Florida, erosion has eaten away at the coastline, this time apparently uncovering a 50-year-old munitions dump. To the residents there, it's apparently no big deal.

"I was a bit alarmed about this. This is where we dig holes and make sand castles. Even one is too many. They take these things lightly," Ruth Ann said.

"It was incredible to see so many of these wash up."

But Jirasek said her parents are accustomed to the tide bringing in unusual objects – and people. Refugees from Haiti have floated ashore at the Booms' residence. So have cargoes of narcotics.

"My mom goes out there and sits on bales of marijuana until the cops come," she said.

For Arlie and her sisters, Andrea, 9, Stephanie, 7, and Elizabeth, 4, the explosive excitement was far better than the trip they also paid to Disney World.

"We sat down about 50 yards away and watched it all. The kids don't really have a concept about how long ago that was. World War II," their mother said.

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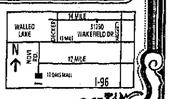

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Tickle Me Elmo seller run off

Police News

A 26-year-old Milford man was told to leave the parking lot near Toys R Us, Dec. 24, after Novi police found stuffed animals and a shotgun in his vehicle.

Police said officers responded to a complaint of a man selling Tickle Me Elmo dolls from within his van parked outside the toy store at 3:15 p.m.

Police said they found none of the dolls in question but uncovered several stuffed animals in a plastic bag and a 12 gauge Winchester pump shotgun in a case under the seat.

Officers told the man and his 22-year-old male passenger to leave the site and put the gun in a safe place.

BUSTED

A 26-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor Dec. 9, along with possession of narcotics after he was pulled over for erratic driving and speeding.

Police said officers smelled intoxicants within the car and proceeded to give the man sobriety tests and a breath test which registered .17, above the legal limit. Police found a marijuana roach in a cigarette box.

He said he had just come from the bar and had his girlfriend's 15-year-old brother in the car. The teen's mother was called to come get him and the man was taken to the police station.

RESCUED

A construction supervisor working on a cement catch basin, Dec. 19, was pinned under mounds of falling dirt as it caved in, according to the police report.

Other workers helped to dig the man out as an ambulance and the fire department were called to the scene at Border Hill and Ten Mile Road. The 33-year-old Oakland man was conscious but complained of injuries to his ribs and his knee. He was taken to Botsford Hospital.

VACATION DOWNER

A couple on two-week vacation returned to their River Oaks apartment Jan. 2 to discover someone pried open their door and stole several pieces of electronic equipment.

According to the police report, a television, stereo, CD player, video camera and gold ring were missing from the residence. Police said it appeared access was gained by prying open the door from the garage to the apartment. The garage is shared by three other tenants who all had pry marks on their doors but reported nothing missing. The garage doors were normally kept closed, the tenants said.

BOWLING BUST

Three Northville teens will be doing some extra scrubbing and cleaning as punishment for their crime of taking three pairs of bowling shoes from Novi Bowl in Novi Road.

Police on patrol stopped the teens, Jan. 5, after the truck they were in was seen speeding and driving erratically north on Novi Road after pulling out of the alley. The teens were not wearing their seatbelts, police said.

According to the report, the officer noticed a pair of bowling shoes belonging to the bowling alley sticking out from the driver's seat. The driver, a 16-year-old Northville boy, said he didn't take the shoes from the alley that night but his friends did because they were in a hurry and forgot to return them. The three passengers, including a 15-year-old Northville girl and 15-year-old Northville boy, backed the driver up.

While recovering the shoes, the officer discovered a plastic bag containing four unopened cans of beer. The officer did not suspect the teens of drinking that night, and the driver once again said he knew they were there but the beer belonged to his friends.

The beer was confiscated and the driver cited for disobeying a traffic signal and issued a seatbelt violation. The bowling shoes were returned to the alley, where the manager said he would not prosecute for larceny if the teens agreed to clean the bowling alley. Two of the parents were cooperative, the other was unreachable.

No minors in possession citations or larceny citations were issued, said police.

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

Fallen traffic signal hampers traffic

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A downed traffic signal at the corner of Haggerty and Grand River Saturday morning kept traffic blocked in all directions until 11:30 that night, causing a major headache for drivers but resulting in no injuries.

According to Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, a bulldozer at a salvage yard up the road struck one of the Detroit Edison poles and caused power lines to snap.

"As one pole snapped they all, like a domino effect, went down the road to the intersection," said Deputy Chief Pete Baldwin at the Farmington Hills Fire Department, which also responded to the 10:42 call for assistance.

Novi and Farmington Hills police kept the traffic under control while the fire departments secured the downed wires. Detroit Edison arrived at 11:30 a.m.

Lenaghan said fortunately no cars or drivers were caught in the chaos of downed lines and traffic signals, however, a signal reportedly bounced off of a mail truck going through the intersection before hitting the ground.

Farmington Hills Department of Public Works crews spent the rest of the day repairing the pavement from six inch holes burnt into the asphalt by the live wires.

"It's amazing what damage it did do," said Lenaghan. "Fortunately everyone got through the intersection."

One of the signals was destroyed and another seriously damaged, but the intersection is back in working order this week.

Novi Briefs

Planning for the future

If you've got the time to plan Novi's future, the place and date are set.

Novi 20/20 Futuring Steering Committee is inviting everybody to get involved in the creation of a vision statement for the community on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free child care will be provided for both sessions.

After the vision statement is drafted and topics selected by residents are explored further, the final result of the process is expected to be a 25-year blueprint for Novi.

Groups will address issues such as transportation, the environment, local lifestyle and development.

The goal is to have at least 100 residents involved with the project.

Speaker of the Michigan Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumous, R-Alto, is expected to speak at the Jan. 30 session.

For information, call the Novi Community Development Department at 347-0475.

Board workshop

The Novi Board of Education will hold a board workshop, Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Double Tree Hotel on Novi Road beginning at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and leaving not later than 1 p.m. The board will have a light lunch at noon. The topic for the public meeting will be group development and "dialoguing."

Outreach office opened

The Karmanos Cancer Institute has opened a new regional outreach office affiliated with DMC Health Care Centers at the Novi Center, 41935 W. Twelve Mile, just east of Twelve Oaks Mall. Part of the institute's community outreach program, the office will carry the message of cancer prevention and resources available to cancer patients living in Novi and its surrounding areas. The office will schedule community health education programs in the areas of breast and prostate health awareness for business, civic, community and religious organizations. Each year, thousands of men and women learn how to reduce their cancer risk or where to turn for treatment, services and support through these programs led by trained volunteers. The H.O.T., Hazards of Tobacco, a smoking prevention program for the area schools will also be available. In 1994, more than 13,000 students in 83 schools participated in the program developed in collaboration with the American Lung Association of Michigan which features speakers who have undergone surgical removal of their larynxes.

The office will also provide various support services for cancer patients. These include low-cost food supplement, no-cost medical supplies, durable medical equipment and transportation to oncology related medical appointments.

The office can be reached at (810) 347-8178. It is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of the nation's leading cancer research, treatment, education and outreach centers. It is affiliated with the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University, and supported by several area United Ways.

NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 97-003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cunningham-Limp Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a temporary construction office trailer at the Harada Industry of America project job site, located at 22925 Venture Drive, north of Nine Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Road, beginning January 1997. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 22, 1997.

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CITY OF NOVI
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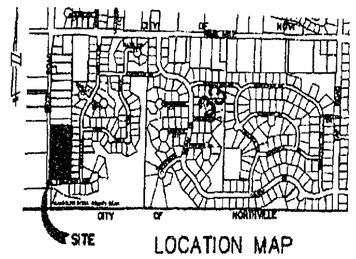
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **DUNNABECK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SP 95-39,** located east of Beck Road, south of Nine Mile Road for **POSSIBLE TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL.**



LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 5, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 97-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 14 OF ORDINANCE NO. 84-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AND TO AMEND THAT PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE LIMITING HEIGHT, BULK, DENSITY, AND AREA BY ZONING DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT, AS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 1997.

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ORDINANCE NO. 97-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2519.10 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REVISE THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REGULATING NOISE.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 1997.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 12. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

Service, 41735 Carousel, 2:55 a.m., Squad 2.

Assistance, 23564 Meadowbrook, 2:42 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24604 Edgewood, 3:56 a.m., Squad 4.

Investigation, 31147 Beachwalk, 7:56 a.m., Engine 2.

Fuel spill, Novi Road and I-96, 3:02 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 26226 Indiana, 8:33 p.m., Squad 4.

Service, 24545 Bashian, 9:26 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:46 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 28793 Hearthstone, 11:58 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 1997

Fire alarm, 45225 Grand River, 12:51 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.

Fire alarm, 43825 West Oaks Drive, 1:23 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Medical, 23697 Rockledge, 1:22 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 21300 Novi Road, 1:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Trash fire, 22278 Sunrise, 3:53 p.m., Engine 3.

Car fire, Twelve Mile and Beck Road, 4:39 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 6:22 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 50585 Arizona, 7:27 p.m., Squad 4.

Investigation, 24599 Willowbrook, 11:18 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:03 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:50 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 24643 Bashian, 10:09 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 21110 Woodland Glen, 10:55 a.m., Squad 3.

Transformer fire, Taft and Grand River, 12:04 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 29605 Le Grand, 1:07 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27680 Novi Road, 1:34 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45065 Pontiac Trail, 2:16 p.m., Squad 2.

House fire, 24529 Christina, 2:18 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Wires down, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 3:15 a.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 39802 Village Wood, 1:35 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Twelve Oaks Desk, 4:06 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23573 Stonehenge, 6:52 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1321 Mariga, 9:52 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:08 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

Fire alarm, 42450 W. Twelve Mile, 1:58 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Fire alarm, 43492 West Oaks, 2:03 a.m., Engines 3 and 4.

Medical, 22502 Mansion, 9:40 a.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile, 12:33 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Medical, 25700 Cody Lane, 5:05 p.m., Squad 4.

Fuel spill, Novi Road and Grand River, 6:09 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

Medical, 45221 Bryne, 3:21 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 44000 Grand River, 7:11 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25700 Cody Lane, 8:07 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 22502 Mansion, 10:59 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 21355 Meadowbrook, 11:11 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 23403 Haggerty, 1:37 p.m., Squad 3.

Fuel spill, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 7:14 p.m., Engine 3.

Stand by, Country Place, 11:30 p.m., Response 510.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

Service, 24539 Old Orchard, 2:27 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 39960 Crosswinds, 7:28 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41484 Beldon Circle, 8:33 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:09 a.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 10:29 a.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 45523 Addington, 11:22 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 45815 Grand River, 11:44 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, 42409 Grand River, 11:47 a.m., Squad 1.

Wire down, 1313 West Lake, 1:19 p.m., Engine 2.

Fire alarm, 39555 Orchard Hill, 1:56 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Haggerty, 5:11 p.m., Squad 2.

House fire, 44512 Copland, 9:31 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

Medical, 21970 Rousseau, 1:48 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 7:47 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 30880 Beck Road, 11:18 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 39750 Grand River, 12:39 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 3:04 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40161 Buckingham Court, 5:34 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41314 Cornell, 7:35 p.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 23730 Maude-Lea, 8:35 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

Investigation, 41824 Cherry Hill, 8:47 a.m., Squad 1.

Service, 50585 Arizona, 7:38 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Medical, 50763 Arizona, 2:48 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 23289 Sagebrush, 4:12 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40225 Harrison, 7:06 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 39591 Neston, 7:54 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Grand River, 8:13 a.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, I-275 and I-96, 9:28 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23052 Ennishore, 12:09 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, I-96 and Haggerty, 3:19 p.m., Squad 1.

Car fire, Denny's and Novi Road, 5:38 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Decker Road, 1:08 a.m., Squads 1 and 2.

Medical, 30061 Montmorency, 1:34 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 6:28 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 26231 Maryland, 3:03 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 24347 Lynwood, 4:30 p.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 45182 West Road, 5:10 p.m., Engine 2.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

Wires down, Grand River and Haggerty, 10:42 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 50610 Montana, 12:58 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 24215 Bashian, 3:12 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 50714 Oregon, 9:13 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 10:17 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:54 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 22502 Mansion, 8:30 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Novi Expo Center, 11:16 a.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 41151 Ten Mile Road, 2:46 p.m., Squad 3.

Gas odor, Grand River and Novi Road, 3:35 p.m., Engine 1.

Car fire, 46735 Twelve Mile Road, 9:12 p.m., Engine 4.

Fire alarm, 43000 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 11:01 p.m., Engines 1, 2 and 4.

Mall not worried about Main St.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Known mostly for it's major retail center of Twelve Oaks, West Oaks and The Novi Town Center, Novi has become a veritable haven for retailers looking for a viable market, according to the Linder Company's spokesman, Ernie Reno.

The Linder Co. manages the Town Center development.

Because of it's location, job opportunities, schools and pocket books, Novi has a reputation nationwide as a successful place to locate. That's why many of the developments are above 90 percent capacity, Reno said.

That's also why the Town Center isn't too worried about the newest project in Novi, Main Street, at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"We've been paying attention and it's our position the Main Street project will enhance what we're trying to do," said Reno.

"Anything that creates more choices for shopping and raises the level of activity is positive for all of us," he added.

Developed in the mid-1980s as the first attempt at a downtown Novi, the Novi Town Center is thriving at 90 percent occupancy.

Only seven years ago, the Town Center was just 70 percent leased. Highland Appliance, Children's Palace and F&M Distributors have all moved out over the years, but have been replaced by Border's Books, Comp USA and what's soon to be a home decorating shop called Linen's and Things.

The City of Novi Planning Commission heard plans for the store late last year. Developers hope to move into the F&M site and expand the back of the store.

According to Reno, the Town Center will continue to thrive serving the needs of shoppers who need quick and easy access to one or more stores.

He said studies have shown that while shopping was the center's number one leisure activity in 1985, it is now categorized by customers as a task.

The Town Center is also looking toward more involvement in the Novi community, he said.

"We're trying to do things to make it more of a community resource," said Reno, citing the successful Art Fair at the center and a Chili Festival.

In addition, the company will employ a new property manager to leave manager Greg Sullivan free to concentrate on leasing, said Reno. And the center will unveil the new slogan 'Do The Town.'

Main St. wins rezoning request

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Like a billiards ball sinking into the pocket, a request to rezone more seven acres for Main Street, Novi was a sure win.

Planned for the property is a building that will include Fifth Avenue Billiards and another restaurant, as well as a parking lot for Main Street.

In addition to food and drinks, Fifth Avenue Billiards will offer pool tables for local games enthusiasts, said Jim Chen, president of developers Evergreen III.

The Novi City Council on Monday agreed to rezone the land, formerly the site of KMH Equipment Company, from light and heavy industrial to Town Center District.

The new extension of the existing downtown development will be called Main Street Court and give the project its first frontage on Novi Road.

In summer of 1997, two buildings, 200 Main Street and 300 Main Street are expected to be built, along with the building that will house the billiards hall. Building will take up about half of the newly rezoned land, located immediately to the south of Main St.

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HENRY FORD'S AFFAIR WITH THE AIR

Aviation's history

People have probably thought about flying for as long as they've watched birds soar through the air. The dream of making a machine that lets human beings do what they do has been around for hundreds of years.

Leonardo da Vinci, for example, was working on it in the 15th century. For him it remained nothing more than a dream, just as it did for our great-grandparents a century ago. How did we get from there to the world of today with moonshots, supersonic jets and the Space Shuttle?

It all began with two guys, brothers actually, who ran a bicycle manufacturing shop in Dayton, Ohio. Orville and Wilbur Wright won a place in history when they perfected the first working airplane and made history's first successful flight. Unlike other inventors, though, they didn't end up getting much more than that.

The Wright brothers made that famous first flight on Dec. 17, 1903, in a field outside Kitty Hawk, N.C. It was the culmination of years of work: the Wrights carefully studied the work others had done in aerodynamics and performed their own experiments with gliders, kites and wind tunnels.

Once they had pulled off their miracle the Wrights tried to spread it around. They attempted to sell their airplane design to the U.S. and later to several European governments.

Since they'd never conducted a public flight, however, nobody was sure that their contraption really worked and so the Wrights got no takers.

Meanwhile, others, especially in Europe, were hard at work on their own airplane designs. Just two years after Kitty Hawk, in 1905, a pair of French brothers, Charles and Gabriel Voisin, started the world's first airplane manufacturing company.

The Wrights, in fact, didn't even start the first American airplane company. That distinction went to to New York businessman Glenn Curtiss.

Still, the brothers stayed in the hunt. In 1909 they sold an airplane to the U.S. Army Signal Corps and used the money to start their own firm.

Like other business owners, though, Wilbur and Orville found out that the young industry of aviation could be tough sledding. Most everyone was skeptical in the beginning – airplanes were looked at as a novelty, something that a few daredevils or the odd engineer played around with for fun.

Soon, though, entrepreneurs like Henry Ford began to see the market potential for aviation. It could move mail, freight and even passengers fast. In time, air travel could even be cost comparable with road and rail.

That process began with World War I. Conflict was a catalyst for aviation's development and greater involvement in everyday life.

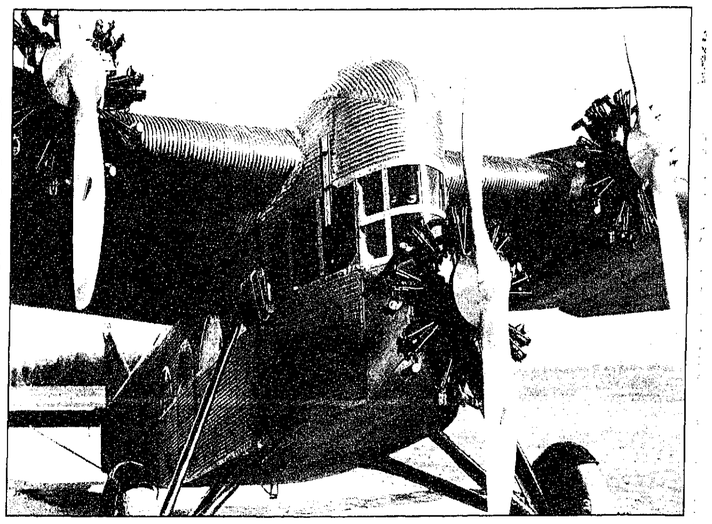
Governments on both sides of the war bought a lot of planes. When the fighting was done, all of those planes and pilots went home.

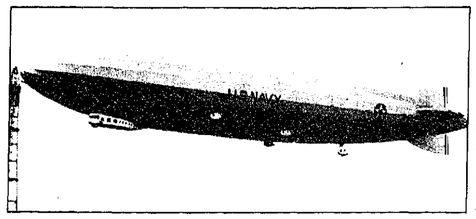
There they found new jobs doing the same thing, everything from the famous "barnstorming" stunt shows of old, often put on during county fairs, to hauling freight.

Ford brought the revolution of mass production, which he'd perfected in the automobile industry via the assembly line, to aviation. It made things both faster and cheaper. Ford helped to speed up the development of bigger, faster and safer aircraft and put many more of them out into the market.

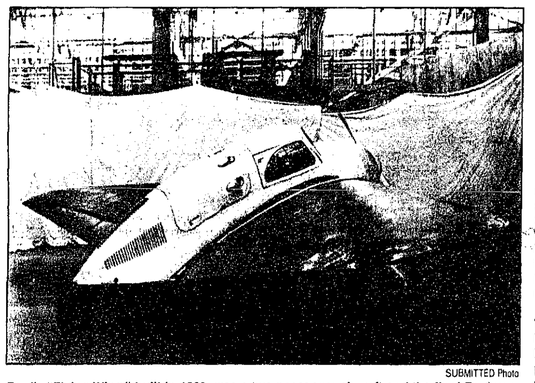
The brothers who started it all weren't in on any of it, however. Wilbur Wright died of typhoid fever in 1912, leading Orville to sell their company soon afterwards.

A new generation of aviation took off in 1937 when British inventor Frank Whittle developed the first jet engine. Nazi Germany put the first jet aircraft aloft in 1939 and soon jet technology was spawning bigger and faster airplanes than anyone had ever thought possible just a few years before.





Above: The very first Ford Tri-Motor airplane was called an "ugly duckling" by many. Left: The U.S. Navy dirigible, Los Angeles, docks at the mooring mast at the Ford Airport in Dearborn. Built in 1925 because Henry Ford believed that lighter-than-air ships were the future of aviation, it was the only privately owned mast in the world. The former Ford Airport is now the automotive company's vehicle test track. SUBMITTED Photos



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Ford's "Flying Wing," built in 1936, was a two-passenger aircraft and the final Ford venture in commercial aviation. Testers found it hard to control but it was a single critical comment from Charles Lindbergh that caused Henry Ford to abandon the plane. It never flew.

Ford's revolution changes world

Question: He didn't invent the gasoline engine; he didn't invent the automobile. So just what did Henry Ford do to change America and history forever?

Answer: He led the way up a big step on the technological ladder. The Industrial Revolution saw humanity stop using its hands and start using machines to perform labor. Henry Ford perfected the principle of mass production. The result was that machines were used to make products so inexpensively and so fast that nearly everyone could afford one.

It first happened on a large scale with the automobile. Instead of remaining a novelty or a toy of the rich, the car was now within the reach of the average family. The legacy of Henry Ford has changed our world forever. We do everything from ship food to commute to work with automobiles.

How it all began is an interesting tale that begins hundreds of years ago when the steam engine was first invented. Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot, a French military engineer, used one in 1769 to create the first self-propelled land vehicle. Within a hundred years steam carriages transported passengers around big towns like Paris and London on a regular schedule.

Opposition from railroad and stagecoach companies ended their use, however, which, in turn, sparked the development of smaller, individual-sized automobiles. Those devises became the immediate predecessors of the modern gasoline car.

The word *automobile* was first applied to the newfangled "horseless carriages" in France in the 1890s. It comes from the Greek word *autos*, meaning "self," and the French word *mobile*, meaning "moving."

It moved forward by leaps and bounds after 1885. That year saw two German inventors working separately, Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz, and each came up with a working gasoline-powered engine.

They stand in the shadow of Henry Ford, however, because Ford took the gas car out of the laboratory and put it into the front yard of generations of Americans. How? Through the assembly line: the technique he perfected led to huge cost savings in production. That then translated into car prices low enough for the average family to afford.

Before Ford, cars were a luxury of the well-to-do. About 5,000 cars were built in the United States in the year 1900, but by 1916 the number had grown to 1.5 million.

Born in 1863 on a farm in what is today the city of Dearborn, Ford became a machinist at the age of 16 and later worked as an engineer for a Detroit electric company.

Young Henry became interested in automobiles early on. He built his first gas engine in 1893 and his first car in 1896, too late for the record books. Two brothers, Charles and Frank Duryea, accomplished that feat in Springfield, Mass., the year before.

Interestingly, Ford Motor Co. was actually the third automotive firm Henry founded. The first failed and he left the second. When he started Ford Motor in 1903, the automaker at first produced only expensive luxury models as his competitors did, but all the while he was working on a way to build simple, sturdy and cheap cars for the common folk.

Jumping that hurdle in 1908 was the Model T, which sold for $825 during its first year. In 1909, Ford decided to build nothing but the affectionately-titled "Tin Lizzy." Henry kept searching for ways to cut production costs and so brought the assembly line into the forefront of his factories.

It worked. In 1912 it took about 12 and a half worker hours to build a Model T. By 1914 that figure had dropped to one and a half worker hours.

More changes led to lower costs and Ford became a hero to many Americans when he passed much of the savings on in form of lower prices. In 1913, for example, the Model T's price dropped to $550. By 1924 the car cost just $290.

He followed that up with a series of employee benefits such as an eight-hour workday and profit-sharing, which also won affection for him.

During the 1920s, Ford Motor lost some ground to an up and comer, General Motors. GM made inroads in the industry by marketing its cars as symbols of wealth and taste. Many responded to that when faced with Ford's basic transportation car.

GM's gains led some to question Ford's management skills. He also drew criticism for his opposition to labor unions and for fighting efforts by UAW representatives who tried to organize his employees.

In 1945, he retired from the business he had caused to boom beyond anyone's imagination. Henry Ford died in 1947.

Byrd flies to both poles

Richard Evelyn Byrd was an American naval rear admiral-and a storied explorer who holds a unique place in history due to the help of the Ford family.

Born in 1888, Byrd was the first man to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone from east to west after aviator Charles Lindbergh did it from west to east. He's best known, however, for being the first person even to fly to both the South and North Poles. That feat was accomplished only through the help and support of Edsel Ford.

According to Northville historian Tim O'Callaghan, Byrd wanted to fly a Ford-built tri-motor airplane for his historic flight to the North Pole. The plane wasn't ready in time, however, so the admiral flew a German Fokker, a plane purchased by Edsel Ford for the trip.

Edsel made the rounds of the rich and powerful to raise money for Byrd's later expedition to Antarctica as well. The admiral flew to the South Pole in a Ford-built airplane on Nov. 28, 1929, from his base, "Little America," which was located on the Ross Ice Shelf on Antarctica's Bay of Whales.

Ironically, the history-making aircraft remained at Little America for several years.

"They shipped it there in pieces and assembled it just for the flight," O'Callaghan explained. "It cost a lot of money and so no one really ever considered going to the trouble of bringing it back."

So the plane remained in a makeshift hanger hacked out of the ice for several years until Byrd brought it home at Edsel's express request.

The admiral, in the meantime, had been leading expeditions to both poles and was the driving force behind efforts to explore and later protect the frozen continent of Antarctica.

Before one of his trips, O'Callaghan said, Edsel asked Byrd to bring the aircraft back with him for the sake of history. Byrd did and the plane today rests in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Byrd continued to plan and lead Antarctic exploration and scientific research expeditions until his death in 1957. The continent's Marie Byrd Land was named by the admiral after his wife.

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Members of an Antarctic expedition led by Admiral Richard Byrd free the Ford plane he used in 1928 to fly to the South Pole from its makeshift ice hanger. The plane today sits in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Lindbergh may have been America's first superstar

Charles Augustus Lindbergh won a page in aviation's record books when he crossed the Atlantic alone.

He secured a place in American history – for both good and ill – by what he did and what was done to him in the decades to follow.

In many ways Lindbergh was perhaps America's very first superstar. His achievements in the air won "Lucky Lindy" instant, international fame. The fishbowl grew uncomfortable in later years, however, when he used his perch for politics, taking controversial positions that angered many.

The worst came with the sensation that surrounded the kidnapping and murder of his infant son, the closest thing Lindbergh's America had to compare with the O.J. cult of today.

Did you know that Lindbergh was born right here in Detroit in 1902? He grew up on a farm in Minnesota, and dropped out of college to be a pilot.

After learning to fly Lindbergh worked as a "barnstormer" for a time, performing stunts for the crowds at county fairs all over the country. He later joined the Army Air Service and worked as a mail carrier, flying letters between St. Louis and Chicago. His ticket to bigger and better things came in the form of a bet made by a man named Raymond Orteig.

In 1919 Orteig, a wealthy New York City hotel owner, offered $25,000 to any pilot who could fly nonstop by himself from New York to Paris. Many tried for the money and several pilots were killed in the attempt.

Eight years went by and no one won the bet. Lindbergh decided to try for it after getting a group of St. Louis businessmen to pay for the construction of what he believed was the right plane for the job.

The Spirit of St. Louis, which today hangs in the Smithsonian, made the 3,600 mile trek in 33 and a half hours on May 20-21, 1927. Lindbergh became an instant hit with people in Europe and across America.

He used his fame to promote aviation as a commercial industry by touring the States and working as a technical advisor to several airline companies, eventually including the one owned by Henry Ford. Lindy and Ford met during a 1927 tour that brought the aviator to Ford Airport in Dearborn.

It was then that Lindbergh took Henry and his son Edsel for their first airplane rides – in The Spirit of St. Louis, no less. The trip cemented a lifelong friendship between Henry and Charles, who would one day come to work for Ford as an aviation advisor.

Before that day came, however, many adventures and a lot of heartbreak awaited Lindy.

The U.S. government sent Lindbergh to South America as a goodwill ambassador in 1927. It was on that trip that he met his future wife, the daughter of America's ambassador to Mexico.

On March 1, 1932, the couple's 20-month-old son, Charles Jr., was kidnapped from the family home in New Jersey. His body was found about 10 weeks later. It wasn't until 1934, however, that police arrested a suspect.

The trial of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, who claimed to be innocent, was a media circus even by today's standards. The Lindberghs moved to Europe to avoid the reporters, photographers and crowds that followed them wherever they went in the States. Hauptmann was convicted and executed in 1936.

While in Europe Lindbergh drew flak from critics for making statements which seemed supportive of Nazi Germany. Later Lindbergh would actively oppose the U.S. entry into World War II and made comments that many called unfair to Franklin Roosevelt and American Jews.

By 1954 all was forgotten. Lindy served as an advisor to the Air Force and in 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower reinstated his military commission, even making him a general. That same year Lindbergh won the Pulitzer Prize for a book he wrote recounting his historic transatlantic flight.

In the late 1960s Lindbergh broke years of public silence to call for the protection and preservation of natural resources and even campaigned to save endangered species of whales. He died of cancer in his home in Hawaii in 1974.

Stories by RANDY COBLE

HENRY FORD'S AFFAIR WITH THE AIR

Northville author's work is a labor of love

"I guess you'd have to say that it was a labor of love," is how Tim O'Callaghan explains his work of the last five years.

Actually, the affair's gone on a lot longer than that. For much of his career, O'Callaghan's been intrigued with the history of Ford Motor Co., the business he gave 40 years of his life to, and especially with its founder, Henry Ford.

"I was always curious. I always found something new to interest me," he recalled.

That included delving deep into a fascinating but previously little-known corner of history: Henry Ford's central role in the development of the then-fledgling aviation industry. Though he's not even a pilot, when he came across the stories of Ford and his airplanes and what might have been, the tale grabbed O'Callaghan's imagination.

"Once the kids left home, I had the time and the interest to really get after this, so I did," he said.

He's been going hard at it for five years now, starting soon after retiring from Ford. O'Callaghan, a longtime Plymouth resident who moved to Northville last year, has spent thousands of hours piecing together the story of how the man who became an American icon thanks to the automobile could have also done the same thing for the airplane.

In 1995 he put it all down in black and white in his book Henry Ford's Airport and Other Aviation Interests 1909-1954. He had it published through an Ann Arbor firm and he's since sold all 2,000 copies.

"The history books on Ford never said much about the aviation side of things. I think it's a story that needed to be told," O'Callaghan said. "If things had turned out differently, Ford might have dominated the aviation industry the way he did cars. It's interesting to think about."

In August the historian/author put a new spin on the story with a video based on the book. You know how they say that a picture is worth a thousand words? Henry Ford's Aviation Interests 1924-36 proves the point.

Combining rare footage from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the Ford photographic laboratories, the video's black and white images paint the picture of the days when aircraft and the folks who flew them were a novelty. It also gives a glimpse of the long, hard – and sometimes fatal – road both took to grow into a part of everyday life.

It's interesting that Tim O'Callaghan is the one who's told the tale. The Depression that forced Henry Ford out of aviation also forced O'Callaghan's father to move his family away from Tim's native Indiana to Washington, D.C.

The reason: despite tough economic times Tim's dad had managed to land a job ... with Ford Motor Co.

Son eventually followed father. After growing up in the D.C. area and spending three years with the U.S. Army of occupation in Japan, O'Callaghan joined Ford, ending a 40-year career in field sales operations in 1991.

He had collected Ford memorabilia for years, O'Callaghan remembered, but it was after he retired that he turned to recording the history of Ford aviation in earnest.

"I began volunteering at the Henry Ford Museum, cataloging the aviation files. That hooked me," he said with a grin.

Some of the museum's records regarding Ford aviation were wrong, O'Callaghan said, and he jumped at the chance to set them right when museum directors asked if he'd like to reorganize them correctly.

"That's where it all really started. I don't know how long it took for me to write the book. I just kept at it in the museum and eventually I had it done," he explained.

Somewhere along the way he got the idea for the video, which uses footage shot by Ford photographers in the 1920s and '30s.

"Film was very big for Ford then. In those days the company had a photography lab as big as anything in Hollywood," O'Callaghan explained.

With it cameramen not only preserved key moments in Ford history but produced all kinds of movies for public showings. Films were made on a variety of subjects, everything from travel to new cars.

"Car dealers would set up sheets in their garages and show the films. A lot of people saw their first movies that way," O'Callaghan said.

Hundreds of hours of work went into the 40-minute tape and O'Callaghan did it all himself, poring over thousands of feet of film. He then spliced the best segments together and recorded the narration to explain them.

Has it all been worth it, spending years to tell this saga?

"Oh, yes. No question about it," he replied with a smile and without hesitation.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville historian and author Tim O'Callaghan has chronicled the story of Henry Ford's aviation adventures in a video and a book.

Seeing it for yourself

You can buy a copy of Tim O'Callaghan's video, Henry Ford's Aviation Interests 1924-36, for yourself. It is approximately 40 minutes long and costs $23, plus $2 for shipping and handling.

Mail your check along with the address where you want the video sent to T&D Associates, c/o Tim O'Callaghan, P.O. Box 512, Northville, MI, 48167.

O'Callaghan's video is based on his book, Henry Ford's Airport and Other Aviation Interests 1909-1954. The book is out of print now but might be available in the future. Watch future issues of The Northville Record for an announcement.

O'Callaghan is interested in talking to publishers about putting out another edition of the book. If you'd like to speak with him about it, contact the author at the above address.

Henry Ford is driving force in early aviation

Very few of us ever the get the chance to become a legend and fewer still actually end up as one. Henry Ford not only did it with the automobile but came very close to repeating the feat with the airplane.

During the 1920s and '30s he was the driving force in aviation development and promotion. His name and his money were crucial in making the airplane a part of everyday life. Much like the car before it, that change springboarded humanity into a new era.

Now we live in a world where flying faster than sound around the world is as easy as buying a plane ticket. Though he didn't see it through to the end, Henry Ford helped us take many of the first steps on that incredible journey.

"He changed the face of aviation and the face of America forever," Northville author Tim O'Callaghan explained. "He sold the safety of it to the common man. That was crucial to the aviation industry's survival."

It all really began way back in 1909. That year saw a man who worked for the Ford Motor Co. ask the founder if he could use a car engine to power a wood and fabric airplane he wanted to build. The man's plane wouldn't fly but it did cause Henry Ford's imagination to take off.

The carmaker took an increasing interest in aviation over the years. Then came the Roaring '20s. America was enjoying a boom and nowhere more in than Detroit. That's what brought Bill Stout to town in 1923.

Well known in aviation circles as an aircraft designer, he came here to make Detroit, the world center of the automotive industry, into the global headquarters of aviation as well. He passed the hat among wealthy investors to gain funds for a new aircraft design and manufacturing company.

Quick to jump on board was Henry Ford, who soon realized that Stout would need a lot of working capital to make the project succeed. That led Henry to buy out all of the company's other stockholders in 1925 and pledge his money and his reputation to the cause of making aviation big business.

It was also the first in the world to get concrete runways and in 1931 saw the opening of The Dearborn Inn to accommodate air travel passengers. Remodeled in 1989, the famous Inn is still open today.

No so the airport, however. Closed in 1947, its grounds today are the site of Ford Motor's vehicle test track.

Along with the airfield, Henry opened his own airline company, Ford Air Transport Service. It was the first private contractor to carry mail for the Post Office and the first to carry freight on a regular schedule, shuttling cargo between Ford offices in cities like Dearborn, Chicago and Buffalo.

The point was to demonstrate the safety and reliability of air transport to a skeptical public and it was a shot in the arm for the whole industry. Improving both was also the point of Henry Ford's forays into airplane research and development. His engineers worked to make aircraft bigger, faster and safer.

They patented improvements like wheel brakes and tail wheels and Henry freely shared every advancement, declining to charge others for the use of patents.

One of the biggest steps forward for aviation came when Ford began moving airplanes into the future, building the world's first all-metal plane and after 1926 constructing only three-engine planes.

It was a revolution in the industry and cemented public confidence, O'Callaghan explained.

"Many people don't understand the love people had for Ford. He was unbelievable. He gave them the chance to get off the farm, so when it came to airplanes, they figured if Henry Ford was involved in it, it must be OK," he said.

Through those years Ford dominated its competitors. Then it all came to an abrupt, screeching halt in 1932. With it went Henry's chance repeat history.

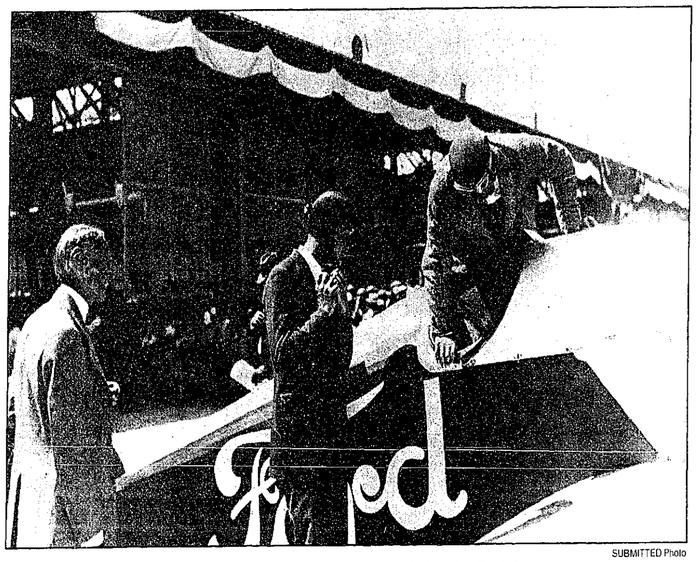
The Depression's woes were gripping America's throat and even Ford was feeling the pressure. Cars sales were plummeting: two million sold in 1929 compared to just 400,000 in 1932.

Combined with that was the fact that Ford succeeded in what he set out to do. The aviation industry had grown by leaps and bounds and now there was a glut of planes and airlines on the market.

"He had to get back to his core business," O'Callaghan said. "He had more important fish to fry and there was more than enough commercial air service out there to meet the demand, so he just lost interest in aviation."

Replacing Ford's tri-motor as the workhorse of the sky was the Douglas DC-3, which came into its own in the 1930s and '40s.

Henry Ford spent his last years seeing B-24 bombers built at Willow Run Airport during World War II. He died in 1947 and the company continued on in the field for a time, building plane engines and parts, an enterprise which finally ended in 1954.



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Charles Lindbergh (center, strapping on helmet) prepares to take a spin in a tiny Ford "flivver" aircraft as Henry Ford looks on. The two met in 1927 and became lifelong friends. Lindbergh gave both Henry and his son Edsel their first airplane rides and later worked for him as a technical advisor, helping Ford produce B-24 bombers at Willow Run Airport during World War II.

Stories by RANDY COBLE

City balks at ice arena bonding

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You could call it a case of the last minute jitters.

The first step of a funding method for the Ten Mile Road ice arena that would place the city's full credit behind bonds issued for the $6.5 million project went ahead Monday night, but was not taken with some trepidation by Novi City Council Bob Schmid.

"If the thing went belly up, we're asking the taxpayers of the City of Novi to pay up for that ... We're exposing the city," Council Member Schmid said.

The council agreed to place the project within the jurisdiction of the Novi Building Authority, with the understanding that the city can back out of the ice arena plan at any time, if the numbers don't work. The bonds have not yet been sold.

Parks and Recreation Director Don Davis said the goal was to have the rinks up and running by Late Fall 1997.

The city also authorized a $5,000 financial feasibility study of the project, to be done by the accounting firm Plante & Moran.

Originally, the proposal was that the two-rink facility be built with revenue bonds issued by Novi's Economic Development Corporation, without any risk to the city's taxpayers should the ice skating business go broke.

But Dennis Neiman, Novi's bond attorney, told the council that the interest rates could be as much as $220,000 lower if the bonds came from the Novi Building Authority. The authority, set up in 1995 for senior citizen housing, can sell bonds backed by city assets and taxes.

The project is three-way agreement between Novi, Center Ice Inc. and its manager Terry Seyler and the non-profit Community Clubs of Novi, largely composed of volunteers appointed by the council.

"After meeting with Seyler and his investment bankers, it might be very difficult to finance it without city involvement to back it up," Neiman said.

"The EDC bonds would be the equivalent of junk bonds."

The only up front money is $100,000 each from Center Ice Inc. and the city. That would be refunded with interest once the bonds were sold.

"Aren't Seyler and his group investors?" Schmid asked.

"Zero investment," said Novi City Attorney David Fried.

"They design, build and run it," Neiman said.

"With our money," Fried added.

With the city's reserves backing the bonds, the bonds would be more attractive to purchasers, Neiman explained.

"The building authority or the city's back up is not intended to be primary security for the issue," Neiman said, noting that there's an element of "some risk" in the project.

It's estimated that the EDC bonds, which would mature in 25 years, would likely bear an interest rate of nine percent, while bonds issued for the same time period by a building authority would be purchased at a 6.5 percent interest rate. That would mean the authority's bonds would require the arena to pay $378,000 annually in interest, while the EDC bonds would require an annual payment of $600,000.

For the $6.5 million rink, the EDC would have to sell $8 million in bonds to cover the interest, while the building authority would only need to sell $6.97 million.

To cover the additional interest with the EDC bonds, the business would need to reap about $800,000 per year in revenues.

"I've seen enough ice arenas. I have reservations whether you can make $800,000 on an ice arena," Neiman said.

An estimate for the project made several years ago projected that the arena would clear $300,000 per year, after all expenses were paid.

Other bond issues are backed by the city's credit, including general obligation bonds for voter-approved projects such as roads, as well as special assessment district bonds, which are paid off by adjacent property owners for services such as sewers and roadwork. Main Street was built with an SAD.

Last week, the city council signed a purchase agreement on 15 acres of land near the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Novi Road for the 84,000-square-foot complex.

If the ice arena fails financially, Novi can take over the building but must continue paying off the bonds.

Under the terms of the contract, the land would be leased from Novi for $50,000 per year, but the entire complex would revert to the city once the 20-year lease is up. In addition, any profits after the bonds are paid would be plowed back into city recreational programming, at the discretion of Community Clubs of Novi.

Library Briefs

Library hours

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday closings

The Novi Public Library will be closed on Jan. 20 (Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday). The Novi City calendar indicates that we will be open. This is a misprint and we apologize for any confusion. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Book talk

The next book discussion group will be on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. The topic for discussion will be *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. Have this book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

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Fendt Transit Mix may move to make room for downtown

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In 1956, when Fendt Transit Mix decided to locate in Novi, the city encouraged the firm to build at its current Grand River Avenue/Novi Road site.

Over 40 years later, city officials are now hoping the concrete company will move, as it stands smack in the way of the development of the new, improved downtown Novi.

Fendt is amenable to the idea of going, if certain conditions are met, said Jeff Spahr, general manager.

"We haven't been able to come up with a general plan that works for everybody," Spahr said.

"It's a situation where the company was here long before all the growth in the area. We'd like to be able to work out a good solution."

Novi planners have been hoping to ease Fendt out at least since 1989.

Seven years ago, what city officials dubbed the Grand Plan may have collapsed in the face of citizen opposition, but today many of the original goals are being achieved.

In 1989 and through most of 1990, the city's focus was on luring away some 20 "non-compatible" businesses, including Fendt, from the Novi Road/Grand River area to an industrial park south of Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road and west of Wixom Road. The bait included tax abatements and tax-free land swaps.

Today, the engine's being revved by the private sector.

Over the past few years, several businesses at the crucial intersection have since moved out, including Darling Mobile Homes, Shirley Cash Realty World and the Frazer Staman Insurance Agency, both among the properties purchased by Detroit developer George Keros.

Most recently, one of the chief targets of the relocation plan, KMII Equipment Company, has been sold to Evergreen III, developers of the $75 million Main Street project.

Ideally, Novi's ambition is to build another ring road, similar to Main Street, around the southwest quadrant of Grand River and Novi Road, through land now occupied by the concrete plant, City Manager Ed Kriewall said. But it may not happen. An Arbor drugstore and other retail outlets are now being built by Keros on that corner.

"That is going to be a challenge. We're looking at a riverwalk, that might be a good place for it to go," Kriewall said.

"Fendt is working with us."

Not everything the Grand Plan sought to accomplish may become a reality, Kriewall said. Downtown Novi will likely stop at the Novi Road railroad tracks.

"The Grand Plan was a little more expansive, it was going to take out Stricker Paint," he explained.

What Fendt needs to head out is an affordable site close to its customers with convenient freeway access, Spahr said.

Forty years ago, Fendt's exterior structures were state-of-the-art. Although the firm uses modern technology like computers to mix concrete and track trucks, today the tower and conveyor belt, visible from Novi Road, are outdated, Spahr said.

But the company hesitates to refurbish the plant, while it's future north of the old Novi Cemetery remains uncertain.

Eighteen months ago, founder Roger Fendt sold the his company to Tom Stover, but still works for the firm as a consultant.

The location, in the heart of so much growth, has been good for Fendt, which counts among its clients individual homeowners who want to pour a patio to the mega-corporations like Ford and General Motors. The company did the curb and gutter for Main Street and work for adjacent apartment complex, Main Street Village.

"This was a good location for a concrete plant, which was instrumental in the development of the city itself. Now the city's grown up around us. It's nobody's fault," Spahr said.

"The Novi market has been a great market for many years and we feel it's a great market for the future. We're trying to be good neighbors."

Fendt employs 28 workers at the Novi location and also has spin-off divisions in Howell and Webberville. The local branch, which runs a fleet of 19 trucks, has sales of about $5 million per year.

Some 300 to 400 different types of concrete can be mixed, even in fancy colors, including slate gray to match stonework. Fendt keeps close watch on the Michigan climate, via computer programs. This enables the firm to keep customers posted on the whether the weather is suitable, or not so good, for pouring their product. Rain, for example, is not friendly to setting concrete.

Fendt is far from the only company with an eye on the transformation of the neighborhood.

The encroachment of Main Street upon industrially zoned land, including Trans-X Drive to the south, has Frank Stevens, owner of Stevens Industries, concerned. Town Center zoning, required by Main Street, isn't compatible with industrial zoning, he recently told the Novi City Council.

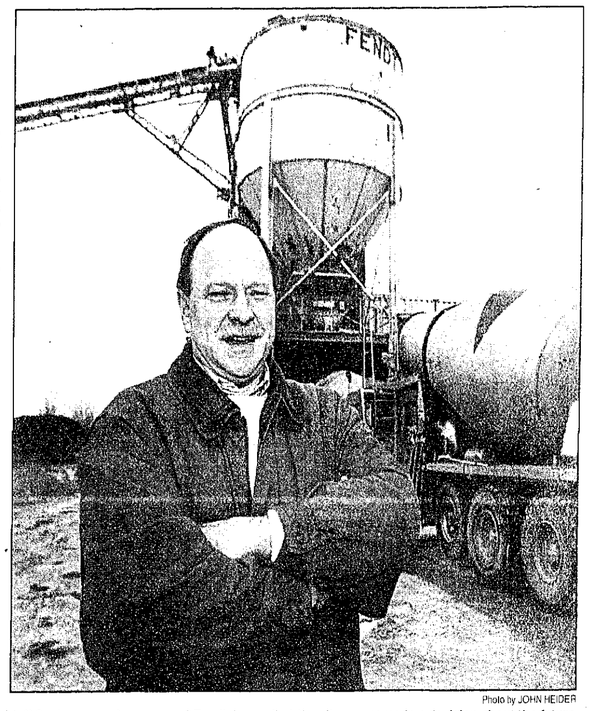
"This is going to become a major, major problem," Stevens said.

He suggested that the city should consider helping the five industries on Trans-X Drive relocate elsewhere, perhaps to an industrial park now in the planning stages on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, by the not-yet-built Taft Road extension.

Ideally, Fendt hopes to settle elsewhere in Novi. That would be the city's preference, too, Kriewall said. The business, after all, has been a taxpayer for 40 years.

"New plants aren't as heavy and obtrusive and visible. I think there's room for us to fit in the city," Spahr said.

"If we don't have anywhere else to go, it's survival for us. A lot of things have to fall into place. It takes time. I hope it's a good resolution. I hope there's a place for us."



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Jeff Spahr, general manager of Fendt, hopes that the city can come to a decision about the future location of his company that will benefit all. The city would like the land for its downtown area.

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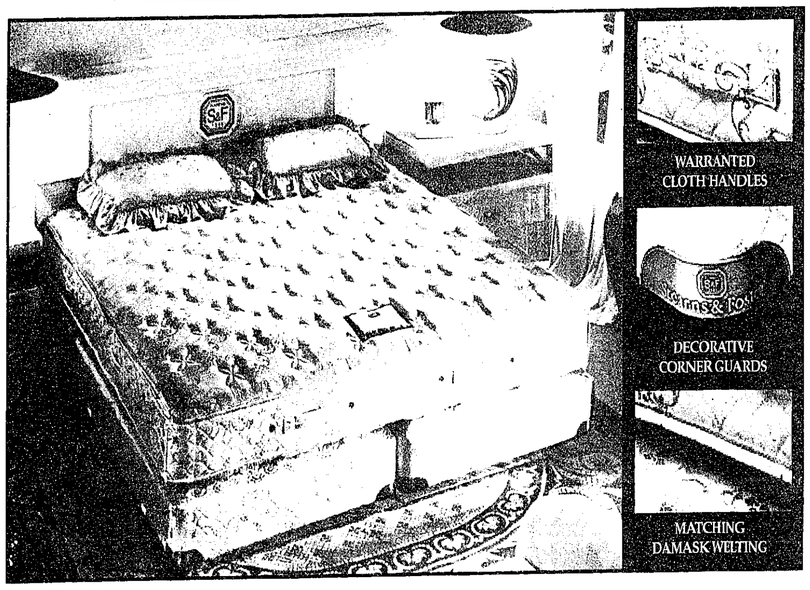

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O'Malley returns after 20 years

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
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Twelve Oaks General Manager Catherine is back after 20 years. She was one of the original realtors who developed the mall and is looking forward to celebrating its 20th anniversary.

The first day Cathy O'Malley arrived at Twelve Oaks in 1977, she had to wait for the cows to cross the road.

"I thought, Where are the customers going to come from?" said the new general manager for the Taubman mall, who also helped develop Twelve Oaks in the '70s.

Now it's not cow traffic she fights to get into the parking lot after a long commute from the Grosse Pointes, it's car traffic and lots of it.

Times have changed dramatically since O'Malley left to pursue a whirlwind career in retail management, but she is happy to be back.

O'Malley replaces long-time general manager Phil Morosco, who left for the east coast last year. Temporarily, Twelve Oaks has been under the direction of Miles McFee, who moved to the corporate leasing department at Taubman headquarters in Bloomfield Hills.

O'Malley worked as a buyer for Hudsons when she was asked if she was interested in switching to real estate and developing new stores. She said her background in marketing and her understanding of retail was just what they were looking for.

One of her first projects was developing Twelve Oaks Mall, anchored by Hudsons, in 1977. Then she was "red shirted" to Eastland where she focused on leasing and operations. As the 1980s progressed, O'Malley presided over the Renaissance Center in Detroit and large mixed-use developments in Los Angeles and Boston. She took over Northland in 1986, repositioning it and renovating the Southfield shopping center to bring it into the next century.

"I've been very fortunate and had a lot of terrific mentors male and female," O'Malley said.

She was an only child with two working parents who encouraged her to give everything a try and to give it her all. She now has two "wonderful" daughters who are forging their own successful careers, she said.

Perhaps the secret to her success is simply liking what she does.

"I've always enjoyed what I've done and that certainly doesn't make it work," she said.

Perhaps the other secret is not to fear picking up and doing something new.

It was just recently that she realized she had accomplished what she set out to do and was thinking about moving on. It was then that she was invited to join the Taubman Company and return to her first mall: Twelve Oaks.

"Twenty years later, on the anniversary, I'm with Twelve Oaks again," she said. "It's really very fun." The tenants and the look of the building have changed over the years, even though Twelve Oaks was already a new design concept for its time. Just before O'Malley arrived the mall was renovated with a new elevator, and a green, glass and silver decor.

O'Malley remembers the excitement and stress of the Grand Opening black-tie affair the night before Twelve Oaks opening in 1977. "We only had a couple of hours to open and we were still finding chicken wings in the planters," she said laughing.

She and her staff are determining what kind of celebration to plan for the 20 year anniversary. "We're still thinking what to do to thank this community for 20 years," said O'Malley.

Manager looks to future of mall, and community

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Cathy O'Malley, the new general manager of Twelve Oaks Mall, sees blue skies ahead for the retail center, both in terms of its profitability and its anticipated involvement in the community.

Replacing long-time GM Phil Morosco, who had a strong presence in Novi, O'Malley said she is just as committed to being a part of the city.

"The original plan from its inception was that (Twelve Oaks) would be a part of the community," said O'Malley, remembering the philosophy she learned when she helped develop Twelve Oaks in 1977.

She carried the philosophy of being a good corporate community member with her throughout the years and intends on keeping on track at Twelve Oaks. She is already a member of the board at Providence Hospital and plans to be involved with Providence Park on Grand River Avenue. She hopes to maintain a good relationship with the schools and recently met with Superintendent of Novi Schools Emmett Lippe.

O'Malley wants the mall to be involved everywhere it can be effectively applied to the community, she said.

She will also be active in the Chamber of Commerce and other local groups.

The stunningly attractive woman arrived with the holiday season, Oct. 14, in time to behold the three greatest shopping months. O'Malley said she spent the time walking through the stores, getting to know the managers and finding out their needs and concerns.

She foresees good things ahead and is working with her staff to develop new programs, entice new tenants and try new things.

At Twelve Oaks, 96 percent of the store is leased and occupied, and new merchants are inquiring for space every day, she said.

She said generally, malls will continue to thrive, but are learning to change with the times. Since women drive the retail market but are finding less and less time to shop, stores are finding better ways to position themselves for better access for the shoppers, O'Malley said.

For instance, many stores have learned to locate themselves together in groups because their customer base complements one another. Other retailers are finding ways to carve their own space in the mall.

"It's all about placement," she said.

The average shopper is now a mission shopper. She faces a time crunch and spends from 60 to 84 minutes per mall trip, according to some figures, O'Malley said. So retailers learn how to make it easier for the shopper to get her tasks done within that amount of time.

Retailers are also re-examining their merchandise to see where it fits in the marketplace, O'Malley said.

Mall management is also realizing it must look at retailers as customers in their own right and learn to service their needs, such as providing prime space and a safe and friendly environment.

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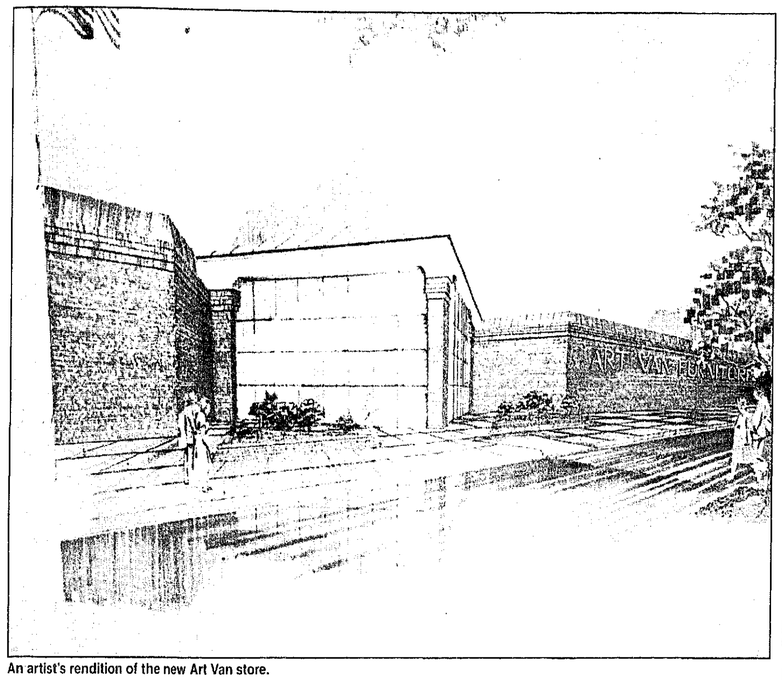

An artist's rendition of the new Art Van store.

Art Van Furniture gets approval for facelift, expansion

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi's Art Van Furniture Store will bring a new look to the West Oaks Shopping Center this year.

The current 60,000-square-foot store will be connected to the old Fretter building next door, now being used as a clearance center for Art Van, to make for a 102,000-square-foot showroom and warehouse.

In addition, the entrance will get a major facelift and the surrounding area a little more green in the form of trees and shrubbery.

The company decided to drop plans, for now, to expand the adjacent Scott Shuptrine Furniture Store, and instead use the vacant field for additional parking.

The new plans were revealed at the Jan. 8 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioners approved the plans 7-0.

The commission first saw the plans for the expansion back in December and postponed voting on them so Art Van could address several concerns. Primarily, commissioners felt the lack of parking, landscaping and green space as well as the presentation of the buildings left something to be desired. Parking was also an issue, because both store expansions wouldn't have left enough room for the necessary amount of parking, as required under the ordinance.

Commissioners said they were pleased with the change in the plans.

"I'm really happy to see the Art Van group was so responsive to out comments ... I hope other developers take heed because it's really a job well-done," said Commissioner Gwen Markham.

Hospice launches program for kids

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Most of the time those applications go straight into the garbage can, right?

Wrong, because now con artists are picking through your trash to find those thrown-out but intact credit card offers. If you haven't torn yours up thoroughly, you could be in for a big headache.

That's the scam that police departments all over the area are seeing a lot of nowadays. The cons mail in that preapproved application form together with a change of address notice.

They get the card that's in your name and then charge up a storm in just a few days. The credit company's stuck with the bill but you're stuck with explaining how you never even laid eyes it.

"We're trying to get the word out to people to tear these things up and get rid of them," Northville Township police Detective Fred Yankee said.

An especially popular target with the criminal set nowadays is an application sent out by First U.S.A. Bank. It comes in a glitzy mailer that looks a lot like a wedding invitation. All you do is sign the enclosed preapproved application form, mail it back and they'll send you a Visa card with credit lines ranging from $5,000 to $100,000.

Livonia police, for example, report eight cases to date.

"From talking to other police departments, this is quite a rash," Yankee said.

Township police learned of the scam after a card obtained with an application stolen from a Salem man was used at the Comerica bank in Northville. The thieves used the card to run up a bill of $6,500 in just a few days, Yankee said. Police plan on writing a letter to the company advising them of the situation and asking for changes in their advertising. In the meantime, they say, the best way to protect yourself is simple: tear up *any* application you don't intend to use.

Mercedes dealer wins approval

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

According to Local architect Lee Mamola, it's not easy taking a long piece of property once used for manufacturing and transforming it to a showcase for luxury cars.

Mamola finally convinced the Novi Planning Commission last week to approve a facade waiver for the proposed Detroit Mercedes-Benz dealership on the corner of Haggerty and Grand River Avenue.

Commissioners were unhappy with the presentation and some of the materials used on portions of the building when the design was presented in December, but with some slight changes in material, the commission voted unanimously to approve.

"This is a plus-plus for us all the way around," said Commissioner Robert Churella. "Your building will look as nice as the cars that you sell."

Charles Ghesquiere, owner of Estate Motors, said he plans to renovate the existing structure and add a 10,000-square-foot showroom, with a goal of opening the business by March 1997. The portion facing Grand River Avenue will feature a showroom. The back portion will be inventory and service departments.

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Ghesquiere and his two sons run a Cadillac dealership in Rochester and a Mercedes dealership in Bloomfield Hills.

A former Air Force pilot, the car dealer built a Volvo dealership in Ferndale in 1965 and eleven years later purchased a Mercedes dealership in Birmingham. Estate Motors is the only Mercedes dealership chain in Detroit and has the largest volume in sales for the Midwest, Ghesquiere said.

Ghesquiere first petitioned the Novi Planning Commission in October for a rezoning to allow the company to build a showroom and attach it onto the already existing Northwest Industries building on the property.

Agreeing the showroom would make a unique focal point to the entrance of the city, the commission and the Novi City Council unanimously granted a rezoning.

The current cabinet-making business in the building would relocate to make room for the dealership's service center and storage. The purchase of the land also includes the Keford Collision property and a dentist's office, but those will stay put, according to Ghesquiere.

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The American Lung Association will use a home in Wixom to demonstrate ways to keep indoor air healthy. Health House '97 - a cooperative educational project to showcase construction alternatives for healthy living - demonstrates dozens of ways to achieve the healthiest indoor air possible while providing high energy efficiency and earth-conscious construction methods.

The model home will open its doors to the public at noon on Friday, Jan. 17, and will welcome visitors weekdays from noon until 7 p.m. and weekends from noon 'til 6 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 26.

Health House '97 will serve as an information resource for those interested in building or remodeling a home in order to accomandate a more healthy lifestyle. Dozens of healthy choices or alternatives are offered for consideration. The home also serves as a fund-raiser for the American Lung Association of Michigan as the proceeds from the donated components will go to the association upon sale of the home.Call (810) 559-5100 for information.

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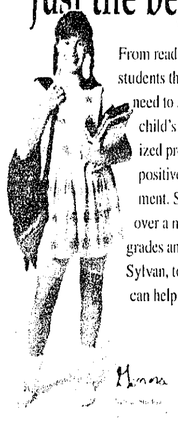

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Doing a little research

Greg Schaffer, 8, does a little computer-listed book holdings research at the Novi Public Library recently on fantasy books as his mother, Rhonda, looks on. Greg, a Novi Woods Elementary student, was looking up materials for an upcoming book report.

New honorees named to Motorsports museum

Nine new Heroes of Horsepower have been elected to join the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

The ninth annual class of inductees is as follows: stock car racer, turned TV commentator Ned Jarrett (stock cars), the late offshore powerboat racer Bob Nordskog (powerboats), sports car builder Briggs Cunningham (sports cars), the late air racer Darryl Greenamyer (air racing), drag racing pioneer Art Chrisman (drag racing), the late Indy car champion Tony Bettenhausen (open wheel), one of America's first motorcycle racers Jim Davis (motorcycles), and a pair of car builders, Fred Duesenberg (historic), and Colin Chapman (at-large).

"Our ninth induction class features many of the great car builders along with notable racers" said Ron Watson, Hall of Fame President. "It is most appropriate that we are able to honor men like Cunningham, Duesenberg and Chapman, whose cars carried many of our previous Hall of Famers to race victories and championships."

Watson also noted that "This year's class is outstanding in diversity and many of these people contributed to our sport after their competition days. Ned Jarrett is familiar to NASCAR television viewers as being among racing's best commentators. Briggs Cunningham ran a fabulous car museum in California for many years. We also believe that one of our inductees will be setting a new record when he collects his horsepower trophy this June - Jim Davis will be 102 years old, making him perhaps the oldest living Hall of Fame inductee ever."

These nine new inductees will raise the total Hall of Fame membership to 84 from a total of nine different categories. The categories of eligibility are: open wheel racing, stock cars, drag racing, sports cars, motorcycles, powerboats, air racing, historic (pre World War II), as well as an at-large category.

Eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame is extended to any person who has driven, piloted, owned, designed, built, supported, maintained, prepared or promoted motorized vehicles in pursuit of speed, distance or other records; or in racing, endurance, or other competition. An inductee must have been retired for at least three years or must have been engaged at the top level of his or her area of motorsports for at least 20 years.

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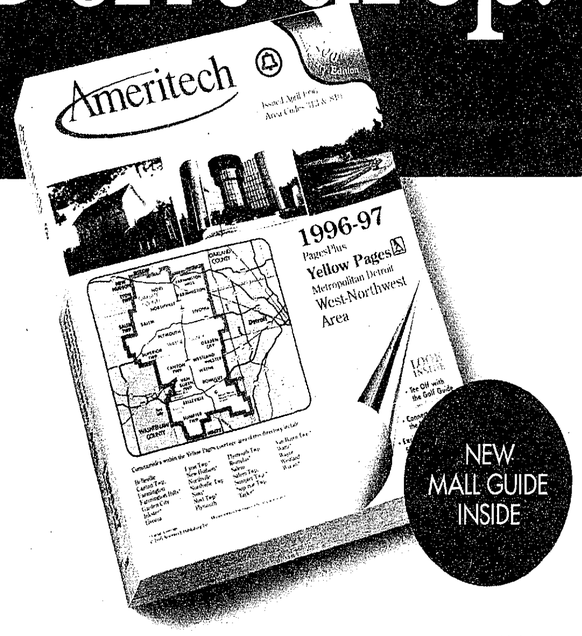

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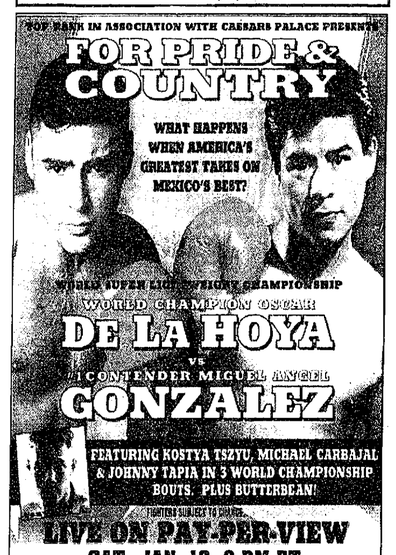

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Novi students fare well on MEAP

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satisfactory on the math and 72 percent satisfactory on the reading.

• Oakland County average scores were 72.2 percent satisfactory on the math and 58.3 percent satisfactory on the reading.

Math concepts tested in the MEAP include fractions, measurement, statistics and probability, problem solving and logical reasoning, conceptualization and estimation.

Reading passages focus on fictional stories and informational selections.

Administrators and teachers will now focus on what the scores mean to the students and how to improve both the teaching and the learning process.

"We'd like to say we have the *secret to our performance but our* process has always been trying to adapt to individual needs," said Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for curriculum.

The teachers look at the test results as a way to improve their teaching and the students' learning, she said.

The schools are already using analysis from last year to prepare the fifth grade students for the Science MEAP this spring, according to Traynor.

"We're trying to look at what the elementaries have been teaching and how it feeds into the fifth graders when they take the test," she explained.

The teachers take the scores and determine what items need more emphasis and what strategies are working.

"Sometimes what is happening is students know the work but sometimes they are tested in a way that's somewhat foreign to them," Schotte explained, noting that the methods go back to the early grades when students first start learning.

For instance, the first grade teachers decided last year to provide the students with more opportunity to answer multiple choice questions, the way they are tested three years later on the MEAP. In first grade math, the students learn the proper vocabulary, using "addition" instead of "pluses." Village Oaks third graders are learning to use highlighters much more effectively to help them sort out the important details of a story.

Last year, the staff at Village Oaks put together a Parent's Critical Thinking Guide to help parents prepare their students for the test and other school work.

"It's important to involve the parents to help the students... because we all have to work together," said Schotte.

"The MEAP is not the focal point," said Schotte. "It's 'Are the students learning?'"

Village Oaks Principal David Brown agrees.

"I've always felt like we're not here for just the MEAP test... We don't devote the first six weeks of school to preparing. We do take two or three weeks before and give some emphasis on the test," he explained.

Brown said his and the school's responsibility much more than just preparing students for the MEAP.

"We scored very well... I think the other school districts would be amazed in how little time we spend in preparation," he said.

"This is the basic curriculum the state experts us to work with and they take the test from the curriculum we are mandated to use," Brown explained.

MEAP SCORES: Statewide

Here's how Novi and Northville schools fared against statewide district MEAP test averages, including private and charter schools:

District	4/Math	4/Reading	7/Math	7/Reading
Northville	90.8	75.0	86.5	67.0
Novi	88.5	80.1	77.8	59.3
State	60.5	49.0	51.4	40.4
Charter	35.4	35.5	25.5	22.4
Private	59.5	53.8	59.4	50.3

Warren Ledger dies at age 62

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active in the Novi Camera Club and served as a lecturer at Holy Family Church. At his death, he was treasurer of the Novi Arts Council. He was also the official volunteer photographer for Novi Youth Theatre.

Ledger was nominated four times for the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, but never won the honor.

In January 1993, he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

"He didn't want people to know he was sick and feel sorry for him," Rita Ledger said.

Novi lost someone special when Ledger died, said Melissa O'Rear, president of the Novi Arts Council. O'Rear said she enjoyed his sense of humor, the way "he tried to come off gruff, but his bark was worse than his bite type of thing."

"Warren is the one member of the board who would attend every event and meeting even when his illness would have kept anyone else at home. This can be explained by his true determination and stubborn personality to fight this disease," O'Rear said.

"Warren Ledger was a community volunteer who gave of himself with no expectation of something in return. It was a pleasure and inspiration to know Warren. He will be dearly missed in our community."

Ledger was stationed in Germany during the 1950s when he was asked to choose a candidate for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That gave her husband a chance to become part of history, Rita Ledger said.

Unidentified soldiers were selected from each sector of World War II, then shipped out to sea. One of the closed, unmarked coffins was selected. The rest were buried at sea.

"They don't know what sector the unknown soldier came from. It was really neat. It was historic," Rita Ledger said.

"When our daughters were children and went to Arlington Cemetery, their group got to put the wreath on the tomb."

Ledger formerly played the trumpet, but his preference was the piano. Chemotherapy attacked the nerves of his fingers, depriving him of this pleasure.

"That was a very sad part of it, he loved the piano," his wife said.

Ledger was the kind of person who inspired photographer Donna Williams to list adjectives like "kind, caring, charitable, dedicated, creative and loving" in remembering him.

Williams viewed him as both a very dear friend and an "adopted" father.

"Warren was a man who fought his own human frail condition. Others' needs and the needs of his community came before his. He was a family man. His greatest lament was that his condition made life hard for Rita and his daughters," Williams said.

When Williams' own father died, Ledger jumped in to help out, with handyman skills, moral support and sound advice, she added.

The funeral was on Jan. 10 at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road. Ledger was buried in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield.

Donations in his memory are asked to be sent to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375.

OCC students to get tax break

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Students at Oakland Community College again will be eligible for a state income tax credit because the college held the inflation line on tuition and fees.

"After passage of the millage in June of 1995, the board voted to maintain the same tuition rate," said George Cartsonis, OCC's director of college relations.

So for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 school years, the rates have been $46 per credit hour for in-district students, $78 for other Michigan residents and $109 for non-Michigan residents.

Last month, OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson said his administration likely will recommend keeping the same rate for 1997-98.

The credit amounts to 4 percent of tuition payments and a maximum of $250 a year. Only persons paying the full shot at the University of Michigan, however, would qualify for the maximum $250 credit.

A full-time OCC student would get about a $47 credit. That calculation is based on 12 credit hours, a $25 registration fee and a $10 technology fee times two semesters, or $1,174 in tuition and fees in a single school year.

Cartsonis said the average student takes six credit hours and would get roughly a $25 credit.

Voters in mid-1995 pumped about $30 million in new money on top of the former $72 million budget. The 0.8 mill tax was for seven years.

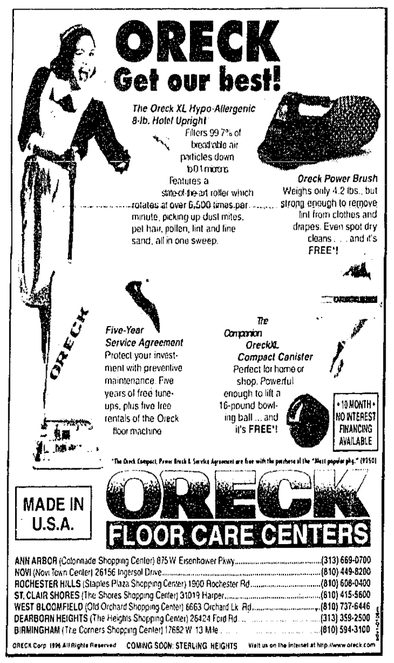
Altogether, 30 Michigan public institutions of higher education have kept tuition at or below the consumer price index rate of 2.8 percent per calendar year. The list includes 10 of 15 universities and 20 of the 29 community colleges.

Under PA 7 of 1995, college officials each year file an affidavit with the state that they have met that target.

College officials statewide are circling Jan. 27 on the calendars – when Gov. John Engler gives his state of the state address, followed shortly by his budget message.

Students, parents, grandparents and even non-relatives can take advantage of the income tax credit as long as their household income is less than $200,000. Anyone claiming the credit must itemize, using the MI 1040 long form.

The credit, passed by the Michigan Legislature early in 1995.



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FOI amendments sent to Engler

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Rep. Greg Kaza had high hopes of being the first legislator in 20 years to pass an amendment strengthening amendment to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, won House passage last year of his HB 4849 to allow administrative remedies when a person was denied access to public records. Since FOIA was passed in 1976, a person had to sue in circuit court to get a disputed record – and often go to the appellate courts.

Instead, Gov. John Engler's administration and fellow Republicans in the Senate used Kaza's bill to tack on restrictive amendments that change the purpose of the law, raise the cost of procuring records, allow records-keepers more delays in complying with requests, and give officials more reasons to withhold records.

"Terrible," said Dawn Phillips, Bloomfield Hills lawyer and counsel to the Michigan Press Association. She was unable to persuade Kaza, a former journalist, to seek a gubernatorial veto of the bill.

LAWYERS DISAGREE

Kaza was persuaded by lawyers from the Legislative Service Bureau, the governor's office and the Attorney General's staff that no harm to FOIA was done.

"It does not impose a mandate or limitation on the availability of a public record," said David Sundstrom and Carol Cousineau of the LSB, a staff agency of the Legislature.

"Many of these requested amendments came from the departments themselves," said Chris Murray, Engler's deputy legal counsel, "and will assist in eliminating practical problems which arise in complying with the FOIA."

Kaza said he had oral advice from Attorney General Frank Kelley's staff that the amendments weren't harmful.

"They claim changing the process doesn't change what's available to the public," Kaza said, summing up his position. Engler's press spokesman said the governor will sign the bill.

Press lawyer Phillips noted Kaza's bill went to public hearings and the full House in the middle of the session. But the Senate didn't act on it until Dec. 12, the final night of the work year, and slipped in the amendments with neither committee work nor public hearings in either the House or Senate.

For that reason alone, Phillips said, the contents of HB 4849 are "suspect," adding, "There was no warning." She would like Engler to veto the bill, allowing time this year for consideration of the surprise amendments.

When Kaza learned the extent to which the Senate wanted to amend his bill, he was furious and got many items knocked out, such as concealing police records until one year after a case was tried.

MANY OBJECTIONS

But Phillips still had a long list of objections to the Senate version:

• Purpose – For 20 years FOIA has existed to give the public information about *"the affairs of government and the official acts* of those who represent them as public officials and public employees" (sec. 1). She said courts have cited this as "a strong commitment to openness by the Legislature in enacting FOIA."

The new bill guts this language and substitutes "information regarding governmental *decision-making*." Phillips fears this would be used by administrators to hide such facts as official salaries and school teacher records. She said "this change will undoubtedly be used to argue that a lesser standard of openness is sufficient."

• Records – The old law defined public records to include "magnetic or paper tapes ... magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums or other means of recording or retaining meaningful content" (sec. 2e).

The amended law says: "Public record does not include computer software."

• Requests – The original FOIA allows *"an oral* or written request" (secs. 3 and 5) and doesn't limit to whom the request may be made.

The amended law specifies a *"written request"* to "a public body's FOIA coordinator." A new subsection says the FOIA coordinator "shall keep a copy of all written requests for public records on file for no less than one year."

Voting no on final passage, Sen. Ken DeBeaussaert, D-Macomb County, said "there is no reason to require that the local units of government keep records of all those people who have made the request. That seems to me a burden that is unnecessary."

• Fees – The old law allows the public body to charge for finding a record; the fee is capped at "the hourly wage of the lowest paid, full-time, permanent *clerical* employee" (sec. 5).

The amended law allows a charge of "the hourly wage of the lowest paid public body employee *capable of retrieving* the information necessary to comply ..."

Apparently the amendment was designed to charge the wages of computer experts in retrieving computer records. As written, however, it allows a police department to charge a lieutenant's instead of a clerk's wages for retrieving a record because of an alleged need to delete some details.

• Timing – The old law requires a public body to respond to a FOIA request "*immediately*, but not more than five business days after the request is received ..."

The amended law removes the word "immediately." Those familiar with local governmental delays say the new wording practically invites officials to delay responses a full week (five business days plus a weekend).

• Remedy – The old law allowed a person denied access to records to sue in circuit court with no time limit on filing the suit (sec. 10).

Kaza's amendment allows a person to appeal through an administrative process, without the expense of going to court. This was the sole purpose of his original HB 4849.

The amended bill adds a 180-day statute of limitations for the plaintiff to file suit.

• Permitted exemptions – Sec. 13 has a list of reasons for which a public body may exempt a record.

The amended law lengthens the list by allowing the withholding of records where the public body and the requesting person are in litigation. In other words, the public body can shut off the record if it might help the requester win a suit.

• Presidential searches – The amended law exempts "an application for the position of president of a public university, including letters of recommendation and references, and "records or information relating to the process of searching for an selecting an individual" candidate.

The amended law still requires records of the five finalists of university president to be available but adds still another exemption: *"a letter of recommendation or reference."*

This section embodies the contents of Senate Bill 212, designed by Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, to close the door on university presidential searches.

GOVERNOR CURBED

In only one place does the new law broaden what records are available to the public.

The old law exempted records of the governor and lieutenant governor. The result was that agencies sometimes turned over their records to Gov. Engler's office to keep them from public view, as in sale of the State Accident Fund.

The amended law blocks the practice of hiding records in the governor's office.

If a record was obtainable before being transferred to the governor, it's obtainable afterward (sec. 13 (y) (3)).

Openness Watch

Closed school meeting

The Novi Board of Education met in executive session Dec. 19 to discuss litigation and the purchase of property for the new middle school, expected to be built at the corner of Wixom Road and Eleven Mile Road.

According to Superintendent Emmett Lippe, the litigation cannot be discussed.

Lippe expressed the need for the closed meeting and the board entered into the session unanimously. There was no action taken on the discussion.

Grievance hearing closed

The Novi Board of Education is expected to meet in closed session on Feb. 6 to hear a grievance by the maintenance and custodial labor union. The closed session will begin at 6 p.m. and was requested by the union. The nature of the grievance was not disclosed.

Closed city meeting

The Novi City Council held a special meeting Jan. 13 to schedule a closed executive session on police union negotiations, to immediately follow.

The council held a second executive session after its regular meeting Monday night to continue discussing the union contracts, as well as the purchase of land.

The purpose of the land purchase was not disclosed. Council voted unanimously to enter the closed door meetings.

Portions to be released

Novi city attorney David Fried said Tuesday the city will release portions of a legal opinion issued in September 1996 regarding liability concerns about the proposed installation of bike paths for East Lake and South Lake Drive. Fried said those portions stating "facts" about the issue will be released, but portions reaching conclusions and offering legal opinions will be withheld under an exemption of the Freedom of Information Act.

A previous request by Novi residents was rejected in whole based on FOI act exemptions which allow matters subject to "attorney-client privilege" to be withheld.

The Novi News last week asked for reconsideration based in part on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, in Upjohn Co. v. United States, which held the attorney-client privilege applies, not to "facts," but only to "communications" about those facts.

Fried said Tuesday the city's response to the FOI request was being prepared and would be issued shortly.

Help with FOI requests

The Novi News will assist its readers in obtaining information from any government agency or gain access to any government meeting. *The Novi News* cannot give legal advice or sue on readers' behalf, but if any reader has been denied a government document or refused access to a meeting for any reason, this newspaper will work with them in an effort to obtain that information or access. Contact us by phone at (810) 349-1700 or by e-mail at novinews@htonline.com.

Home show comes to Expo

The Spring Home and Garden Show returns for its fifth year at the Novi Expo Center on Jan. 30 through Feb. 2.

"Ours is the first home and garden show of the season. It's just the incentive homeowners need to get motivated to tackle the list of spring projects they have thought about all winter," said Scott Jacobson, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

The non-profit association is the sponsor of the event.

For a special highlight of the show, don't look any further than underneath the giant garlic bulb-shaped chef's hat to find garlic guru Tom Reed presenting "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for the "stinking rose." Reed will cook sumptuous garlic dishes, share humorous anecdotes and play "bulb ball."

Other highlights include the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association's professionally-landscaped gardens and WXYT's *Ask The Handyman* Glenn Haege and Rick Bloom of *Money Talk* on Feb. 1 and 2.

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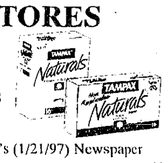

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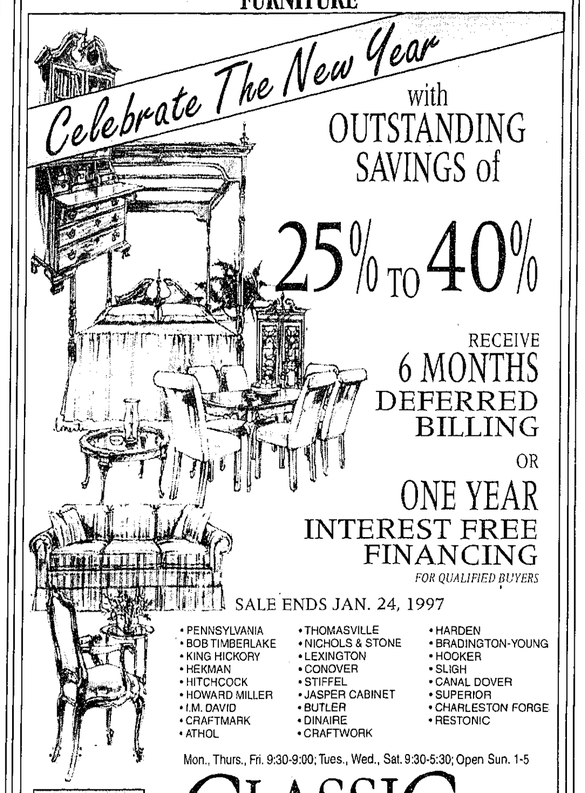

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Council moves ahead with golf course proposal

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mostly green. It's not a high intensity use of the land. Is it likely we would do nothing with the land? It's unlikely."

The charge that residents who prefer a nature park are reacting emotionally did not sit well with Donna Bavarskas, who was at the Jan. 9 meeting to represent the Aquatic Facility Committee.

"I don't think we need anyone telling us how to think. I felt a lit tle like a child. References were made like, 'Oh, well, you're just emotional. We know what's what and you don't,'" Bavarskas said. "I can think for myself. You told us there's a severe shortage of money and you're spending it on an unpopular issue when there's so many other issues."

After the city requests firms to submit cost quotes for the job, it will take about six weeks to evaluate the material and recommend a consultant, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

Council Member Richard Clark suggested that industrially-zoned land that has never been snapped up by developers might offer an alternative place for the greens.

"If we're sincere about developing a golf course, we should be looking not just at the tree farm," Clark said.

However, the problem with that, Schmid said, is that industrial land in Novi is going for about $60,000 an acre and 100 to 150 acres would be needed for a golf course.

Among concerns raised by residents are the possible environmental impact on Walled Lake, the loss of wildlife habitat and the destruction of an environment that contains a unique mixture of ancient woods, wetlands, the former Christmas Tree farm and orchards.

For many citizens at the meeting, it wasn't the golf course idea they found distasteful, just the location.

"I'm not opposed to golf courses and golf. I do not believe this is a proper place for a golf course," Mark Adams said. "You're not going to just destroy stands of trees. You're going to wipe out whole species of animals that in Novi only exist on this property. It will destroy the property."

Mitzel warned his colleagues that it's not likely he will support the golf course unless a way is found to preserve more of the mature hardwoods forest on the land.

> "It is my belief the majority of the citizens of Novi will vote in a golf course ... Before this even hits the voters there will be ample evidence that a golf course enhances wildlife."
>
> Robert Schmid
> Novi City Council Members

Supporters of the golf course counter that it will raise much-needed funds for developing other parks and financing recreation programs.

"The council would not move any facility if we weren't assured the environmental aspects are clean. You can be sure all environmental issues will be explored before this matter is taken to the citizens," Schmid said. "It is my belief the majority of the citizens of Novi will vote in a golf course ... Before this even hits the voters there will be ample evidence that a golf course enhances wildlife."

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Robert Shaw said that initial city research indicates that a municipal golf course would generate a profit of $150,000, but that payments on loans, plus interest, incurred for building the facility would have to be subtracted from that sum.

Council takes action to get pool concept moving

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that likely won't eliminate Novi's need for a community pool, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

After the studies are in, the council will have to determine if it will place a question on the ballot asking voters for approval to issue general obligation bonds to build the pool. The bonds would be paid back by a millage.

"I hope it's done in a timely pattern so we don't run into the same problems we had in the past," said pool committee member Donna Bavarskas.

"The golf course is something that has not been requested by the people and the aquatic facility has been supported by the people."

Unlike the city's plans for an ice arena, no private developer has stepped up to work with Novi in building a community pool. That throws up a "red flag" as to the profitability of such an operation, warned Novi City Council Member Richard Clark.

"The worst situation you could get is to move starry-eyed into this and have it built regardless of the financial situation and then two or three years down the road, we have to close it down," he cautioned.

Last year, the committee proposed placing the pool at either Power Park at Taft and Ten Mile roads or at land the city and Novi school district aim to acquire at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads.

The glitch is that due to wetlands at the Eleven Mile property, that site, destined for the new Novi middle school, will likely not have room for a pool.

The land is not yet owned by the city, either.

Residents of subdivisions near Power Park, including Dunbarton Pines, have expressed reservations about the possible location of the pool there.

The first aquatic committee was created in 1992, after 125 people signed a petition requesting a pool.

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Residents out in force to oppose center

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moor Park, on the southeast corner of the intersection.

They say they didn't spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a house to have impacts such as excess traffic and the glow of parking lot lighting right out their front door.

According to Steve Cohen, staff planner, the planning commission received seven letters in opposition to a rezoning of the property. The commission also received approximately 30 signed petitions against Frankel's plan.

But Frankel said that the city doesn't have enough grocery stores within it's borders, saying the Farmer Jack at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road, Novi's only supermarket, is "small" and "old."

But residents pointed out the number of stores just outside the city including the Meijer's at both Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue and Eight Mile and Haggerty roads, the Shopping Centre Market in Northville, the Kroger's in Commerce Township, and L&L in Walled Lake.

Frankel also said surveys suggested customers don't have a lot of time to shop anymore and do so at night and on Saturdays. In addition, people don't want to drive more than two miles to the grocery store.

According to Jayne Schermer, Frankel is exaggerating the need for a grocery store on the corner. "I don't consider a mile and a half to Twelve Oaks too far to shop," she said.

Most of the other residents at Wednesday night's meeting said they don't mind traveling further to the store in exchange for the privacy of residential surroundings.

"If I need something quick I go to the Centre Street Market," said Kim Hogan, who lives directly behind the site. "For weekly shopping there's wonderful choices (outside the city)."

"We bought homes in a quiet residential neighborhood expecting to have to travel to market," said Helen Winship, another nearby resident. She said Frankel and the homeowners associations met to discuss the project recently, but that no one she spoke with supported the proposal.

"I don't think most of us want to see this go in," Hogan said. "We want to see homes go in there to increase the value of our homes."

She said she went to city hall to research the Master Plan before buying her house to ensure she would be surrounded by other homes.

Frankel said all his studies indicate the Beck and Ten site is perfect for retail because it's central to the west-end population, has enough space for a large store, is visible to the residents, and has access from major arteries.

It's a better site than many of the other areas cited by the planning commission and other developers, he said.

The planning commission's desire to keep retail and grocery stores to the Grand River Avenue corridor don't make good sense, he explained. The I-96 freeway, which runs along the north of the road, divides the market in half because people don't want to cross a freeway to grocery shop and that the area north of Grand River is not heavily residential, Frankel said.

Traffic he said isn't an issue because people shop during hour opposite to those when work traffic is congesting the roadways.

"All I ask you to consider is there is a demand for retailing in the west end," said Frankel to the commission.

Stuart Frankel did not return phone calls placed by *The Novi News* before deadline.

Planners frown on retail at Beck/Ten site

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi Planning Commissioners were none too convinced with Troy developer Stuart Frankel's theory that west Novi needs a retail center at Ten Mile and Beck roads.

Frankel came to the Novi Planning Commission Jan. 8 to present his evidence a grocery store and strip mall are necessary at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads.

"You've got one heck of an argument to get me to turn," said Commissioner Arthur Vrettas.

Frankel told the commission the customer demand for convenience shopping within two miles of their home makes the site a perfect choice, along with the fact there is only one supermarket within the city limits.

While some commissioners agreed with the need for convenience shopping in the west end, they did not support the proposed site.

"It's acting like an ostrich to pretend we don't need those services on that side of town. We do," said Commissioner Gwen Markham. "I may not be popular, but I agree with Mr. Frankel that grocery store is necessary on the west side of Novi," she explained. "... I believe whenever possible a resident should spend their money and their dollars in the community in which they live ... Not just for patriotic reasons, but it provides more of a personal level and a commercial tax base keeping those dollars in our community, keeping our own property taxes and taxes to keep our services going low," she explained.

"Whether or not Ten Mile and Beck is the proper place for that, Mr. Frankel has not convinced me yet," she added, saying Frankel's surveys and figures are not reliable enough.

In 1994, Frankel commissioned Thompson Associates to complete a telephone survey of 150 residents in the area bounded by I-96, Eight Mile Road, Taft Road and Napier Road to determine the support for a grocery store and retail complex in the Beck and Ten Mile Road area. According to the survey, 73 percent of respondents said they would definitely or probably shop most at a new store located at Ten Mile and Beck roads.

Chair Laura Lorenzo said she doesn't necessarily oppose a shopping center in west Novi but the Ten and Beck site may not be the best location.

"Maybe people don't like to have traffic on the weekends and evenings. Maybe that's their peace and quiet," she said. "That they can sit in their homes and not hear the roar of traffic down the street."

Instead, she encouraged the residents to consider backing a proposed center in the works at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road "and make their wishes known to the city council."

"The only way I can support a shopping center in the location of Beck Road and Ten or Beck Road and Eight or Beck Road and anywhere other than Grand River is if you have the support, the overwhelming support of the people who are affected in that area," explained Lorenzo. "... I understand (it) may be the ideal trade area for a supermarket, but unfortunately its not ideal for the quality of life for the citizens in Novi."

"A supermarket will change everything," she said.

Commissioners were frustrated that the information provided was old and contradictory, they said.

Commissioner Pete Hoadley said the customers Frankel spoke of needing the center told the commission they were opposed.

"Your potential customer's don't agree with you," Hoadley told Frankel.

"If you want to convince me, you're going to have to do more study ... I want a survey of people living within two miles to get an accurate feeling, not just what you think they feel," said Hoadley.

Vrettas told Frankel he wasn't presenting any new information to the commission which has been studying the issue for some time.

In addition, he said Frankel should consider more than just wetland and woodland environmental impacts when choosing a site.

"How about human environmental concerns?" Vrettas questioned as the audience cheered.

Commissioner Louis Csordas added: "The charge of the commission is to do what's best for the citizens and the community and to follow the Master Plan."

Chilly Willy Festival set for Saturday

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sidekick, the puppet Rocky Raccoon and will charm the younger set and their elders at 1 p.m. His appearance is courtesy of the Novi Arts Council.

Now, you can expect to see Martin hovering around the chili, a lot. But for those who venture into the great outdoors of Power Park for the really rugged stuff, like building snow sculptures, hot chocolate is never more than a few steps away.

Here's Saturday's schedule:

Sno-ball Softball Tournament – 8:30 a.m. – Continues all day.

Novi Lioness Club Pancake Breakfast – 9 a.m. – In the Multi-purpose room. Prices are on the menu.

Two Imagination Stations –10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Choose wood art or painting for kids.

Face painting –10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Free.

Hayrides – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – On the half-hour.

Snow Sculpting Contest – 10:30 a.m. to noon – Check in no later than 10:15 a.m. You bring the tools; the city will provide the snow and space. Creation need not be limited to only persons of snow. Two divisions available, families and friends. Contest will be held whether Mother Nature provides the snow or not.

Bridge Tournament – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – The entry fee is $2.

Euchre tournament – 11 a.m. – Activities Room. Register at 10:45 a.m. as a two-person team. At least four teams of two are needed.

The Chilly Willy Chili Cook-off – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Includes tasting, judging and more tasting. (Tasting is at 25 cents per ticket.)

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The Trials of Shopping in Western Novi

- 1967 – Master Plan calls for a shopping center at Ten Mile and Beck roads to accommodate growth.
- 1980 – Master Plan continues to include land for a shopping center at Ten Mile and Beck.
- January 1988 – The city's Master Plan again targets the northeast corner of Beck and Ten Mile for commercial use.
- October of 1988 – The City rezones 10 acres on the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Beck from residential zoning, with a few acres of low intensity business, to a heavier use commercial. Developer Lee Walter proposes a 90,000-square-foot grocery store and a 47,000-square-foot center with a gas station at the corner. He plans to call it Briarwood Plaza.
- January 1989 – Citizens for Responsible Development collect 2,900 signatures to oppose the development.
- February 1989 – CRD convinces City Council to repeal the rezoning.
- March 1989 – A joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting results in the property being rezoned back to the heavier commercial use but disallowed the gas station.
- April 1989 – Walter files suit in Oakland County Circuit Court to stop a June 6 ballot referendum asking voters to approve the rezoning.
- June 1989 – Circuit Court rules the ballot question is legal. Walter files an appeal.
- June 6, 1989 – Voters turn down the rezoning with 1,969 votes against the rezoning and 1,164 votes for it.
- November 1990 – Walter and the city settle out of court.
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Question now is how will Novi public react

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Of course a golf course is feasible. Just cut down a bunch of trees, plant some grass and dig little holes at the end of the fairways for the ball to roll into. What's to study?

Better yet, why bother studying the feasibility of something the public clearly doesn't want. Yeah, we know, council member Bob Schmid thinks they do. And that's the really scary part.

When more than a thousand people have stated their opposition to such a proposal, when surveys report thoroughly lopsided results with residents adamantly opposed to a golf course, how can anyone on council conclude there is general sentiment in favor of the project?

When the public is working this hard to make its point to council – to get its message across – and council still doesn't hear it, its members must not be listening.

Perhaps they are only listening to their golf partners ... or those other public officials and employees who will be their partners once the course is build. Yes ... once this "municipal golf course" is built, it will serve as a "country club" for local elected officials and city hall workers. Seriously, don't you think the city employee leagues that will inevitably be formed will get prime time availability to the links, since after all it will likely be the city's own employees who will be doing the scheduling for these leagues.

Try this little experiment. Pick any city with a municipally-owned golf course. Pick any summer Thursday afternoon and call city hall about 3:30 to 4 p.m. See how many of those city bureaucrats you can get on the phone.

Then try paging them at the country club ... er, municipal golf course.

And, oh yes, it might show a profit which could help pay for other recreational programs. Of course if paying for those other programs is the concern, the council might consider asking taxpayers for another quarter or half mill in taxes. Would they prefer that to a golf course?

If council believes that building a golf course is the right thing to do, why is it trying to sneak it on to land bought with tax dollars voted in for parkland purchases. When voters approved that bond, they would told it would preserve natural areas, find space for some ballfields and maybe provide a place for a nature park. A golf course was never mentioned.

If a golf course is right, why not go back and ask for bonding to buy land for a golf course and leave the North Novi Park out of it altogether.

Because it is easier not to listen.

At this point, the public must decide what it will do in reaction. It seems to us there should be a two-pronged reaction.

• First, delay. Stall the progress of the golf course as much as possible. Remember, the city has to get the thing going by November, 'cause otherwise a bunch of unhappy voters will turn the election into a referendum.

• Secondly, start putting together a slate of worthy candidates to challenge the golf course supporters on council. Five seats on council will be up for election in the fall, including the mayor's post. Fortunately, the one thing council has given the public is time – time to react before the filing deadline for the November election.

History repeats itself

If history is bound to repeat itself, ring the bell for round two of the residents versus west-end development.

Troy-based developer Stuart Frankel came to the Novi Planning Commission, Jan. 8, to prove the necessity and demand for a grocery store and strip mall at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck Roads.

However, a little research into the last development that went in at the intersection would have given Frankel a good indication of what was to come.

In 1988, many citizens west of Taft Road protested the Briarwood Plaza to be built at the northeast corner of the intersection. After petition drives netting nearly 3,000 signatures, litigation and a successful ballot vote to block a rezoning that would allow a 90,000-square-foot grocery store and a 47,000-square-foot center with a gas station to the corner, the developer settled to build a small strip mall about a third of the size.

Last week, nearly 100 residents came out to protest Frankel's tentative plans for a grocery store, restaurant and gas station development.

"We've gone through this once before..." said Jack Carney of Echo Valley. "I'm sure the people in those new homes didn't expect to see a supermarket and gas station on that corner ... Give (the proposal) a quick burial."

The property is zoned for residential homes, the residents noted. Leave it alone. We don't want retail or commercial. We don't mind traveling several miles to go grocery shopping. We don't want the traffic or noise or lights from the development, they said.

Now, if the land was already zoned for retail when the people moved into the relatively new homes, we would have less sympathy for the protesters. However, most seemed to have done their homework before buying into western Novi to ensure they would be buying in a residential area and it would be unfair to change the game plan now.

As for supporters of the need for a grocery store at Ten and Beck, there weren't any in attendance. While that doesn't mean they aren't out there, it doesn't give us any indication of a need to support Frankel's plan.

There is some question as to whether there is a need for a supermarket on the west side of town. With so many grocers located just across the city lines, it may well be that shopping needs are taken care of.

We understand the argument that shopping in your own community helps fuel the local tax base, but that's a different question. And it doesn't translate to a need for more shopping in town, just more tax base.

In any case, when the Master Plan was created it was intended to help residents understand what would be built around them. Changing it too easily negates it's purpose.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Now armed with Caller ID

Michael Malott

One hundred and twenty years after the invention of the telephone, some folks just haven't yet figured out how to deal with the thing yet. It's not that difficult really – be pleasant, be polite, treat the person on the other end of the line like a person and all will be well.

Most importantly, don't rely on the anonymity of the telephone to save you from the embarrassment of a misdial ... 'cause it might not work.

The guy on the other end of the line might just have Caller ID. Worse yet, the guy on the other end of the line might just be me, and be armed with a Caller ID that's got your name on it.

Dana, my lovely bride, purchased Caller ID for me as a Christmas gift this year. We've been getting a lot of hang up calls lately. More bothersome are the ones that sit there and listen to you say, "hello ... hello ..." a number of times before deciding you aren't the person they wanted to talk to, and then hang up. Talk about not being treated like a person.

I've noticed this happening more frequently these days. I suspect the telephone system is a bit overworked, what with beepers and cell phones, so in combination with misdials, it seems likely that more calls are also being misrouted.

And for some reason, some callers who misdial these days seem unwilling or unable to offer the slightest explanation. A simple declarative "wrong number" would do. I'm not even asking for a "so sorry to have disturbed you." Increasingly it seems errant callers can't even be bothered to say anything at all.

So Caller ID is sweet revenge. And the other day I got a chance to use it when a caller let me dangle on the line, saying "hello ... hello ... " for 30 to 45 seconds before hanging up. I immediately called her back.

"Hello."

"You just rang my number and didn't say anything. What was the point of that?"

"My jaw is wired shut," she said. (Honestly. That's what she told me. I didn't bother to ask the obvious question of why then she was trying to use the phone.

"Well, you seem to be talking just fine now."

"I dialed the wrong number, okay?"

"Why didn't you just say that?"

"Sorry," she said, hanging up again.

There is such a thing as telephone etiquette. In fact, there's an entry on the very topic in the *New York Public Library Desk Reference*. Among other things, it says that:

• Business executives should place their own calls, not have a secretary place calls for them. It's inconvenient to the person receiving the call.

• When a call goes through, the caller should identify him or herself and explain the nature of the call.

• A caller should not take offense if asked to explain the reason for a call.

• Screening calls is acceptable, but not if the caller has to wait very long before being told the person is not available.

• Anyone answering the phone for someone else should be attentive and unhurried, and ready to take a message.

• And calls should be kept brief and to the point. "Chattiness and rudeness are always to be avoided in business telephone calls," the book states.

I would propose an addition for the next edition advising people to say something, like "oops, wrong number," when they misdial. If you've gotten someone out of the bathtub, interrupted a meal or otherwise disturbed another person's life, albeit in a minor way, with your fumbling fingers, its just a matter of common courtesy that you at least say that much.

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Moments

By John Heider

Team work

Jason Corey receives a pass from an indoor soccer league teammate recently at the Northville Community Center

N'ville schools wasting resource

Bob Jackson

There were some disturbing comments voiced at the Northville school board meeting Monday night, and they kept me awake long after the meeting had convened, and all of the principal players, in what's turned into a long running monthly drama, had retired to their homes.

I'm not talking about the comments delivered by education activist Barb Flis. Yes, she was at Monday's meeting, and yes she delivered another series of criticisms to board members and Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski. Her remarks, however, weren't responsible for my sleepless night.

No, it was the prepared statement by long-time district supporter and volunteer Greg Purtell that fueled my insomnia. As a matter of fact there were two simple sentences in particular that kept my brain spinning endlessly into the wee hours of the morning – "I will not serve on another strategic planning team or district committee," Purtell told board members earlier that evening. "My trust has faltered, my patience is thin, and I am not convinced that you can do what you committed to."

That coming from a man who, for seven years, donated his time and energies for the betterment of the district and the students it serves. Greg Purtell, up until he uttered those words in a board room full of people, had been one of the district faithful, a cheerleader for teachers, students, administrators and volunteers. He was one of the original members of the strategic planning committee that knocked out the first plan in 1989.

Today, seven years later, he is a member of a growing group of dissatisfied, disenfranchised and disgruntled district patrons who no longer align themselves with the district effort. A group that will never again commit the time and energy for the cause, because they feel betrayed by the very district they sought to help.

That is a shame, because it is the Greg Purtell's, the Barb Flis's, Sharon Ferrara's, and Lynda Baca's of this community that jumped into the trenches and fought tooth and nail for change in how our schools teach this community's children. The success the district enjoys today has come, in part, thanks to their efforts.

Unfortunately those very people now represent resources squandered by the school district. Many of the people who have given a huge chunk of their lives to the district and its schools are no longer willing to do so. Consequently we no longer benefit from their wisdom and experience.

That's the real crime. And as the evening's events kept running through my mind, I asked myself one simple question – how can we correct this mistake?

As we begin to study the recent public opinion poll, as we try to decide whether to go for a second bond issue, as we carry through with plans for a restructured high school day, perhaps our elected school officials and our top administrators will stop to ask the same question.

Because this district is at a juncture where it cannot afford to squander anymore of its most precious resource – bright and dedicated people.

Robert Jackson is a staff writer for The Northville Record and The Novi News.

Institutions once were above profit

Phil Power

For decades, two institutions – the public schools and the local hospital – defined the core of many communities in Michigan.

Today, however, something quite new is beginning to shake the values of service to the public we traditionally associate with schools and hospitals: the profit motive.

It happened first with local hospitals, when people suddenly started realizing that the friendly place where your kids were born probably wasn't very well managed. As cost and reimbursement pressures mounted in the health care industry, a lot of smart people began to think of hospitals not as places to cure the sick but as profit centers.

Over the past 20 years, a lot of small hospitals have closed or merged with their neighbors. A lot of big hospitals – Henry Ford in Detroit and William Beaumont in Royal Oak are good examples – built satellite health centers in the metropolitan suburbs and created health care networks.

And now very big, very wealthy and very well run corporations are muscling into the hospital business, buying local hospitals, slashing costs and turning what used to be community institutions into cash cows.

A case in point is an outfit called Columbia-HCA, which recently announced an agreement to buy the assets of Michigan Capital Medical Center, the No. 3 hospital player in the Lansing area. A coalition of local groups objected. Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley sued to block the transaction. Ingham Circuit Judge James Giddings this month agreed, but Columbia-HCA says it will appeal. Where it will end up is anybody's guess.

Legalisms aside, the point here is that a fundamental transformation of the hospitals that used to be not-for-profit local institutions into professionally managed profit centers is moving rapidly and with very doubtful effects on the quality of health care, not to mention the workings of many communities.

Now the same thing is beginning to happen to local schools.

The rapid growth of charter schools in Michigan is producing a new for-profit industry: companies that sell management services to charter schools.

Charter schools in Michigan have grown to the point that this year more than 12,000 of Michigan's 1.6 million public school students are enrolled in 74 charter schools. But most charter schools are small and lack management skills, and many still on the drawing board lack the $250,000 in seed capital and a building most need to get started.

That's where for-profit companies like Synergy Training Solutions, of Farmington Hills, and the Leona Group, of Lansing, come in. For a fee, they provide these services to charter schools.

Robert Mills, head of the charter school office at Central Michigan University, which has granted most of charters to academies operating in Michigan, says that a typical fee for such companies is 10 percent of the per-pupil state aid, which is usually $4,500 to $5,500. A school with 200 students, for example, and around $1 million in state aid could provide $100,000 in business for a consulting company.

Injecting considerations of profit into education for our kids, traditionally a not-for-profit activity, raises a lot of eyebrows.

Charter schools must abide by the same competitive bid rules as public schools, but charter schools are not required to get bids for professional services, including education management companies, lawyers, auditors and architects. And charter school boards are not elected by the public even though the funding for charter schools comes from public tax dollars, via the per-pupil state aid grant.

Where, critics wonder, are the accountability and public oversight?

And what, I wonder, has happened to the old tradition that certain kinds of activities – teaching kids and healing the sick, for example – were considered to be properly beyond the profit motive?

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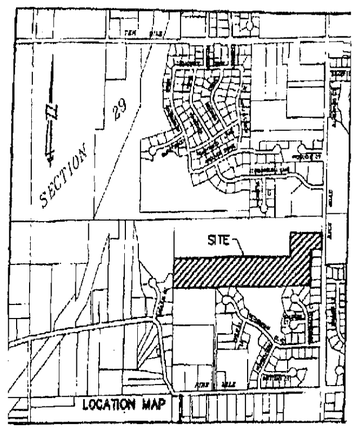
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **BENTLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SP 96-40**, located west of Beck Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Road for **POSSIBLE TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL.**



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

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Inspiring to see Cassis in House

Letters

To the editor:

A very special and proud feeling came over me in Lansing on Jan. 8. It was the same feeling I had two months ago when the honorable Rep. Nancy Cassis took the oath of office as representative of Michigan's 38th District.

This day was a little different. One hundred and ten state representatives were sworn in at noon. The floor of the house and the balcony were filled to capacity. Family and friends broke out in a raucous cheer.

That proud feeling returned when the Honorable Nancy Cassis was sworn in for a full term. She had just completed the remaining term left when Rep. Bill Bullard became our state Senator.

I wish the Novi community could have experienced the feeling of this moment in the House chamber. To once again witness our democracy at work in the peaceful passage of political power was inspiring. To see our own Nancy Cassis on the floor of the state House representing Novi and the 38th District was a thrill. Go Nancy.

Melissa O'Rear

Citizens ignored in course vote

To the editor:

Once again the citizens of Novi have been by-passed (ignored) by the current, local government. Jan. 9, I attended the joint council/Parks and Recreation meeting where one of the items for discussion was to seek out a feasibility/marketing study for a golf course to be placed on the 441 acres of the North Novi Park. The estimate is that, out of 441 actual acres, about 200 acres are unusable. (This comment made by our mayor.) The "course" will take some 125 plus acres.

Several things happened at this meeting:

• Although the opposition to this idea has been extremely strong, the council decided to shove public opinion aside and continue spending money on additional studies because they know what's best and, as stated by Mr. Schmid, "...the public is too emotional."

• The agenda was (seemingly) strategically planned as to have this particular item last on the agenda. This allows for the audience to dwindle, as most people cannot afford to stay past 10 p.m. Thus, a much smaller number of properly informed citizens. (Thank you, Mr. Clark, for respecting the many citizens in attendance by requesting this item be moved to the beginning of the meeting, where it should have been. It's a shame additional council members didn't heed your recommendation.)

• The base of the meeting consisted of several discussions on many issues. All earlier discussion was geared toward other people at the board table. All earlier discussion was held without much change in tone and without "emotion." But when the last item (golf course) was addressed – all that changed. This was not the "nice, user friendly" council they have tried to portray. The discussion was directed to the audience, or should I say "at." In fact, Mr. Schmid's "grandstand" type speech was so charged with "emotion" it forced one citizen to state that "...all of a sudden, I sat here feeling like a kid in grade school." I assure you, many in attendance felt the exact same way.

• The base problem through the entire meeting was "lack of funding." The mayor actually had the nerve to state that the public was "overreacting" and "extremely premature" in their stand of opposition because, as we had heard all evening, "there is no funding." What she did not admit to is that, at the Oct. 7 meeting of the same entities, the vote was taken that the council could sell revenue bonds, thus bypassing a ballot issue or support of the public.

• Council didn't care about (or paid any attention to) the suggestion of saving money to finish some of the already started parks by borrowing feasibility/marketing studies from Lyon Oaks. This idea would solve two problems. First, the obvious, it saves the city approximately $25,000 if not more. Second, it assists in speeding things up in the event that those supporting the golf course wish to "move forward."

• Council tried to convince themselves that the public isn't upset with the idea – just the location (environmentally). While this is one of the reasons stated by the opposing side, it is not the only one. In fact, the national averages for golf courses (as stated in the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan) states a community of Novi's size should have one golf course. It does not separate public vs. private, nor does the plan stipulate private owned vs. city owned. It states one in the community. We have three. (Thank you, Mr. Mitzel, for your concerns voiced in the direction of our environment. I hope you continue to protect it and never back off.)

For the mayor to tell the audience they are "extremely premature" in voicing opinion is hilarious. When would you like public opinions, madam mayor, after we spend thousands of dollars? Maybe after the bulldozers break ground? How about after the phones start ringing for "tee times?" Doesn't it make sense for the public to speak out before we spend additional funds? Doesn't it make sense to actually finish those parks we've started – before we spend money (we don't have) on a proposal we don't want?

What has happened to the City of Novi government? Have they placed themselves so high upon the pedestal that they can't hear you, or is it they don't want to hear you. Do they believe the well educated citizens of Novi are incapable of making an informed, educated decision as to what they want, or don't want, from their community? Do they think they're providing a service to the public when they blatantly ignore the 1,000 plus people who spoke (or wrote) in opposition to this idea? Maybe they have simply discovered what "power" is and it's gone to several of their heads.

Granted, the council has only heard from approximately 1,000 people. Based on the fact that only 2-3 percent of the total population actually vote, I'd say 1,000 people, openly opposing this golf course, is a considerably high number of voices. I believe those same 1,000 people asked (years ago) for a pool. Save the money from golf course studies and complete something – complete anything.

This council should take a close look at the professional, adult behavior and listening techniques continually displayed by the current planning commission. They may learn that Novi is packed full of citizens who care about this community and that these same citizens are more than capable of determining which direction they'd like to see their city headed. They may learn that most adults don't appreciate being talked to like they're children, or worse – stupid, and that most people do appreciate, and expect, proper common respect.

Maybe it's time for the citizens to take back their government either by "recall" or by "cleaning house," which can be done in this year's November election. Most everyone knows, without a doubt, that "someone" at last night's meeting was "right." Council should be willing to consider that the "someone(s)" could have been sitting in the audience.

Ruth Hamilton

Environment is not the issue

To the editor:

The potential site of the municipal golf course is being called the North Novi Park, which includes, but is not limited to, the Tree Farm – by which name most people refer to the entire city-owned area north of Twelve Mile Road. The majority of the property – purchased with parkland acquisition funding – is in Section 10.

In a separate action, the City Council recommended the Planning Commission take another look at Section 10 – specifically, the southeast quadrant – to determine whether the PD-1 option should be removed from the master plan in that area, though the zoning – RA and RM1 (multiple) – would remain. Based on comments made and discussions held in the recent past, there is no doubt in my mind that this will, indeed, be done. As incredible as it seems, the reason given is due to the "environmental sensitivity" of that area – an ecosystem unto itself – as well as the density allowed by the PD-1 option.

When we're talking about city-owned property (parkland), impact on the environment is NOT an issue – if it were, no one in their right mind would propose a golf course for this site. But when we are dealing with privately owned property, "environment" is the name by which any development but large lot residential will be actively denied and discouraged.

There is no way a golf course can be built – let alone maintained! – without a massive adverse impact on the surrounding area: environmental, infrastructural, financial, etc. If the six Council members who support the golf course at this site claim "environment" as the reason for denial or concern with or about any project, anywhere in the city, they are hypocrites. Period.

Sarah Gray

Meeting was a 3-ring circus

To the editor:

I witnessed the three-ring circus of Jan. 9, with the joint meeting of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission. In fact, I was a participant at both audience participations. I still question the morality of having a "public" meeting in a room without cable TV (access). We, of Novi, have become accustomed to observing city meetings from the convenience of our living rooms, turning on the "boob-tube" to Channel 13. Unfortunately, the weather was atrocious last Thursday, and this, in itself, probably deterred many from attending the meeting. And certainly, few with children did venture out with their precious cargo over dangerous roads.

As Agenda Item 6 finally came up for discussion – and having to leave the room so many times as I was so irritated by so many things – I heard the entire tone of the meeting change and the ruling Lords spew their venom (point of view) upon the "infidels" (those of us in the audience who dared to question their motives). Let me please remind the council and other "dignitaries" within this city: Whether you like it or not, I am probably better educated than you and, quite possibly, better traveled than you. So please, do not patronize me or any other resident of this city. You were elected to your position. This does not automatically grant upon you vast powers and infinite wisdom.

How dare you inform me of the environment and control thereof on/in my front yard. As I stated at the first audience participation, I have had the uncommon pleasure of enjoying the most spectacular sights in the entire city for the past 26 years. For you to explain to me what can and will be done as I have watched deterioration for the last 12 years is ludicrous. How many of you have been on my property? Until you have lived on my property and dealt with the wonders and problems, do not presume to walk in my shoes. Where have you been?

I must make comment, Mr. Schmid, on your generalization of large, expensive houses we collect around golf courses: where, sir, are we to put these houses? On the rest of the city-owned property? Along the CSX railroad tracks? How about along Twelve Mile with all the commercial and office properties presumed for there? If not there, how about our new Taft Road extension, in with the industrial? Oh ... please. You can't mean a renovation to my four houses will net me millions because of their sudden enhanced worth with a view of the golf course. My properties certainly enjoy the prime vista view over the mud flowing in the lake because of the inability of JCK to properly engineer and design the new road forced on a local developer and the subsequent devastation to that developer and the entire area.

Let me remind you, yet another time: The parkland bond issue was for passive land use. How many $27 greens fees will have to be charged to clear $1 million, let alone $6. For anyone to tell us that this $6 million business venture will make money for the city and to fund other Parks and Recreation programs and facilities is the biggest farce ever perpetrated upon we, the emotionally-distraught, uninformed, voting populace.

Comments have been made that in 20 years the buildings – after they're paid for – would revert to city ownership. Twenty years? What happens if they don't pay for themselves – and that's $6 million, I remind you – are we going to absorb the debt and maybe get enough money for swing sets for our grandchildren's use?

There are so many things this city needs ... a golf course, being the least of all. What are we doing with the swimming pool? Might I presume a 12-month, indoor pool will bring in a relatively constant income? Hopefully, enough to offset costs and building fees prior to 20 years. How many days out of a four month period are golfing greens to be open and used?

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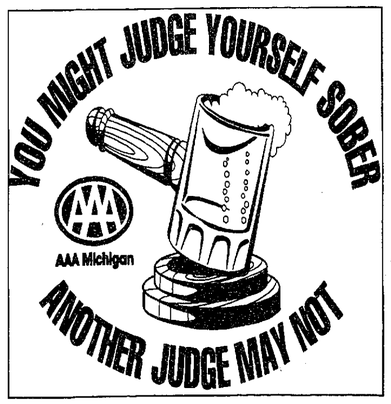

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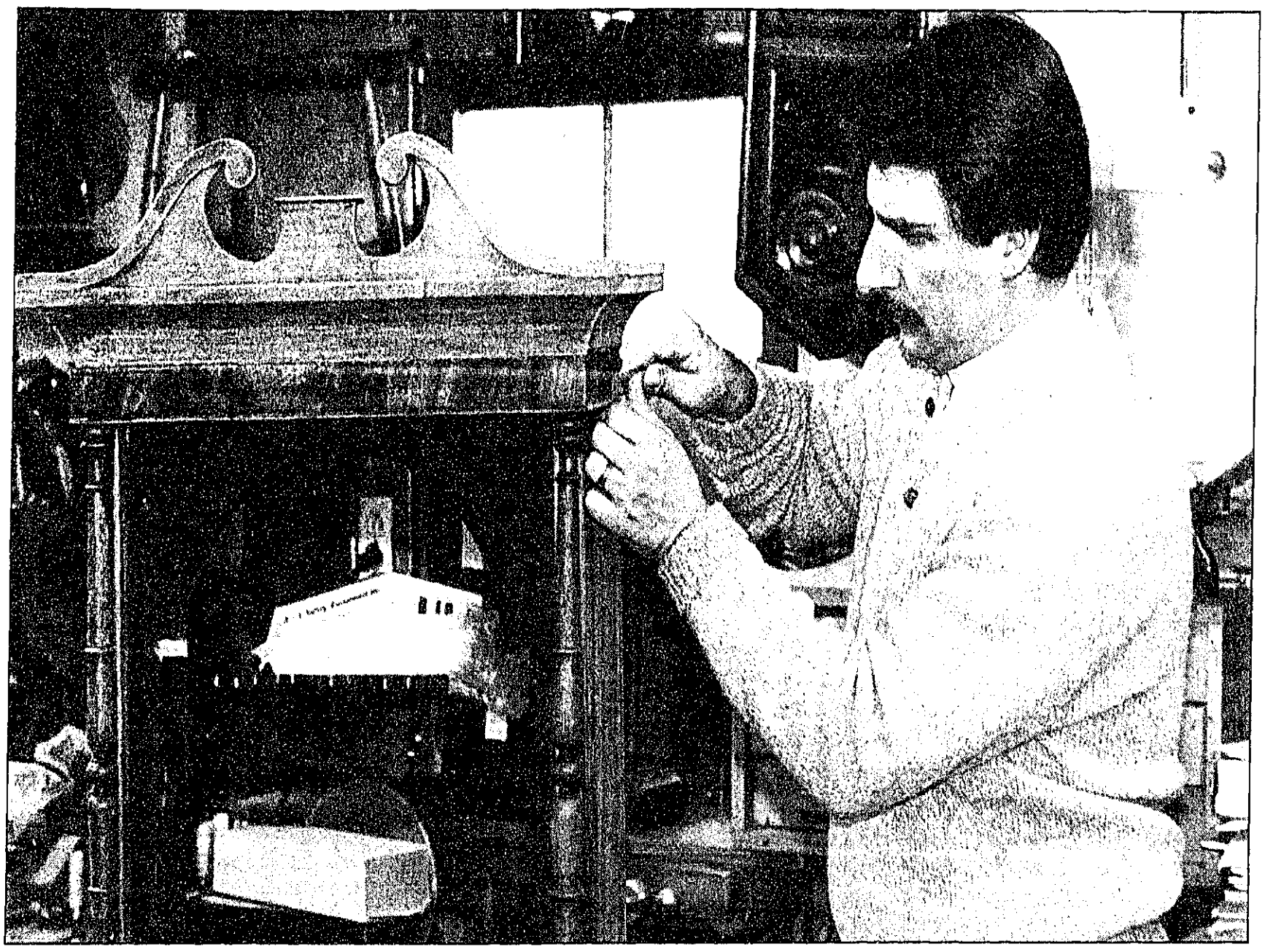


Antique wood-worker and restoration specialist Ray Rozell works in his Northville shop recently on a customer's tall-case clock made in Scotland in the 1830s.

Antique or junk?

Northville furniture restoration specialist Ray Rozell knows the answer

Picture this.

You're out antiquing and you fall in love with a piece of furniture you just can't live without and everything seems right about it. But do you know if it is genuine or a fake?

It has the right style, hardware, feet, and hand dovetailed drawers, but it could still be a phony.

"Most people look at the style of it, the shape, the period it might have come from," said Northville furniture restorer Ray Rozell. "I look at antiques differently than other people do. I look at them from the inside out."

During the Northville Woman's Club meeting on Jan. 3, Rozell talked about which details to look for to authenticate a piece of furniture.

"People in my trade have figured out they can take old wood, old material or half a table, build the rest of it and sell it as an original," he said. "It's done all the time. I've seen it.

"It's the same old story, buyer beware," said Rozell, who considers furniture at least 100 years old to be an antique. "There are some things you can't fake and that's what you should look for."

Shrinkage is very hard to simulate, according to Rozell, who became interested in woodworking in high school. Wood will shrink in width, not length and some woods shrink more than others.

Take a close look at the grain. When a piece of wood with a hole in it shrinks, the hole gets larger. When a round symmetrical wood table or chair leg shrinks, it becomes oblong.

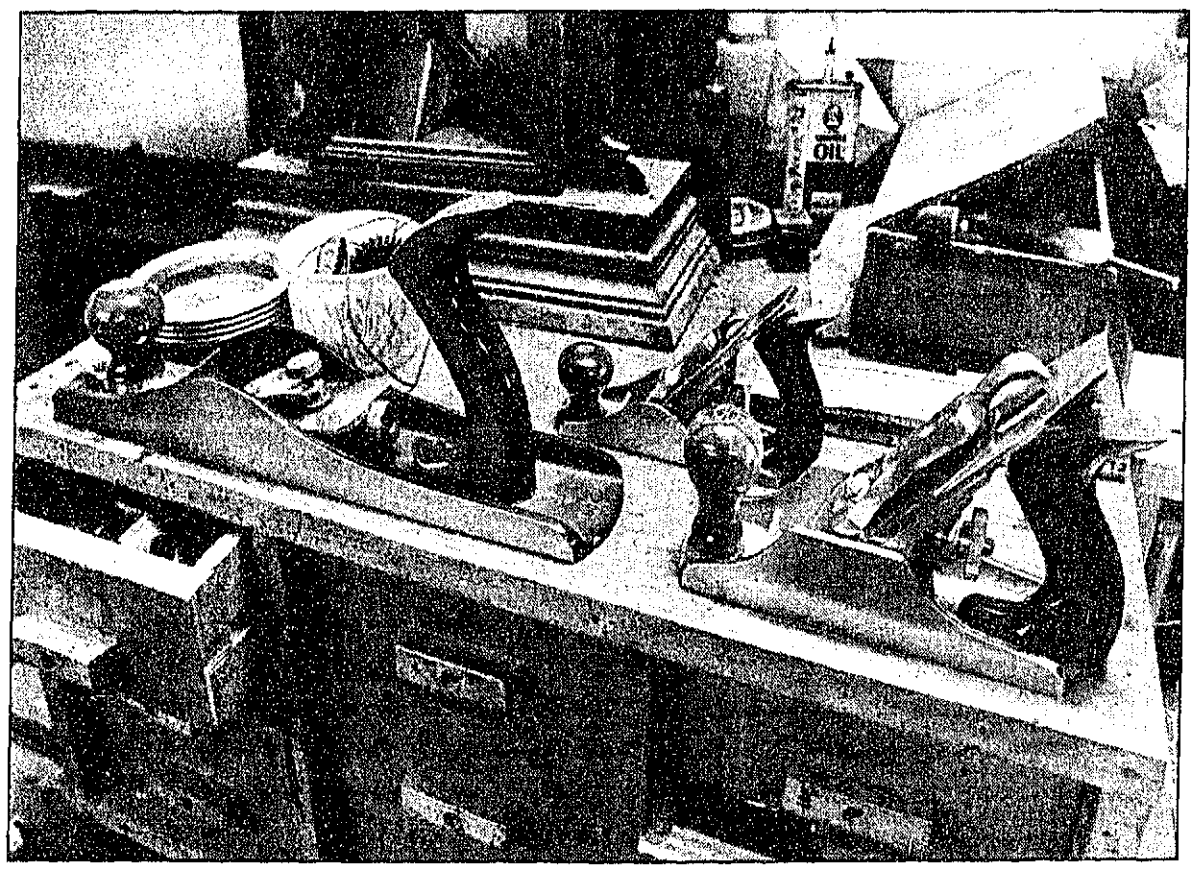
Shrinkage is not measurable for about 60 to 70 years.

"You can't fake that," said Rozell, who apprenticed at two shops following high school, one in Southfield and the other in Ann Arbor. He opened R & A Furniture in Northville in 1974.

"When you go into an antique store, you're going to be rubbing your hands on all the legs of the chairs and seeing if they are round, and they are going to think you're weird," he said. "They think I'm weird. That will tell you real quick if it is an old spindle or a new spindle."

Another way to tell is by looking closely at the drawers.

After pulling out the drawer, feel the underside. If it feels ripply, that means the person who made the piece didn't have machinery to plane down the thickness of the lumber. The craftsman used a scrub plane, which is convex shaped. The inside of the drawer will be smooth because a smoothing plane was used on that surface.



Wood planers and spare parts litter the workbench of Ray Rozell's wood-working shop in Northville.

Rozell can date an antique by the tools that were used to make the piece.

For instance, prior to the 1840-50s craftsmen would mortise and tenon by hand. When the industrial revolution occurred doweling became more common because it was faster and quicker. Later, machines were used to mortise and tenon.

It's not enough to open a drawer and check to see if it has hand dovetails.

"I can hand dovetail," he said. "That is not enough. It might tell you that it is an old drawer or the person who cut the dovetails knew what he was doing. That isn't a dead giveaway."

On a hand dovetail you can see the saw marks.

"They weren't that accurate and they were cut fast," he said. "They weren't that critical with their dovetails – if they had an overcut that was fine."

Check to see if a piece has been repaired. When a piece has been around for 200 years it very likely has had some repair work done on it. Some parts may be new, but if everything on the inside – like the back, inside supports for the drawers to glide on – are new, watch out, it's probably a fake.

Sometimes a repair job will have to make use of new materials, such as corner blocks and nails, if the craftsman can't get old materials.

Things to consider when antiquing

- How well do you know the dealer? Some dealers are more knowledgeable than others and offer a buy back option. The dealer should be willing to answer questions and let you look at the piece thoroughly.
- If you're thinking of going to an auction, go to the preview and ask as many questions as you can about the piece you're considering purchasing.
- Wood shrinks. Round spindles become oblong and holes get bigger after the wood shrinks. Parts that were once flush will not meet exactly, creating a little lip.
- An antique piece has wear, especially on the drawer bottoms where they have rubbed against the casing.
- On an antique upholstered piece, look to see if it has been reupholstered. If it's 100 years old, it probably has been reupholstered several times.
- Quality pieces will have good solid construction, as well as brass hardware, locks, hand dovetails and smooth bottoms on the inside of the drawers, features you won't find in cheap antiques.

Don't rely on color either to distinguish between a fake and a genuine antique.

"I can mix paint, finish," Rozell said. "I can make it look old. I can make it look new.

"There are guys out there that are better than I am that can match colors. So you can't go by what it looks like on the outside, especially painted pieces of furniture."

Look for wear. If the piece is supposed to be from the 1800s or 1700s wear should be apparent somewhere, unless the piece was never used, which is highly unlikely, according to Rozell. Watch out for wear that looks like it was added on.

Rozell has a stain he calls "instant age," which is a blend of stains he mixed himself. If he throws his keys in the drawer and lets them roll around for a while, the drawer would show signs of wear and it could look old.

Large drawers should show signs of wear from the friction of having been opened and closed. There is a piece of wood where the drawer glides, and whatever the drawer runs on there has to be wear.

"Nothing old will have a drawer glide," he said. "Drawer glides are later. The first center drawer glides started coming out in the late 1920s and early 1930s when production-line furniture became more common.

Shrinkage also causes a little lip and gaps where two edges that were once flush no longer meet exactly.

It takes a lot of extra thought and a lot of work to fake a customer out with shrinkage, according to Rozell.

"Most your cabinet makers are not that sly. They are not out to fake everyone out."

Don't go by old hardware either. Old hardware cannot be used to determine if a piece is antique. Old hardware can be added to new pieces.

"Turn things upside down, flip them over, take a flashlight with you if you're out antiquing. Pull the drawers out, look inside it," he said.

If you're looking at an a upholstered chair, Rozell advises turning the chair upside down to see how many times it's been upholstered.

"If you don't see any extra holes in there, it's a dead giveaway that it is new," he said.

Most chairs that have been around for a while have been upholstered three or four times.

Another helpful thing is to know the dealer. Some dealers offer a buy back if you change your mind at anytime in the future. If you see a sign that says all sales final, think twice. A good dealer will tell you if something has been fixed or replaced. If it is a reproduction, it should be advertised as such.

"If the dealer doesn't want to answer questions, won't let you pull the drawer out, say 'thank you very much' and walk away," Rozell said.

If you're thinking about going to an auction, go to the preview first.

"If you are really interested in buying, ask every question that could possibly come out of your head," he said.

Rozell has been involved in some exciting work, including work with Sotheby's, Doumachelle's and Whalen's Auctions. He's also done restoration work at the Fox Theatre, the Lilac Tree on Mackinac Island, and for Greenfield Village.

Not all antiques are quality pieces. Expensive pieces were made with brass hardware, locks, hand dovetails and smooth bottoms on the inside of the drawers.

The drawer will have solid wood sides and nice corner blocks.

"The biggest thing is good solid construction," Rozell said.

Story by Carol Workens • Photos by John Heider

Chamber announces new board members

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The first general membership luncheon meeting of the Novi Chamber of Commerce for the year will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Tuesday, Jan. 21. Reservations are requested. Call the Chamber office at 349-3743. Special guest speaker will be Kathleen McLallen, mayor of Novi, who will give a presentation entitled, "A Hometown Report."

The new board of directors for 1997 are: Diane Risko, chairman of the board; chairman-elect, Barry Moore; vice chairman, Tom Woodruff; treasurer, Blair Bowman; ambassadors, Larry Newhardt; business education, Doug Smith; community affairs, Debbie Orloff-Davidson; Focus health, Marie Baloga; convention and visitors bureau, Jane Thomas; economic development, Dan Grady; partnerships for education, Dr. Emmett Lippe; finance committee, Bud Scott; special events, Debbie Mashinske; charity auction dinner/dance, Debbie Mashinske; golf outing, Tim O'Neil; and networking, Kathleen Bordo-Crombie. Douglas Shaeffer, chief of the Novi Police, will work with Debbie Mashinske on special events and on the business education committee.

The annual meeting and installation banquet will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Doubletree Hotel.

The annual presentation of the Small Business Award of the Year will be presented to Blair Bowman of the Novi Expo. In addition, two longtime members will be given honorary membership for their support over the years. They are: Frank Stevens, retired from Stevens Industries, and Victor Cassis, former owner of Victor's Novi Inn.

After Hours Business Mixer will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 5-7 p.m. at Sam's Club, 24800 Haggerty Road. Reservations are due by Monday, Jan. 27, call 349-3743 or fax 349-4523.

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

This association of clergymen in the Novi area meet monthly at various churches for lunch and short business meetings. Meadowbrook Congregational Church hosted this month's meeting of the Novi Ministers Association. All clergy in the area are invited to attend. Next month's meeting will be held at noon Monday, Feb. 3, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Rev. Tom Scherger at 477-6296.

The week of Prayer for Christian

Novi Highlights

Unity was discussed at the last meeting with the annual Pulpit Exchange scheduled for Jan. 19. Faith Community will have as its guest speaker, Rev. Thomas Scherger; Meadowbrook Congregational, Fr. John Budde; Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. Cy Smith; Holy Cross Episcopal, Rev. Neil Hunt; and Holy Family Catholic Church, Fr. Leslie Harding. The Ministers Association has been participating in this community event for over ten years.

During the holidays, they also sponsored the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service which was held at the Faith Presbyterian Church. Over 200 in attendance enjoyed the program of participating churches and combined choir.

The offering that evening was donated to the Community Food Bank in which the association participates. The Food Bank is located at Faith Presbyterian Church where volunteers come every other Monday and provide groceries for those who have a need for this program.

All involved churches have collection points in their vestibules for food. In addition, cash donations are received throughout the year from individuals and organizations.

Through congregation participation, the ministers are also involved in the Community Clothes Closet at Holy Family Church. Donations are available to any family in need of clothing and other household items.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

The program "55 Alive" will be presented by the AARP at the center on Jan. 22 and 23 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. This presentation will include "new laws" and the "how to's" for older drivers. Reservations are needed and should be called in as soon as possible so that there will be ample information available to those attending. A charge of $8 will be collected for materials.

A program entitled, "M-Care, Alternative to Medicare" is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. Information will be given regarding the choices available in selecting insurance carriers. Plan to stay for lunch – for a $2 donation, you can enjoy a Swiss steak dinner. If you plan to stay for lunch, call at least a day before for reservations. All programs are planned so seniors in need of transportation can call 48 hours in advance for a ride on the senior van from their home to the center for a charge of $1. Call 347-0414 for more details.

Stop in at the center for a monthly schedule of activities and a list of planned meals. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and plan to stay for the before and after activities following the lunch hour. The senior van will provide your transportation home.

There will be no activities planned for Monday, Jan. 20, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, a special program will be presented by a representative from Oakland Hills Memorial Garden. Pam Meek will discuss the need for "Pre-Planning Funerals." Transportation will be available and lunch for the day will be "chicken a-la king."

Later in the month there will be a program called "Legal Aid," from 9:30-11:30 a.m., stay for lunch, and attend the dance from 1-3 p.m.

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Wednesday, Jan. 22, is the starting date for those interested in obtaining an amateur radio novice technician license. It will be taught by Rick Redoutey and Stan Rykwalder, members of the local radio club. There is a fee of $13 and class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Registrations are being handled by the Novi Community Education Department, 449-1200. The class is open to radio amateurs of any age – from children to high school students to adults. Just recently a man, age 91 years, obtained his novice license.

The class will include instruction on elementary electronics, FCC rules and Morse Code at five words per minute. In addition, station set-up, equipment selection and operating procedures will also be covered. No previous experience is needed and those attending do not have to have their own equipment.

Once the novice receives his or her license, they can join he local club and use club equipment to become better acquainted with this program. Local club dues are $15. A special rate of $20 is offered for families. For more information on the radio club, call Tom Goodman at 349-4064.

Additional help for those attending the class can be received from the textbook, *Now You're Talking* and four optional code cassette

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349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev Rogers
301 Market St 624-2483
(behind First of America off Pontiac Trail Rd.)
Wed 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Sunday School 9:45 am
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Nursery Available All Welcome

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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
1 Gil Wednesday at Hope
Bible Study & Children's Choir 6:30 pm
Worship Service 7:35 - 8:00 pm
39200 W Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills
(Just East of Haggerty Rd.)
(810) 553-7170

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
23225 Gill Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan
SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:40 A.M.
Pastors Daniel Cayo & Mary Olivanti
Telephone (810) 474-0584

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
200 E. Main St. Northville 349-0911
Worship & Church School 9:30 & 11:00 am
Childcare Available at 9:30 & 11:00 am
Rev. W. Kent Cline, Senior Pastor
Rev. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism & Singles

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod
Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565
9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
770 Thayer Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Church 349-2621 School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559

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

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

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
41355 Six Mile Road
Northville 348-9030
Sunday School 9:45 & 10:45 am
Sunday Worship 9 am 10:45 am & 6 pm
Pastor Otis T. Buchan, Sr. Pastor
Northville Christian School
Preschool & K-8
348-9031

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
349-1144 * 8 Mile & Taft Roads
Worship Services & Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00
Nursery both services (year round)
Summer Worship 8:30 & 10:00 (July thru Labor Day)
Summer Sunday School 10:00 (K thru 3rd grade)
Dr. Douglas W. Vernon * Rev. Thomas M. Beegan
Rev. Arthur L. Spafford

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook
349-2852 (24 hrs.)
Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Care Available
Charles R. Jacobs, Pastor
Church School 9:15 am

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC
23455 Novi Rd. (between 9-10 Mile)
Bible Study Sun. 9:45 a.m.
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Youth Meetings Wed. 7 p.m.
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21355 Meadowbrook R. Novi at 8 / Mile
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
348-7757
Minister Rev. L. Neil Hunt
Minister of Music Ray Ferguson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI
45301 11 Mile at Taft Rd.
Home of Fill Christian School Grade 2-12
Sun. School 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Gary Ethier, Pastor
349-3477 349-3647

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between Taft & Beck, Novi
Phone 349-1175
Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery

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Pastor Dr. James N. McGuire
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Sunday School & Nursery Provided
7:00 pm evening service
Service Broadcast 11:00 am WUFL - AM 1030

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44400 W. 10 Mile Novi Novi 349-5666
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
Richard J. Henderson, Pastor
J. Cyrus Smith, Associate Pastor
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd
Novi, Mi. 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James F. Clarke, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

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

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24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi Mi 48375
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Holy Days: 9 am, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Father John Buddo, Pastor
Father Andrew Tomaska, Assoc. Pastor
Parish Office: 349-8847

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21260 Haggerty Northville 349-7600
(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)
Dr. Carl M. Leth, Pastor

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NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL
On Taft Rd. near 11 Mile Road 349-2669
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Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook
Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m.
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574 S. Sheldon Road
Plymouth, MI 48170 (313) 453-0190
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10 am Holy Eucharist and Church School
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Pastor Keith J. Mokris
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM
The Comfort Inn - Mackinaw Room
1696 S. Orchard Lk. Rd. Exit at 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI
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If you're like most women, you're so busy taking care of your family - your children, husband, parents or other loved ones - it's hard to find time for yourself. But finding time for annual check ups is the best defense against breast and ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and cardiac disease. Botsford General Hospital offers a continuum of services to assist you in maximizing your health. If you would like a physician referral, call Health Match at (810)442-7900. **If you're in the prime of your life - 40 and up, take time out for Prime Time for Women, Saturday, February 1 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at Botsford General Hospital in the Zieger Center.** The day will include sessions on menopause, osteoporosis, cardiac health, stress management, a demonstration on healthy cooking, and fashion and make-up demonstrations by Parisian. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. There is a minimal fee per person, with discounts for signing up with a friend. **To register call Community Relations at (810) 442-7986. Due to popularity, there may be a waiting list. So call today and maximize your health.**

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Novi Lions Club president Jim Burnett (from left), Dick Faulkner, who was the charter Lions president in 1973, and Dick Stopinski, regional chairman, celebrate the Lions International's 80th anniversary week Jan. 12 through 19.

Lions Club turns 80

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Novi Lions join Lions Clubs through the world this week as they celebrate the club's 80th anniversary.

The association was founded in Chicago, Ill. on June 7, 1917 by Melvin Jones, a young Chicago insurance man.

While other men's groups of the day were devoted to promoting the business interests of the membership, the Lions International established as their objectives service to the community and assistance to the less fortunate.

At the urging of Miss Helen Keller, Lions International began focusing on helping the blind in the 1920s, a project it continues to this day.

There are currently 41,000 Lions Clubs worldwide with over 1.5 million members, both men and women in 150 nations and geographic areas. Clubs were formed in China and Mexico in 1927. In Europe, clubs sprang up in Sweden, Switzerland and France in 1948. The Soviet bloc nations started similar clubs in the 1950s and 1960s, which are now under the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The Lions Club's motto "We Serve," includes service to not only the community, but the nation and the world.

Locally, the Novi Lions Club was founded in 1973 and now has 62 members. The Novi community benefits from the efforts of the local Lions Club through the Novi Schools Quest Youth Program, annual college scholarships totaling more than $5,000, and purchased like the "soft room" at the Novi Police Department (a room with a homelike atmosphere for interviewing children) and site aids for the Novi Library such as the Reading Edge, which scans and reads printed material, the magnifiers stereo magnifier and an assortment of hand held magnifiers.

The Novi Lions Club has an annual budget of about $45,000 that is disbursed among 24 local, statewide, nationwide and worldwide agencies.

Throughout the community there are Lions Club boxes available for used eyeglasses for repair and to be recycled.

The Novi Lions yearly events include a Vegas night, White Cane project, Golfers Helping the Blind outing, Golden Gloves amateur boxing bout and a Wild Game Dinner.

Working closely with the Novi schools, the Lions also fill special requests for Novi citizens.

The Novi Lions have a home page through the school district and can be reached at http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/community/novi/novilions/lionsnovi.html.

For more information about the Novi Lions, call (810) 624-3561.

In Service

Navy Chief Petty Officer **RONALD W. MENSER** recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the nuclear power attack submarine USS Norfolk. A 1979 graduate of Farmington High School, he joined the Navy in July 1982 and is the son of William W. and Bette G. Menser of Novi.

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Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

- Only restaurants in **Northville and Novi** are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by **Jan. 31** to: Northville Record/Novi News restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 20 issues of The Northville Record and The Novi News. The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories will be published on Feb. 27.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

The Categories:

Best Overall Restaurant _____

Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____

Best Breakfast Restaurant _____

Best Waitperson _____

Best Chef _____

Best Sandwiches _____

Best Desserts _____

Best Coffee _____

Best Salad _____

Best Pizza _____

Best Burgers _____

Best Seafood _____

Best Ethnic Food _____

Best Fast Food _____

Best Soups _____

Best Steak _____

Best Gathering Place _____

Comments _____

PLEASE NOTE: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

Your name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone _____

On Campus

TIMOTHY SULLIVAN and **SHARYL PRIDMORE**, Schoolcraft College students from Novi, have won Faculty Academic Scholarships for the winter '97 semester. This is the first time these faculty awards have been offered.

In addition to the general requirements of 12 credit hours and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0, winners had to meet criteria established by the faculty in each discipline.

Pridmore is majoring in mathematics. Sullivan in fire technology.

Correction

The volunteer story which ran in last week's *Northville Record/Novi News* incorrectly identified one of the volunteers on the Easter basket project with AIDS Partnership Michigan as James Smiley, when it should have read Jane Smiley.

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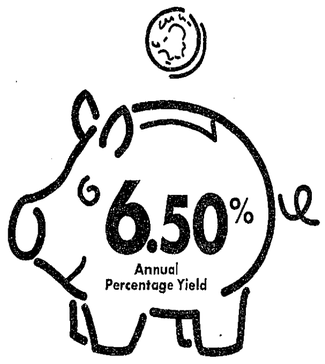

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Salvation Army drive successful

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Neither rain, sleet nor snow could stop the bells from ringing over the Christmas holiday.

The area's Salvation Army kettle campaigns proved to be successful in meeting or coming close to the goals set for 1996.

Martha Schultz of the Salvation Army located in Plymouth reported that the kettle volunteers in the area exceeded the goal of $100,000.

"We rely a lot on the kettle," said Schultz.

The money raised at Christmas helps throughout the year with food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, medicine and doctors for people in need.

Families, individuals and various groups at the 12 sites in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville area raised $108,802 during the kettle campaign which began Nov. 18 and ended Dec. 24.

This year's coordinator for the Northville area was resident Judy Kohl. Sites in Northville included Great Harvest Bread Company, the Northville Post Office, Shopping Center Market and the Haggerty Road Target.

"The volunteers are very generous with their time and we really appreciate them very much," Schultz said. "They go out there when it is cold and snowing."

Volunteers in Northville ranged from Harry and Rebecca Hooker's eighth grade confirmation class to Winchester Elementary School's Cub Scout Pack 903 and from Northville Coop Nursery to life members of the Northville Mother's Club. Also included were area churches, school groups, city employees, organizations, families and individuals.

"The ideal is to have a totally volunteer force," Schultz said. The Salvation Army hires bell ringers to fill some of the daytime slots.

In the area that includes Novi, volunteers raised 79 percent of the $112,000 goal, according to Karen Guerreso, manager of the Salvation Army office in Farmington Hills.

The kettle drive in the Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia and a portion of Redford raised $88,454.

Volunteers, many of whom were repeat ringers from previous years, manned kettles at Twelve Oaks Mall, West Oaks and the Novi Town Center.

"Once you become a bell ringer at Christmastime you want to come back again because it is a very fulfilling thing to do," Guerreso said. "Our biggest need is to get more volunteers so we don't have to pay people to man the spots."

Some locations did not have kettles this year because there were not enough volunteers.

"Businesses have been very cooperative with us," Guerreso said.

Volunteers in the Novi area included both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, church choirs, individuals and families.

Every year the city councils of Farmington and Farmington Hills have a competition to see who can raise the most money. This year, for the first time, Farmington won.

Submitted photo

Washington here we come

Novi High School pompon team members (front row from left) Jessie Hubel and Michelle Thompson, and (second row) Meghann Moose and Kelly Harfoot will be among 200 area girls representing the Mid-American Pompon All Star Team marching in President Clinton's Inaugural Parade on Jan. 20 along with Maria Hernandez (not pictured).

Radio club begins amateur class

Continued from 2

tapes called "Amateur Radio Code," which can be purchased at Radio Shack.

This past summer, the club participated in the state of Michigan Field Day and plans to again next summer.

The election of officers was recently held. Elected were: Greg Tuller, president; Ron Watkins, vice president; Mike Van Voorhis, secretary; and Lou Files, treasurer. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center and have weekly informal coffee/breakfasts on Saturday at the Big Boy restaurant in Walled Lake.

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

Church Notes

Sunday Worship Service times at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, are 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Connie Moore from Hegira Prevention (*How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*) will be presenting "True Colors" beginning Jan. 16. This class is designed to figure out your personality style and how different "colors" have different motives, purposes, aims, values, drives, impulses and weaknesses and will teach you how to succeed with those "of a different color." You will learn skills that can be applied to your children, spouse, work colleagues and others. Call 349-1144.

NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH, which meets every week at 10:30 a.m. at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road, and uses contemporary music, drama and relevant messages to reach people. The atmosphere is casual.

The series during the month of January is "Lifemapping: Setting Your Life on Course for 1997." Lifemapping helps you get past your New Year's resolution to really accomplish your dreams. Call (810) 926-1512.

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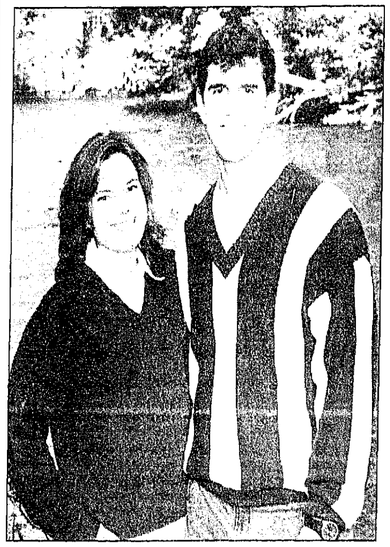

Jennifer Sinacola/Mark Chirgwin

Paul and Vida Chirgwin of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Mark Leonard, to Jennifer Lyn, daughter of Steve and Chris Sinacola of Berkley.

The bride-elect received her bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Michigan in 1995.

Jennifer is pursuing a master's in social work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The groom-elect, a 1991 graduate of Novi High School, received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1995.

Mark is currently employed by Ford Motor Co. in Livonia.

A May wedding is planned.

Singles

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.

A casual Super Bowl Party is planned on Sunday, Jan. 26, at Drakeshire Lanes located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event is free if you bring a dish to pass. No munchies.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for members and $8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

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

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Robert Zeichner

Artist returns

Robert Zeichner, whose first photographic exhibition was at Dancing Eye Gallery in 1996, returns Saturday, Jan. 18 for a two month show. The exhibit will include 15 black and white photographs taken in the upper peninsula. Other popular Michigan sites Zeichner has photographed include the Upper Peninsula Waterfalls, Municing.

"I've noticed that people really respond to the pictures from up north," said Theresa Schierloh, owner of Dancing Eye Gallery.

Zeichner, who has been a photographer for 37 years, will be on hand during the artist reception which will be held from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville.

Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Hours on Sunday and Monday are by appointment.

For more information, call (810) 449-7086.

Dogs, and plenty of them, converge this weekend

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

This weekend's dog show marks the first time the American Kennel Club has allowed a rare breed show to be held in conjunction with an AKC competition.

Four different dog shows will be featured beginning Friday, Jan. 17, and running through Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Novi Expo Center, located off Novi Road just south of I-96 and the Novi Road exit.

For people considering buying a dog, this a good show to attend.

"You will meet all the breeders," said Rhonda Burnes, a Northville resident and president of the 14-member Pontiac Kennel Club. "If you buy from a registered AKC breeder you can almost be guaranteed that your dog will have certain characteristics."

Movies that popularize a certain breed create a huge problem, according to Burnes. Some breeders overbreed and do not take into consideration, among other things, the correct introduction of the dog to different people during its early stages of mental development. The dog may not understand that he is the subordinate member of a family.

"There are breeders out there who do not have the dog's best interest at heart," she said. "It takes a long time to finish a champion."

More than 140 different breeds of dogs are expected at the show.

When the doors open on Friday at 2 p.m. the Metro Kennel Club will be hosting the United Kennel Club's show. The show is expected to run until sometime after 9 p.m.

On Saturday, the Livingston Kennel Club hosts an AKC dog show as well as agility and fly-ball special events and demonstrations from Paws for Cause, Leader Dogs for the Blind and U.S. Customs dogs. The doors open at 7 a.m.

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> Pontiac Kennel Club

On the last day of the show, the Pontiac Kennel Club will host the American Kennel Club dog exhibition. Agility, fly-ball, herding, weight pulls and search and rescue demonstrations are the special events planned for Sunday.

"These different events give people a chance to learn what breeds can do," Burnes said.

The Pontiac Kennel Club has been putting on dog shows since 1921. The two shows per year the club sponsors average between 1,800 to 2,200 dogs per show.

The judging of the dogs is the main component of the non-bench show. Judges have gone through specialized training and are knowledgeable about the breeds they are judging so that they can choose dogs that match as closely as possible the AKC standard for that breed, according to Burnes. Breeders have about two minutes to show a dog in front of a judge.

"It takes a great deal of training and experience to show the dog well to the best of the dog's ability," Burnes said. "It looks easy but it isn't."

There will also be plenty of vendors with doggie-type items.

"You usually get your best deals at dog shows," she said.

The Rare Breed shows will be hosted by the Federation of Rare Breeds Inc. on all three days.

A rare breed is considered to be those breeds that do not belong to the AKC registry, according to Burnes. AKC is a registration body and a dog has to meet certain breed standards for a certain length of time in order to become recognized by the American Kennel Club.

"They are just coming onto the scene so to speak," Burnes said of rare breeds.

A couple of breeds considered rare until recently but now accepted by the AKC registry are the Portuguese Water Spaniel and the Scottish Border Collie.

Both the Saturday and Sunday shows should end around 5 p.m.

For general show information, call (810) 375-5872. Admission prices are $3 for students and seniors 62 and older; $5 for adults and $12 per family. Parking is $4.

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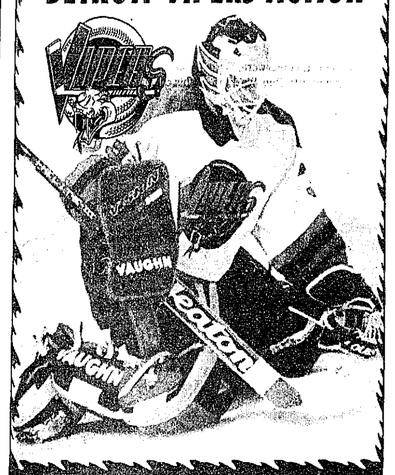

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AUDITIONS

THE UNINVITED: The Grosse Pointe Theatre will hold auditions for *The Uninvited* on Jan. 18 and 19 from 2 until 4 p.m. at 315 Fisher Road in Grosse Pointe. Show dates for Dorothy Macardle's classic ghost story set on the English coast are March 12-16 and 19-22.

For further information, call producer John Guadagnoli at (313) 886-8901.

THE SECRET GARDEN: Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for males ages 9 to 65 and females ages 10 to 65 on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. *The Secret Garden* is the final show of their Golden Anniversary Season. Performance dates are April 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and May 2 and 3.

Those auditioning should bring sheet music and be prepared to sing 16 bars. An accompanist will be provided.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Open auditions for Ken Ludwig's hysterical farce *Lend Me a Tenor* will be on Jan. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

There are roles available for four men and four women. Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary.

For more information, call (313) 462-4400, ext. 5270.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble clef) musicians.

Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. with engagements usually twice a month on weekends or in the evenings.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (313) 531-7389.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHILLY WILLY FESTIVAL: Sponsored by the Novi Arts Council the festival will be held Jan. 18 at the Novi Civic Center beginning with a Pancake Breakfast from 9 until 11 a.m.

Other events include a Sno-Ball Softball Tournament; Euchre Tournament at 11 a.m.; Snow Sculpting Contest from 10:30 a.m. until noon, imagination stations for children and face painting both from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.; Chili Cook-Off from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.; hayrides from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.; a Bridge Tournament from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.; ice carvings from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and family entertainment with the "magical" Gordon Russ at 1 p.m.

The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For details, call (810) 347-0400.

NEW ORCHESTRA: The first meeting of the Novi orchestra will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. until noon in the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The Novi Arts Council invites all interested musicians and patrons to attend the meeting.

For more information, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (810) 347-0400.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances 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 details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

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THEATER

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For ticket information, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of the classic *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 26. All shows start at 2:30 p.m.

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

For details, call 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Upcoming performances include Chris Buhalis on Jan. 16; Five Guys Named Moe on Jan. 17; Blackthorn on Jan. 18; Judy Piazza on Jan. 23; Bill Boley on Jan. 24 and Nutshell on Jan. 25.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

MR. B's FARM: Tim Flaharty hosts a Blues Jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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OXFORD INN: Upcoming performances include Sun Messenger on Jan. 17 and 18 and Jocelyn B and the Detroit Street Players on Jan. 24 and 25.

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For more information, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

For details, 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 details.

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 details, call (810) 624-9607.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 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 has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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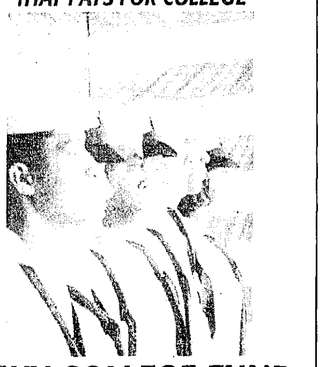

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READER MOVIE REVIEWS

Look out Tom Hanks. This year's Academy Awards has two new faces competing for the Oscar for Best Actor. And these two new faces are...

Beavis and Butthead?!?

That's right, Beavis and Butthead. And while they might not be nominated for an Oscar, their performances in their first major motion picture, "Beavis & Butthead Do America," definitely moved me.

Another surprise, other than the fact that America's most beloved morons can act, is that "Beavis & Butthead Do America" actually has a plot. And a good plot, too.

Do the surprises ever end?

Unfortunately, though, the most creative lines in the movie, as always, were already shown during the trailers. But that, of course, isn't Beavis or Butthead's fault.

Amazingly, "Beavis & Butthead Do America" has better acting, a better plot, and a better soundtrack than the MTV television show, "Beavis & Butthead."

So whether you love the two morons that make Forrest Gump look like Einstein or not, give them another chance and go see their movie.

"Beavis & Butthead Do America" earns five stars out of five, based on a Beavis & Butthead scale. This is definitely their best and they should stick to the big screen.

'Jerry Maguire' not just another sports movie

By KATIE BACH
MOVIE PAGE EDITOR

If you avoided seeing "Jerry Maguire" because you thought it was just another movie about sports and their overpaid athletes, think again. This movie is one of the most charming and genuinely romantic movies to hit the big screen this year.

While it does give a glimpse inside the world of professional athletes and their cutthroat agents, there are greater lessons to be learned in this film than how to "Show me the money!"

Tom Cruise is at his best playing the down, but optimistic about not being out, Jerry Maguire, a sports agent who learns that loyalty is often as difficult to find in the workplace as it is in relationships.

While a lesser actor might have been intimidated by making her film debut with Cruise, newcomer Renee Zellweger delivers an exceptional performance as Jerry's love-struck business partner.

Another newcomer, Cuba Gooding, Jr. also established himself as a rising star in Hollywood in "Jerry Maguire." In a juicy supporting role, he plays the football player, family man and friend who pushes Maguire to 'show him the money,' and in return shows Jerry much more about life and love.

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Gymnasts off to fast start with easy wins

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Two for two.

That's what the Northville-Novi gymnastics team is after defeating Berkley and Fraser Friday on the road. Having beat Canton earlier in the week, the combined team moved to 2-0.

The tri-meet gave almost all of the combined team's gymnasts a chance to compete. Most responded by performing well.

Nicole Pelletier, for example, won the vaulting competition with an 8.6. Erica Winn tied for second at 8.2 and Danean Pazdan tied for third at 8.2.

Jenny Rohlfs had Northville-Novi's best showing in the uneven bars. She tied for second at 8.05. Missy MacRae tied for third at 7.85.

Stacey Williamson won the balance beam competition with a 9.0. MacRae scored an 8.95 for second and Stephanie Manza had a good performance at 8.25.

"She's a good gymnast," coach Barb Winn said of Manza's performance.

Mary Essary won the floor exercise with an 8.85 and Manza was second at 8.45.

MUSTANGS 141.1
CANTON 122.5

The combined team opened the season at home Jan. 8 against Canton and obtained a measure of revenge.

The Chiefs edged Northville-Novi for the conference title a year ago as well as finishing one spot ahead at the state finals. But not this time.

Northville-Novi dominated every event. To be fair, the Chiefs were without star Katey Gilles.

"I had a feeling we'd beat Canton even with her in there," said Winn.

Gilles would've had to have been spectacular just for her team to be in the meet.

"Nineteen points is a big win," said Winn.

As for the Mustangs, the coach said it was an excellent first meet. She noted that her team scored 139 points in its first meet a year ago.

To compete with the state's elite teams, Winn figures Northville-Novi will have to improve a bit more throughout the season.

"We want to be around 144 to 145 by the end of the year," she said. "We're not near our peak yet. We've got room to grow."

The combined team started strong against Canton in the vault.

Erica Winn led the way with an 8.95 and Pelletier was a close second at 8.9. Rohlfs finished with an 8.75 and Essary had an 8.6.

Winn was particularly impressed with Rohlfs' effort.

MacRae and Rohlfs each posted a score of 8.85 on the uneven bars. Essary averaged 8.7 and Williamson an 8.45.

Northville-Novi was solid on the balance beam. Kristin Levin notched a 9.0, Williamson 8.9, Essary 8.65 and Winn 8.55.

A 9.05 by MacRae led the combined team in the floor exercise. Erica Winn had a 9.0, Williamson and Essary each 8.95.

Photo by AL WARD

Kristin Levin scored a 9.0 to win the beam competition against Canton.

Tankers third at W.B. invite

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Christmas break has a way of messing up a lot of teams.

It often takes a week of hard practices or competitions to get things headed back in the right track. But not for Novi High's swimmers.

A third place showing at the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday demonstrated that the Wildcats haven't missed a beat.

"We had a few practices over break and actually made progress instead of going backwards," said coach Bill McCord. "I'm really pleased with the way we came out of break."

Host West Bloomfield won the meet with nearly 300 points. North Farmington was second at 174 and Novi third with 151 points.

The invitational was set up a bit differently than most. Each event was broken down into four heats matching up swimmers of like abilities.

Instead of one winner for each event, each heat had a winner. Every event had four first place finishes, four second placers, etc.

McCord said he liked the format because it gave more of his swimmers a "chance to shine." It also allowed him to watch the team more closely.

"I left there feeling I knew the team a lot better than when I got there," he commented.

As for the invitational itself, Novi scored most of its points in

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Vikings thump cagers 70-42

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Basketball teams loaded with talent can sometimes get away with not doing all of the little things.

Others with average talent, such as Novi High, can't. That not so little thing called defense was the Wildcats' downfall Jan. 7 in a 70-42 home loss to Walled Lake Central.

The Vikings outscored Novi 21-8 in the first quarter and never looked back.

Walled Lake repeatedly broke down the Wildcats' defense with penetration. It lead to passes back to the perimeter for wide-open three-point shots. Central made nine triples in the game.

"They came out launching," said coach Pat Schluter. "They must have shot 60 percent from the field."

The loss dropped his team to 2-5 on the year. Novi played Howell Tuesday (after *The Novi News'* deadline).

The Wildcats have dropped their last three games. An explanation can be found in the numbers.

In the first four games of the season, Novi allowed 48.3 points per game. In the last three contests that mark has skyrocketed to 61 points per game.

It's a losing formula, according to Schluter.

"Defense was keeping us in games before," the coach said. "If we give up more than 50 points, we have a hard time winning."

Other teams' scoring bonanza hasn't come from lack of effort on Novi's part.

"We're playing hard on defense," said Schluter. "But we're not playing smart. We're trying, but not thinking."

The Wildcats aren't a team that can score 60 or 70 points on a consistent basis. But a solid defense, Schluter said, can actually help get easy baskets for the offense.

"We're not dictating the tempo," he added. "Other teams are dictating the tempo to us."

Which is exactly what happened against Walled Lake.

Viking point guard Todd Negoshin kept the flow of the game in Central's favor. He was responsible for breaking down Novi's defense on numerous occasions.

Negoshin scored 19 points, which included three three-pointers and six of seven from the foul line.

The Wildcats trailed 34-14 at halftime. Novi managed to work the margin down to 12 in the third quarter, but never seriously challenged.

Schluter said Central may have been the toughest opponent his team has faced all year.

Kyle Kearney had 10 points to lead Novi.

HURON 66, NOVI 49

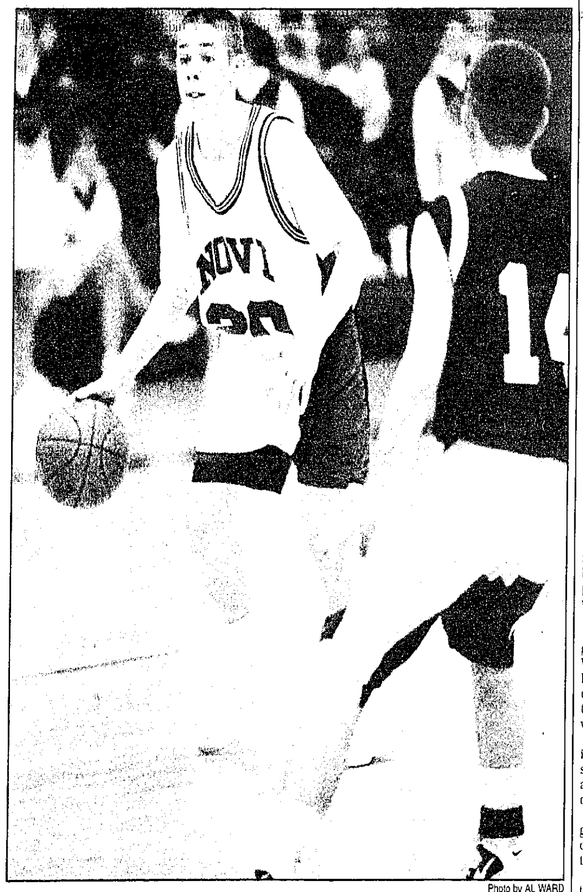
The Jan. 4 road game was decided in a few minutes in the second quarter.

With three minutes to go before halftime, the Wildcats trailed by just four points. But Huron exploded to go on a 14-0 run before the buzzer.

As a result, Ann Arbor took a 34-16 lead into halftime. A pair of three-pointers spurred the run.

Novi actually outscored Huron by a point in the final two quarters. But it was not enough to make up for the second quarter breakdown.

Kearney led the Wildcats in scoring with 11. Jeff Fannon added eight.



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Novi's Ben Cunningham looks for an opening against Walled Lake Central.

Wrestlers grab glory at Berkley tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's a rare wrestling team that's solid in both dual meets and tournaments.

But week after week, Novi High is proving it can succeed in either arena. Besides sporting a 7-1 dual meet record, the Wildcats can now boast of a tournament championship.

Nine out of 14 wrestlers placed to help Novi to a Berkley Invitational championship Saturday. Lenny Christoff and Taka Watanabe each won titles to highlight the Wildcats' day.

"This is a great confidence booster right here," said coach Brad Huss. "It's a great win for us. I haven't seen the kids that excited in a long, long time."

Novi finished with 190 points to edge Wyandotte Roosevelt by six. Plymouth Salem was third and New Lothrop fourth in the tournament that featured 16 schools.

"It's very difficult to win tournaments," Huss said. "You have to have at least four to six guys place or win. You also need other weight classes to score points."

Novi met both criteria.

Besides having nine placers, guys like Nate Mitchell, Nick Wendt, Jeff O'Sullivan and Andy Kalik came through. Those four combined for six wins between them and provided the margin of victory.

Huss said the tournament was important for another reason. He said it should erase any doubts among the wrestlers about the quality of the squad.

"It proves to them that we're good," he commented, "and can compete with and beat good teams."

Novi will need all the momentum it can get heading into the Kensington Valley Conference season starting tomorrow.

As always, the league is extremely strong. If Novi is going to have a shot at the title, it must get off to a good start against Milford and Brighton tomorrow.

"I haven't seen this much parity in the KVC in a long time," Huss added.

Hartland is acknowledged by most as the team to beat. But others like Novi, South Lyon and Milford aren't far behind.

Whatever happens, the coach knows he's carrying the best Novi team he has had into league battles.

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BRAD HUSS
Novi High wrestling coach

"I'm very pleased with the way some of the kids have improved since the beginning of the year," Huss added.

As for the Berkley tournament, Ryan Christensen got Novi off on the right foot. He wrestled at 103 pounds and took third place overall.

Christensen beat Keith Bull of Oxford by a pin in round one. He then decisioned Bill Gray of Flint Northern before splitting his next two matches. The 103-pounder beat Gray again for third place.

It was Christensen's first action of the season at 103 pounds. The senior had been wrestling at 112.

"I think it will help his confidence," Huss said of his showing.

J.J. Balagna also grabbed a third for Novi. He wrestled in the 119-pound division and won three of four matches including a pin of Livonia Churchill's Steve Wasiloff for third place.

Christoff took his second straight tournament championship at 130 pounds. After winning the Salem tournament two weeks ago, Christoff dominated at Berkley.

He had a pair of pins then beat Jeff Carpenter of Wyandotte Roosevelt 9-4 in the final.

"He's having a great season," Huss said of Christoff, who sports a 19-2 overall record.

Mark Churella returned from a hip injury to take third at 135 pounds. Seeded sixth, the junior won all but one match.

"I really didn't know what to expect from Mark," Huss said. "He had a good tournament."

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WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

LENNY CHRISTOFF --Wrestling
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STACEY WILLIAMSON -- Gymnastics
Williamson had a solid week for the combined team. In a tri-meet against Berkley and Fraser, she won the balance beam competition with a score of 9.0. Against Canton, Williamson tied for all-around top honors.

Squads Illustrated

Members of the Novi Jaguars soccer team.

Jaguars U11

The Novi Jaguars U11-A boys soccer team won the First Session Total Soccer Division "A" Indoor Soccer championship with a 6-2-0 record. The team was honored at halftime of the Detroit Rockers Jan. 2 game.

The team also won the Total Soccer Christmas Holiday Challenge Tournament held Dec. 27. The Jaguars were perfect in defeating the Farmington Bandits, Team United, and the Preditors to get into the semi-finals; beating the Ann Arbor Celtics to get into me finals; and defeating the Livonia Wolves for the championship.

Team members include: Mark Angelocci, Aaron Bauer, Adam Brandau, Chris Dalton, Jason Glogowski, Andrew Habash, Michael Hambell, Hirokazu Hasegawa, B.J. Humphrey, Neil Kocan, Kerry Kreutzberg, Mark Moore, Brent Pantaleo, Mark Saurer, Jon Sierra and Casey Rice, guest player for the tournament.

The team is coached by Mark Angelocci, Dave Brandau and Craig Kreutzberg.

Members of the Michigan Hawks soccer team.

Michigan Hawks

The Michigan Hawks U10 girls soccer team won the first indoor session at Southfield finishing with an 8-0 record. Novi residents on the team include Jessica Barndt, Kelli Corless, Lauren Marchioni, Lauren Perlin, Sarah Schmitt, and Erin Szczypka. Other players on the team include Jessica Cadwell, Ashley Temby and Renee Farrell of Livonia, Sarah Comai and Libby Quincey of Northville, Alex Saba of Dearborn, Kim Towne of Canton, Holly Walker of Garden City, and Jordan Wroby of Clawson. The team is coached by Shannon Manning and Crissy Rice.

Spikers beat Eagles in two

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat volleyball team's victory over Hartland Thursday won't go down as one of the prettiest in history.

At this point, Novi High will take it just the same.

The Wildcats needed just two games to defeat Hartland for their first Kensington Valley Conference triumph of the season.

"A win is a win is a win," said coach Julie Fisette.

Both Novi and the Eagles have struggled this season. But a heart-to-heart talk among Wildcat players after a loss to South Lyon last week may have turned things around.

"They practiced a lot better (after the talk)," said Fisette. "The girls are working hard for me."

Now 1-1 in the KVC, Novi plays in the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday. Fisette said her team needs all of the matches it can get.

Many of the squad's problems have been caused simply by players' unfamiliarity with each other on the court. Tournaments like Salem's should help eliminate that problem.

"Time on the court together is very important," Fisette commented. "Every time on the court they learn about each other."

Coming off the loss to South Lyon, the coach juggled her lineup a bit for Hartland. Not in who was starting, but which positions they played.

The strategy paid off as Novi took game one 15-10.

The Wildcats got good outside hitting from Sarah McGlinnen, Sarah Heusel and Katie Copp. Lindsay Druny also hit well in the opener and registered three kills. Heusel had two.

Novi edged Hartland in game two 15-13 to take the match.

Erin Spindler and Jessica Roemer each played solid volleyball and recorded nine serving aces between them in the two games.

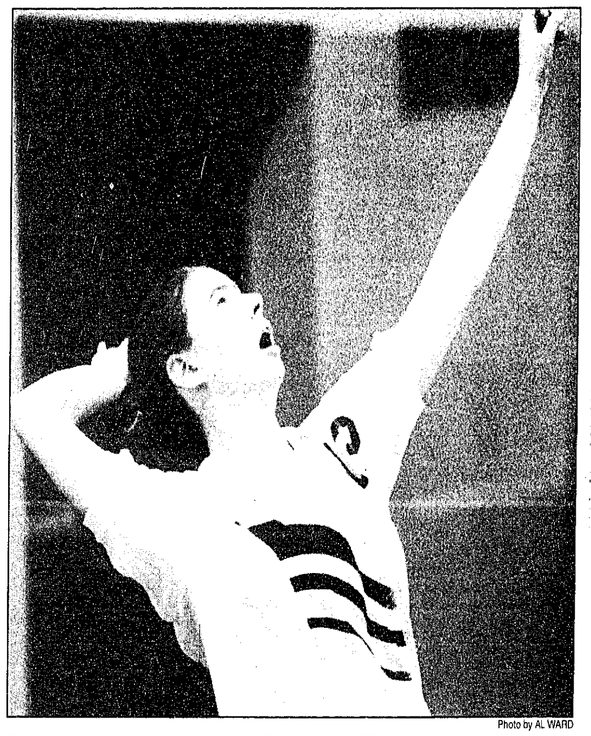
Christa Dias did a good job of setting in game two. Spindler had that role in game one and also did well, Fisette said.

That good setting set up good hitting attempts for Novi. Getting good hitting is key for the Wildcats.

"When my hitters are off," said Fisette. "We're off."

The coach felt her team had a little more talent than Hartland.

"We seemed to have better, stronger athletes," Fisette added.



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Sarah Heusel helped Novi beat Hartland with some solid hitting.

Swimmers third at West Bloomfield invite

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the individual events. Relay teams didn't win a single event.

The Wildcats swept the 200-yard freestyle with four first place finishes. Bill Benton (2:05.18), Mike Diclaudio (2:02.1), John Burkhardt (1:59.75) and Dan Lynch (1:54.91) were in that group.

Mike Kurtti grabbed a first in the 200 IM. He came from three yards back in the 50 yards to win the race.

"It was a fabulous swim for him," McCord said.

Jason Leroy took first place in the 100-yard freestyle. He captured first in the second to fastest heat with a time of 53.4 seconds.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Burkhardt took first in 5:21.1. In a different heat, Lynch was second with a career-best 5:08.10.

Kurtti swam a 1:01.17 for second in the 100-yard backstroke. John Jones won his 100-yard breaststroke heat in 1:16.58.

Novi swam a strong time in the 400-yard freestyle relay but finished fourth. Leroy, Kurtti, Lynch and Andrew Kelly combined for a 3:44.43.

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> BILL MCCORD
> Novi High swimming coach

NOVI 124, WALLED LAKE 61

The Wildcats moved to 2-0 on the season with an easy victory over a combined Walled Lake team on Jan. 7.

"I think I overestimated them and underestimated us a little," said McCord.

The coach went into the meet thinking it would be tight. He wrote out the strongest lineup he could believing Walled Lake would be tough.

But it didn't turn out that way.

Novi showed it would dominate the meet early on by taking first and second in the 200-yard medley relay.

The team of Kelly, Lynch, Ken Myers and Leroy won in 1:50.9 while Kurtti, Matt Lafferty, Joe McKernon and Jones were second in 1:57.1.

Burkhardt won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:00 and Diclaudio was second in 2:02.2. Lynch placed second in 2:14.69.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Leroy finished first in 24.5 and Myers was third in 24.9. Mike Alberty won the divining competition with 196 points and Jason Czonca was third at 168, a career best for him.

Myers finished second in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:05.45. Kelly won the 100-yard freestyle in 52.7 and Leroy was third at 54.7.

Novi went one-two in the 500-yard freestyle with Lynch (5:11.4) and Burkhardt (5:21.9). The team of Myers, Jones, Diclaudio and Leroy won the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:40.27).

Kurtti's time of 1:02.2 was good for second in the 100-yard backstroke. Novi swept the breaststroke with Lafferty (1:13.1), Dave Tardella (1:13.5) and Jones (1:16.1).

Lynch, Diclaudio, Kurtti and Kelly closed the meet by winning the 400-yard freestyle (3:42.1).

Grapplers victorious at Berkley invite

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Nick Simon continued his solid season by taking second place at 140 pounds. He garnered a pin and a decision to earn a ticket to the final.

Salem's Dan Hamblin defeated Simon in the final, however, 10-7. Simon led most of the way but was nearly pinned late. That near pin gave Hamblin five points and the victory.

Huss said Simon was disappointed with the loss. But the coach said he has nothing to be ashamed of.

"He listens and learns very well," Huss said. "He wants to be good, that's the bottom line. He's doing everything he can to be good."

Watanabe kept his record unblemished by winning the 145-pound title. He pinned all three opponents in winning most valuable wrestler honors.

"I don't think he has peaked yet," said Huss.

Skip Becker suffered his first loss of the season. The 160-pounder pinned his first two opponents then lost 10-8 in the final to Ryan Dankert of New Lothrop.

The match went into overtime before being decided.

At 215 pounds, John Talbot was second. He lost to Bob Fowler of Livonia Churchill in the final by a pin.

Brett Faulkner closed Novi's day by taking third at heavyweight. He pinned his first two opponents, then fell 5-2 to Charlie Hamblin of Salem. Faulkner regrouped to win his final match and take third.

"I was very pleased with him," Huss said. "He's willing to try new things on the mat and it's working for him."

Sports Shorts

Softball Snow-Ball Tournament

"Softball in the Snow" will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, and Sunday, Feb. 2, at Mr. B's Farm, Novi and Powers Park. An entry fee of $150 to Mr. B's Farm must be received by Jan. 29. First come, first serve.

Highlights of the event are:

- Co-ed format, five men and five women. A minimum of eight players is required to play.
- All players will use a 16-inch softball.

There will be a manager's meeting at Mr. B's Farm on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m.

For additional information, call Kevin at (810) 477-9588, Dave at (810) 348-8217, or Mr. B's Farm at (810) 349-7038.

Adult Softball

Novi Parks and Recreation hosts men, women and coed leagues during the spring and summer months. All games are played behind the Novi Civic Center in Ella Mae Power Park.

There will be information sheets available for these leagues on or after Monday, Feb. 3, 1997.

All program details such as fees, format, awards, registration dates and process will be thoroughly explained.

Michigan Outlaws

The Michigan Outlaws, an 18-year-old and under travel softball team, has openings for the coming 1997 season. For further information, call (810) 293-2039 or (810) 887-5295.

Rec Notes

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Blood pressure taken by a health professional every Wednesday of each month, in the Novi Civic Center, 11-11:50 a.m. Free.

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Marcia Graham, a public health nurse from the Oakland County Health Department, will be at the Novi Senior Center. Marcia is available to discuss problems concerning senior health concerns or issues with the individual or family. This program is free and although information and education is important, it is not meant to replace care provided by your physician.

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Wednesday: Jan. 15-March 5* (8 weeks).
Friday: Jan. 17-March 7 (8 weeks).
* No class Jan. 20, Feb. 17.
Time: 9-10 a.m.
Location: Novi Civic Center
Cost: $20 once a week, $24 non resident; $37 twice a week, $44.40 non resident; $48 unlimited,* $57.60 non resident.

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Health

Benefits of osteopathic manipulative medicine rediscovered by physicians

The emphasis in medicine has shifted back to the benefits of primary care, and the public's demand for a more holistic approach to medicine has led patients and osteopathic physicians to rediscover the benefits of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Once the centerpiece of the osteopathic profession, OMM was cast aside with the advent of newer medications that helped to treat problems of the muscles and bones of the body.

Now, with new research demonstrating how OMM works and its cost-effectiveness, the osteopathic profession has once again begun to utilize its most unique and effective tool for treating pain in the muscles and skeleton. In fact, the federal government recently recommended OMM as one of the best treatments for acute low back pain.

OMM is a branch of osteopathic medicine which recognizes that health and body function are intimately connected. This philosophy dates back to ancient Greece where the concept of the body's own capacity to heal itself was emphasized by the Hippocratic school of medicine.

OMM uses hands-on treatments by an osteopathic physician to restore and maintain health by reestablishing the body's normal patterns of movement. Depending on the conditions presented by a patient, OMM can take many forms such as contract/relaxed motions (muscle energy treatment); "cracking" a joint (articulation treatment); or gentle, stretching manipulation of the muscles and joints (myofascial release treatment).

OMM can also be used to restore normal motion and reduce pain in patients who have undergone trauma or suffered sports-related injuries.

OMM, unlike chiropractic manipulation which is confined to the spinal column, can be applied to all parts of the body. Muscles, bones, tendons, ligaments and nerves all come into play whenever someone moves, creates, touches or feels. If any of these elements is now working optimally, the result is pain, limited motion, disability, and poor health.

At one time, muscle spasms were thought to protect a joint or muscle from further injury by limiting mobility. Researchers have shown, though, that by correcting muscle spasms and restoring normal movement patterns to the body, the patient essentially reprograms the computer that exists in the brain and spinal cord. Through the use of OMM and specific exercise programs, muscle spasms can be controlled and even eliminated.

As medicine increases its understanding of the causes of pain and disability, it is becoming very apparent that reprogramming the central computer in the brain and spinal cord is essential in reducing pain. The hands-on approach of OMM and corrective exercise is proving to be an excellent combination in accomplishing these goals.

The net result is less pain, and better movement and health for the patient, without the need for invasive procedures such as injections or surgery.

For many years, OMM was considered merely an art. With new research tools and a better understanding of biomechanics (the study of how the body moves and works) OMM is blossoming into a science of improving movement and reducing pain.

As a non-invasive, cost-effective mans of improving health, this art of the 1800s has matured into the combined art and science of the 21st century - truly the best of both worlds.

Written by Stephen I. Goldman D.O., a member of the Botsford General Hospital professional staff specializing in sports medicine and osteopathic manipulation.

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Visual problems caused by refractive errors

Refractive errors - problems with the focusing of objects by the eye that can be corrected with lenses - are the most common reasons for visual difficulties. These problems are classified as farsightedness (hyperopia), nearsightedness (myopia) and astigmatism.

In farsightedness, lenses are needed more for near than for distance vision. A special kind of farsightedness occurs when focusing for near work diminishes in middle age, called presbyopia.

In nearsightedness, distance vision is worse than near vision. Astigmatism is more complicated, but involves a difference in focusing line oriented in different directions.

Traditionally these problems have been corrected with glasses and contact lenses. These problems have not been felt to constitute a "disease." Increasingly, however, the idea that surgery can be reasonably used to correct such vision defects has become acceptable to the public and to eye surgeons, called ophthalmologists.

In the late 1970s, radial keratotomy was introduced in the United States. This procedure involved making cuts in the cornea - the clear front window of the eye - to flatten its shape and decrease myopia.

While initially seen as a radical approach, improvements in surgical instruments and techniques, and the documentation of good results in large clinical studies, led to acceptance by many more ophthalmologists in the late 1980s and early '90s.

This procedure is still done for mild levels of myopia and astigmatism. While the complication rates have been low, the biggest problems have been overcorrection (making a nearsighted eye farsighted), undercorrection (leaving some nearsightedness), and a tendency for the effect of surgery to increase slowly during many years. Radial keratotomy surgery costs about $1,000 per eye.

In the late 1980s, a new approach to surgery for nearsightedness was developed, using powerful laser light to sculpt the center of the cornea and change its shape.

The laser most widely studied is called an examiner laser. Examiner lasers are very expensive to purchase (about $500,000) and maintain, but they use precise computer control to correct myopia. This precision avoids the variability in response.

After several years of study, the examiner lasers of two companies have received approval from the Federal Food and Drug Administration to market the lasers for general use for mild myopia.

Reported results have been good, but complications can occur. The most common are over- or undercorrection, and development of "haze," or microscopic scarring of the cornea that does not usually affect vision and clears up after several months.

The return of vision after excimer laser surgery is somewhat slower than after RK. Current lasers are not approved for treatment of farsightedness and astigmatism, but several new lasers, and new uses of the approved lasers, are being tried in chemical investigations. Excimer laser surgery for myopia costs about $1,500 to $2,000 per eye.

In an attempt to develop ways of treating more severe nearsightedness and to decrease corneal haze, a procedure with the daunting name of laser in situ keratomileusis, usually abbreviated as LASIK, was developed based on older complicated forms of corneal surgery.

In this procedure a thin layer of the front of the cornea is shaved back with a microkeratome, a very small precise instrument that works like a carpenter's plane. When this layer is folded to the side, the excimer laser is used to carve out myopia correction in the deeper cornea. The "flap" of the cornea is then put back in place where it sticks out without sutures.

The few reports with this procedure show very good results. Although LASIK surgery is technically more difficult than regular excimer laser surgery, patients are more comfortable and have more rapid return of vision.

The recent acceptance of surgery to correct refractive vision problems and the large number of people who could potentially benefit have spurred many innovative new approaches. One involves inserting a plastic ring, known as a intracorneal ring or ICR, into the cornea to change its shape.

This procedure is currently being investigated in the United States. One of its advantages is that it is reversible if the results are not satisfactory. Other procedures - used mostly in Europe, though just beginning trials in this country - use a lens placed inside the front chamber of the eye, much like the intraocular lenses used when cataract surgery is performed. These and several other new approaches are anticipated to develop further during the next decade.

Because of the rapid development and continuing progress in this new field of refractive surgery, many patients ask about the best time to have refractive surgery done. The answer is different for each patient, and particularly varies with patient motivation to decrease dependence on glasses or contact lenses.

Despite currently changing methods, it is likely that the number of refractive surgeries will increase steadily to more than 1 million per year in the Untied States by the end of the century.

This article was written by Alan Sugar M.D., Ophthalmology, the University of Michigan. For questions concerning laser surgery call (313) 763-5506.

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Health Notes

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross bloodmobiles will be open to the Novi community during January at the following locations:

• DMC Health Care Centers, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 41935 W. Twelve Mile-Auditorium. Call (313) 523-6961 for appointments.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is pleased to announce the offering of free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. 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; South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Health Fest

Take better care of yourself. Schoolcraft College is sponsoring Health Yourself-1997 on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college's Waterman Center. Admission is free. Some screening tests require a fee.

Several area health organizations will have displays and testing available to provide information on health issues. The United Health Organization will provide Health-O-Rama screening, including blood pressure, height and weight, cholesterol kits ($10), 22-profile blood screening ($22), and prostate specific antigen screening ($25).

Flexibility and strength testing and blood pressure screening will be offered by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Schoolcraft College's physical education department will provide free body fat composition screening. The college's culinary arts students will provide free tastings of heart-smart cooking. Town and Country Eyecare will provide free vision acuity screening and UV testing. Anew Therapeutic Massage will give free mini-massages and information on massage therapy.

For more information, contact Schoolcraft College's Health Service at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5050.

Cholesterol Screening

St. Mary's Hospital will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Pavilion conference room B. The blood pressure measurement is free while the cholesterol screening is $15 per person. The cholesterol screening includes measurement of HDL - the good cholesterol. To make an appointment, call (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes support group

An educational support group with both evening and daytime classes are available at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21. The program is free at Botsford Health Development Network in Novi. Call (810)477-6100 for more information.

Healthy Cooking

Chef Larry Janes will present a program on healthy cooking Jan. 23 at Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network on 39750 Grand River in Novi. Call (810) 477-6100 for more information.

Caregiving skills

The Huron Valley Hospital, 1601 E. Commerce Road in Commerce, is offering several seminars and programs.

The hospital will host a free monthly series entitled "Perfecting Your Caregiving Skills" on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 23, from 7-8 p.m. The focus of this program is to provide information that will increase the caregiver's skills for taking care of an immobile person.

Certified Enterostomal Nurse Carol Dailey, RN, BSN, CETN, will discuss how to maintain healthy skin and prevent pressure sores as well as how to exercise muscles. Also learn about nutrition in relation to wound healing and the psychological impact of being bed or chair bound.

Dates for the series are Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24, from 7-8 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. There is no charge.

To register or for more information, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 22.

Eye surgery

An eye surgery seminar will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 7-8 p.m. at Hurron Valley Hospital in the conference center.

Ophthalmologist Robert T. Clark, M.D., will provide information on the latest techniques available to improve your vision. Radial keratotomy, Automated Lamellar Keratoplasty and Photo-refractive Keratectomy, performed with the excimer laser, will be discussed.

Participants should bring their current prescription or glasses and questions to this free seminar.

To preregister or for more information, call 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 27.

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