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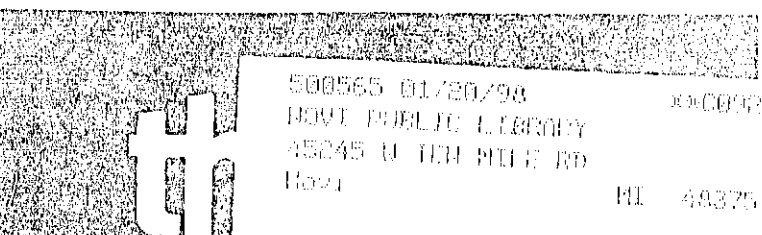
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Water ban lifted; homes must hook up

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Owners of 682 homes in Novi can expect bills in the range of \$1,500 or more each to connect with city water, now that the state has lifted a six-and-a-half year regional moratorium on new water main extensions to the Detroit system.

Altogether, 1,500 lots in 23 Novi subdivisions are impacted by the end of the ban. On 818 of the lots, houses are still under construction and unoccupied. Novi's Superintendent of Public Works Bruce Jerome said.

The rest have become family homes.

The 1990 restriction inspired the City of Novi to adopt an ordinance requiring new homes on wells to tap into city water lines once that became possible.

Dennis Zyczynski moved into Barclay Estates a month ago. Zyczynski, who's renting a water softener for his well, said he thinks most of his neighbors are aware that they'd ultimately need to hook up.

"The sales lady told us when they sold us the property," Zyczynski added.

"If we get good water pressure, it's worth it, but if the water pressure's low, people won't be too happy."

Imposed in August, 1990 on Detroit and 13 communities in response to low water pressures, the moratorium was over on Jan. 29. Originally, it was expected to last three years.

"Our desire is to get everybody hooked up as soon as possible. We're in a business to sell water,"

HOOKING UP

Now that the regional water moratorium has been lifted, these 23 Novi subdivisions, under city ordinance, must be connected to the Detroit water system:

Bradford of Novi
Yerkes Manor
The Vistas of Novi
Royal Crown 4, 5 & 6
Mystic Forest
Barclay Estates 1 & 2
Addington Park 1, 2, 3 & 4
Walden Woods
Lockmoor Village
Southwick
Autumn Park
Mockingbird
Mission Pines
Sun Valley
Westmont Village
Iroquois Court
Haverhill
Windridge
Broadmoor Park 1
Creek Crossing
Wintergreen
Turnberry Estates
Beckingham

Jerome explained.

New homeowners now on wells will also start getting water bills, once they join the system.

Described a way to slow demands on the overburdened water system and possibly slow growth, the impact on develop-

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Mary Foster leads a group discussion in Thursday's session of the "Novi 20/20, Focus on the Future" program.

Looking into the future

'Futuring' process will create a citizens' statement

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

About 100 people gathered over two days last week to do a little crystal ball gazing.

No, it wasn't a psychic fair.

These were the first two sessions of "Novi 20/20, Focus On The Future." Ultimately, the result is expected to lead to a vision statement that will help guide Novi's development as a community over the next 23 years.

Participants were encouraged to say what was on their mind.

And they did, according to Craig DeRoche, president of the group's steering committee.

"It took a very large chunk of the peoples' time to come out on Thursday and Saturday. For some over ten hours," he said.

"The process was on the right track. We got off to a good start."

A next step comes when a 16-member "visioning panel" who will actually draft the vision statement for Novi, drawing on the groundwork created last week. That task will begin on Feb. 13.

So far, the 100 agreed on topics such as preserving Novi's green space, fostering a "more responsive" city council and bureaucracy, enhancing the quality of the environment, encouraging balanced growth and moving traffic in a more efficient way throughout the city. Sidewalks ranked high on peoples' wish lists.

Futuring team member Andrew Mutch said he was impressed that the group attracted everyone from high school students to senior

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City eying 'farmer' for violations

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Bob Langan is a philanthropic farmer. It says so on his business card.

"I give away substantial amounts of crops," said the Novi resident of more than 20 years.

Langan grows soybeans, wheat and corn on hundreds of acres in Novi and throughout Oakland County, most often leaving the crops for anyone and everyone who might want to use them.

"I don't care about making money," said Langan. "All I want is the courtesy of a phone call and you can pick it."

In fact, Langan said, he is farming the land until it is ready

"(Langan) claimed he was doing some farming. I don't know if the violation has anything to do with farming."

Chris Pargoll
Novi City Forester

for development. That's what he's doing with the property on the southeast corner of Napier and Nine Mile roads, he said.

In the meantime, Langan's partner, developer Bob Harris, has asked the city to extend a sewer line to the property and has indicated his desire to eventually develop a subdivision there.

While the land is clear for farming, to date no site plan for an eventual subdivision has been submitted to the city.

"I'm not farming for a living for

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Residents object to pool site

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In many new subdivisions, residents hold potluck dinners to meet their neighbors.

In Addington Park, the possibility of a \$4.7 million two-pool, seven-acre complex at the Novi Civic Center has sped up the get-acquainted process.

Some 96 residents have rallied

against the possible siting of the two-pool community aquatic facility at Power Park, across Taft Road from their homes.

"We are vehemently opposed to this," said David Landry, president of the Addington Park Homeowners Association.

"We're willing to pay for a pool through taxation. What we don't want to is a pool located right

next door ... Can you imagine the traffic in the summer?"

Along with traffic, noise magnified by the proximity of water and the ensuing impact on their property values are among the reasons the opposition has grown like a tidal wave.

While the city is looking for other locations for the pool, Power Park at the Novi Civic Center has

long been discussed as a prime choice.

City officials have indicated it is likely the issue will get to the voters, either in August or November.

"I talk to people from that area all the time. They continue to voice their concerns in reference to the civic center site," Novi

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Pros help students achieve higher goals

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Jeff Stanislaw returned to his roots last week.

The 1988 Novi High School graduate spent the morning of Jan. 30 at Novi Middle School teaching eight graders how to access job information on the Internet.

"The company I work for

believes in giving back to the community," said Stanislaw. "Being a Novi resident for so long, it's an honor to come back and contribute back to what made me who I am today."

As a consultant for Junior Achievement, the marketing specialist for Online Marketing Company in Southfield is part of a pilot program in Novi schools that

began this year.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that pairs businesses and professionals with students to promote understanding of free-enterprise, economics and business.

The topics covered by Junior Achievement are set to comply with state curriculum standards. Students learn about the flow of

money, job requirements, the various types of business organizations and supply and demand.

"We learned if a lot of people want something the price goes up," said Bianca Mielch, eighth grade.

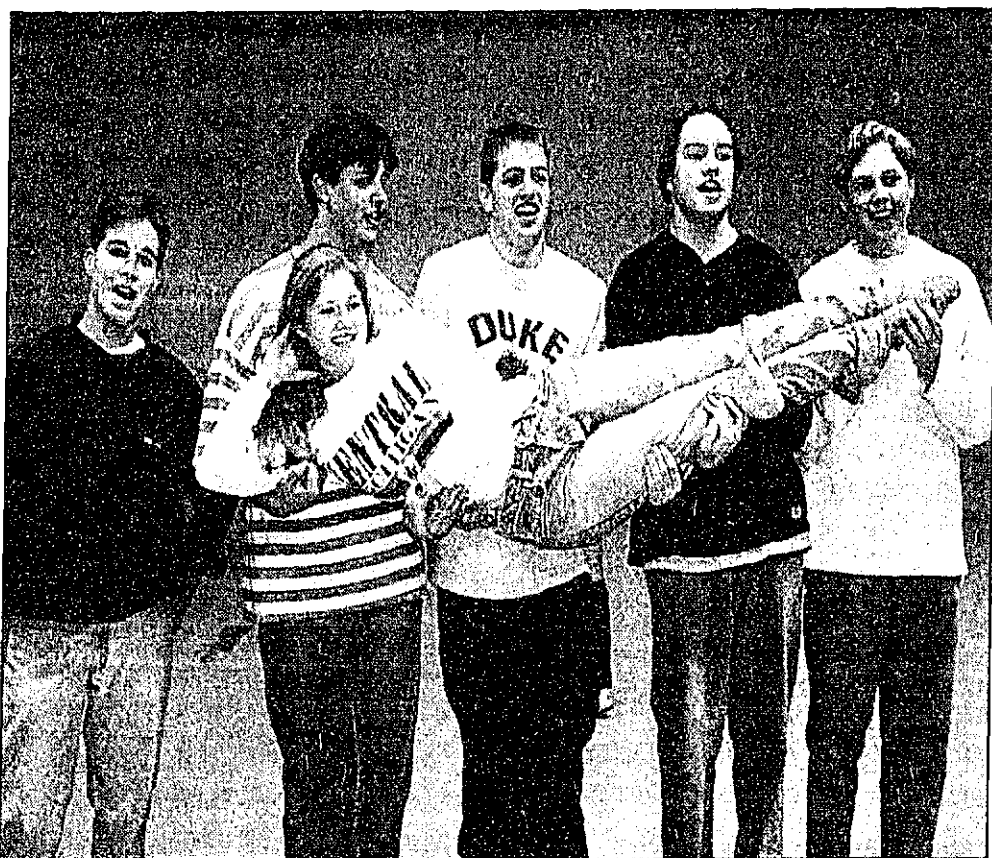
Gordon Didier, chairman of the board, said the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the organiza-

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Musical opens this weekend

Novi High School's theater troupe practices for their upcoming performance of *The Boyfriend* a musical comedy set in the 1920s at a girl's finishing school in the South of France. Holding aloft Jessica Slating, are actors (from left) Rory Pheiffer, Jeremy Fafalko, Gary Finzer, Clayton Perry and Eric Anderson. The co-leads of the musical are Becky Kohl and Brian Kleinfelt. Performances for *The Boyfriend* are set for this evening, Feb. 7 and 8 beginning at 8 p.m. at the high school's Fuerst Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now for \$7. Admission will be \$8 at the door and \$5 for seniors and children under 12.

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, February 6

Novi schools

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

Optimist Club

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

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.

Saturday, February 8

Sweetheart Dance

American Legion Post 224 is sponsoring its annual Sweetheart Dance from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at the Wagon VFW Hall, 2652 Lion Lake Rd. There will be snacks, a cash bar and music provided by the Blue Midnights. The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 624-9742.

Monday, February 10

Senior All Night Party

Novi Senior All Night Party Committee meets from 7-8 p.m. at the high school in room 149. All parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Debbie Bechtel at 349-3318 or Patti Kearney at 348-6411.

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Library Board

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

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American Business Women's Assoc.

The American Business Women's Association meets at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Oaks) in Novi. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the business meeting follows immediately after. For reservations, call Rita Engleton at (810) 960-8300 during the day or (810) 624-0282 evenings. For membership information, call Betty Johnson (810) 960-9559.

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, February 11

SWOCC Meeting

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty St., in Farmington.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information, call 348-9136.

CAC Meeting

The Cable Access Commission meets at 7 p.m. at 24021 Research in Farmington Hills.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Mid-

dle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. Call 349-2669.

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, at 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

Wednesday, February 12

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, call 642-7725.

Seniors potluck

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

REAL ESTATE WEEKLY
By John DiMora
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Novi youngsters take a PAWs to learn respect

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

In a world where kids and even adults sport T-shirts bearing the phrase "Whatever" or "Who cares?" Novi Meadows PTO and staff are looking to instill a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

It appears to be working, they say. "It means showing confidence in yourself and not talking about other people," said sixth grader Michelle Ball.

As part of the overall school theme of "Respect," the PTO is presenting Positive Awareness Week, or PAW. Beginning earlier this week and ending with an assembly tomorrow afternoon, PAW activities focus on respect for self, others and the community.

"What I love about this school most is the age group is so open to trying new things," said counselor Gail Jiskra.

She said the school focuses a lot on academics and implementing technology but "respecting one's self and others is something sometimes kids aren't taught at home."

With the emphasis on respect, students can begin to understand what it feels like to be respected and can practice good behavior to pass that respect onto others, said Jiskra.

PAW is perhaps the result of a building of the habits throughout the past several months.

The students were greeted early Monday morning by the Novi High School mascot, the Wildcat, and the smell of sugar cookies bearing the acronym PAW were sent to homeroom classes. The kitchen staff baked and decorated the more than 850 cookies themselves.

The students practiced the theme of respect throughout the year, cleaning up halls and bathrooms, learning about feelings, being prepared for class and not pushing or shoving on the halls. They've also learned about simply being nice.

"We tell them when others put people down it's usually because they do not feel good about them-

selves," explained Jiskra. Michelle Ball thinks there has been a change in attitude.

"People don't talk about people as much and they sometimes give compliments," she said.

As part of the community focus of PAW, students will donate a new video camera for documenting animal abuse cases to the Michigan Humane Society and new clothes to the Community Clothes Closet during Friday's 2 p.m. assembly. The students voted to select the charities.

The PTO is trying to bring in respect for the community. That's where the charitable organizations come in. We are parents with a broader scope," said Carol Tingwall, PTO publicity chair.

The PTO collected extra pocket change from the students in containers stationed in the cafeteria. Students also donated pop cans to be returned for the ten cent refund.

Funds totaling \$775 were collected by the fifth and sixth grade students during a seven week period, according to Deborah Southworth, PTO secretary and chair of PAW. The money went to purchase the gifts.

During the week, the staff and administration held discussions about respect in the classrooms and over the closed circuit television system.

Within the classes, students developed pledges, such as saying "Thank you" to the lunch staff, and created a puzzle piece featuring their photos. The 34 puzzle pieces will be fitted together Friday afternoon during the assembly.

Motivational speaker Tim Cusack presented programs throughout the morning Tuesday, targeting topics such as civility, tolerance, bullying and teasing.

Parents are invited to watch the assembly and closed circuit television Friday at 2 p.m. in their child's classroom. According to Tingwall, PAW week is one way to help the school reach one of its North Central Accreditation goals - fostering respect among students.



Dressed as the Novi Wildcat, volunteer Joyce Engelman greets student Sathya Narayanan as part of Positive Awareness Week.

RV show comes to Novi Expo

One of the largest displays of its kind in North America, the Detroit Camper and RV Show has been a metro Detroit tradition for over 30 years. The exhibition on Feb. 8-16, will mark its tenth anniversary at the Novi venue.

The twice-yearly event is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds and features all types and sizes of recreational vehicles including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, and fifth wheels. Nearly 30 dealers from Southeast Michigan will display at the show.

Alan Trammell, a four-time winner of baseball's coveted Gold Glove award, will join the MARVAC this winter in promoting the industry's camper and RV shows. Trammell will appear in all of the association's radio, TV and print advertising.

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Born in California in 1958, Trammell has been with the Tiger association for all of his major league career that began in 1976. The shortstop makes his home in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Barbara, and their three children.

The show is held at the Novi Expo Center, located just south of I-96 at the Novi Road exit. The

show will be held Feb. 8-16, and is open Monday through Friday, 2-9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-9 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Highlights for the show include 1997 recreational vehicles, free RV and campsite information, door prizes, service information, accessories, and supplies.

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Novi man flees over civil warrant

Police News

A Novi police officer was in the process of arresting a 27-year-old Novi man on an outstanding civil warrant, Jan. 29, when the man broke free and ran away, police said.

Police said the officer was on patrol at 11:45 p.m. in the Water-view Farms apartments when a resident flagged him down. He told the officer he knew of a man with an outstanding warrant in the building. The officer checked the man's chain and found the warrant.

The officer placed him under arrest and the two started down the stairs, however, the suspect began to pick up speed in front of the officer and when he went to grab the suspect he was struck. The man took off at a full run toward Walled Lake.

Police said area departments were alerted to the man's escape and a check of his residence revealed nothing. However, his vehicle was impounded. Police are seeking a warrant for fleeing and eluding an officer, assault and battery and resisting and obstructing.

STRANGE BEHAVIOR

Novi Police discovered a bizarre scene when they came upon a Dodge Caravan parked at the rest area on I-96 near Berk Road, 3:30 a.m. on Jan. 31.

Police said they noticed the SUV traveling the wrong direction around the rest area with its lights off. Once it came to a stop,

an officer approached the car to find two men smoking a crack pipe, both with their pants around their ankles.

Officers asked the men to dress and step out of the vehicle, at which point officers discovered many pieces of crack cocaine in the van. The 34-year-old Harbor Springs man and 28-year-old Whom man were arrested and police requested warrants for indecent exposure and possession of narcotics.

HOUSE PARTY

Four people were cited for underage possession of alcohol and a fifth for having an open house party when police stopped by the Charlemagne home at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

Police said neighbors called in the complaint and when officers arrived they saw several teens in the home and many bottles and cans of beer.

All minors were transported home or held for parental pick-up. In the end a 19-year-old Novi woman, a 20-year-old Novi man, and two 20-year-old Milford men were cited. The hostess of the party, a 19-year-old Novi woman was also given a citation.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 33-year-old Fremont woman staying at the Novi Hilton was just trying to relax in the Jacuzzi when she saw an unexpected sight.

It happened at about 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, according to a report. The woman said she saw a white man with brown hair and wearing a brown bomber jacket come into the pool area and then walk into the woman's locker room.

After several minutes he came back out and went into the men's locker room. A minute later the woman looked up to see the man walking toward her with his genitalia exposed. He approached her within five feet and headed for the exit when she looked away.

The woman used the security phone to call for help, however, police did not locate the man.

BOMB THREAT

A disgruntled employee threatened to blow up a store at the Twelve Oaks mall in a note she wrote to the store manager.

The 17-year-old girl left a note to the store manager Jan. 20 that threatened to blow up the store and to kill two fellow employees "slowly and painfully."

According to the report, the employees and manager did not take the note too seriously and said the young woman was upset because she wasn't getting enough hours scheduled to work.

The security director decided not to evacuate the mall, according to the report and the store employees did not desire prosecution.

Police said they spoke with the

note writer who said she was not serious about the letter.

POTTY PECKER

Novi police were sent to Toys R Us, Jan. 23, after it was reported a man was peeing at women in the ladies restroom.

According to the report, a Farmington Hills woman walked into the restroom at about 5 p.m. that day and saw a white male lying on the floor looking up into the stall of an unsuspecting 20-year-old Milford woman.

The man repeatedly "bided" for the door and left before police arrived. The man is described as 20 to 30 years-old wearing a black leather coat and black pants and shirt.

BURGLARY

A Lakeview Apartments couple arrived home Jan. 23 to find their second floor apartment broken into by way of the bedroom window.

According to police, the 27-year-old man didn't notice anything unusual when he came home at 7:30 p.m. It was his wife, upon waking in a few hours later, who first found something wrong when she went to grab some change from a jar and the whole thing was missing. Upon further inspection, the couple realized the jar and another jar full of money along with a revolver and a semi-automatic rifle were missing from the home.

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

Novi Briefs

Art Van expands

Many of these big new houses in Novi may need furnishings. The Art Van Company is one local store hoping to corner that market.

Located at the West Oaks Shopping Center, the firm's renovation and expansion plans call for an increase from 65,000-square-foot to 102,000-square-foot. The existing Fretter Store at the site will be demolished.

Last week, the Novi City Council approved the preliminary site plan for the project. When completed, Art Van's will house a 56,000-square-foot showroom, a 13,400-circumference center and a 21,000-square-foot warehouse. The building's two-story glass atrium will front Novi Road.

An earlier plan to double the size of the nearby Scott Shipterine furniture store has been shelved for now.

Pinewood Derby set

Cub Scout Pack No. 50 will be holding its annual Pinewood Derby at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 8. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with racing starting at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Joe Sprys at 380-6170.

Moving traffic

Novi will join with the Oakland County Road Commission in the installation of an advanced, \$120,000 camera-based traffic signal system at Twelve Mile Road where it intersects with Meadowbrook Road, near the Woodland Medical Center and the northeast drive into Twelve Oaks Mall.

Called the Splice Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS), the technology has already been installed along Novi Road from Grand River Avenue to Twelve Mile Road and will be put in place along Haggerty Road, as well. Along Twelve Mile Road, at the Meadowbrook intersection only, pedestrian push buttons will be available.

Novi's share of the costs is \$24,000.

RV Show opens

The 31st annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 8-16 at Novi Expo Center.

The hours are Monday-Friday, 2-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-9 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Various types of recreational vehicles will be displayed: folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, park trailers and fifth wheels.

Sponsoring the event is the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicle and Campgrounds, a division of Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association. Admission is \$6 for 13 years and up; and for children accompanied by an adult, \$1.50 for 6-12 years and free for 5 and under.

New leadership

In December, the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission elected Bob Shaw as the board's chairperson. The Vice Chairperson is J.R. Attyeh. Outgoing chairperson Bob Pfeiffer was commended for the three years he held down the job.

Auto leasing explained

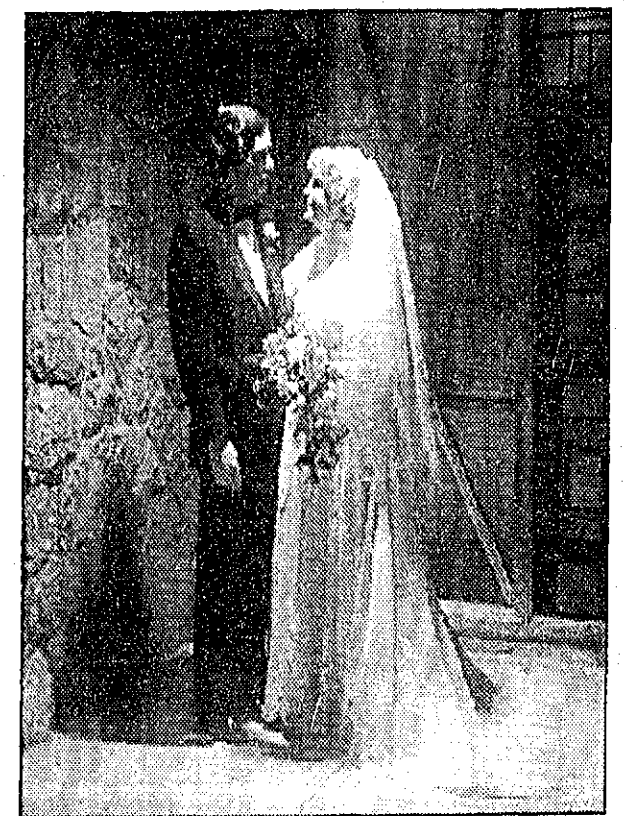
Leaservs Inc., a Farmington Hills company specializing in educating consumers about auto leasing, will hold a seminar, "The ABC's of Auto Leasing," at Novi High School on Monday, Feb. 10, from 7-9 p.m. This seminar will include topics such as what a lease is, who leases and why and leasing versus buying. The seminar is designed for all ages, students to seniors. Cost is \$13 (\$10 senior citizens).

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Mayor looks to the year ahead in Novi

Part II: Belief in sinister government does disservice to volunteers, McLallen says

Part two of two

The city of Novi is "very open" to its citizens, says Mayor Kathleen McLallen. But it also has business to do and it has to be done efficiently.

She said she particularly bothered by accusations it is not open. And she believes the attitude that "government is sinister," portrayed by some in the public, is unfair to those who serve on the city's policy making panels.

As a follow up to McLallen's State of City address and seeking responses to recent criticisms of the city and council, *Novi News* Managing Editor Michael Malott interviewed her Thursday, Jan. 23.

The questions and her answers were as follows:

Novi News: The ice arena appears to be a hot topic. What was expressed that the investment by the management company was not adequate. Is that the way you want to set that up?

McLallen: You want a talk about the learning curve. It has been a learning curve for the ice arena. Again, this is one of those issues that has been bubbling, bubbling, bubbling, public, private, public. The Detroit Whalers did theirs, got it done and over, and we are still here. We have learned a lot in the process and, yes, what appears to be late in the process our bonding attorneys are offering a different and what they feel is perhaps a more positive financing mechanism. When we appointed the Community Clubs, and that is a terrific group of talent, and it is real broad group of talent, from skaters to dads to attorneys ... I mean it is a real neat bunch of people ... They fine-tune comfort this guy and they are not uncomfortable. Initially, what you heard is right. Initially, they were very uncomfortable. In all honesty, this party was here before I was involved. So I'm not sure how we originally got acquainted or where it came from.

At this point, all the parties feel ... and it is a contractual arrangement that the Community Clubs has the power to terminate in their performance standards. They feel there is protection there with him.

Novi News: You said they could terminate it. So does the city actually own the building, or does Community Clubs?

McLallen: Community Clubs. It's a building authority situation. They own it.

Novi News: So the management firm would be operational only?

McLallen: It is a hired gun. Right. Show me what you can do. I'll give you some time. You can't do it, hit the road.

Novi News: Would there be a vote on the bond?

McLallen: I think this would be the other one.

Novi News: A revenue bond?

McLallen: Thank you. I just had conversation with Denny (Neiman, bond attorney for the City of Novi) on Friday, and I said, this is making me crazy, can you come in and give us bonding 101 because we seem to be getting very involved and I'm getting very confused. Bless his heart, there was an excellent firm and I have great faith in them, but I'd like to be a bit more knowledgeable.

Novi News: Well, the city is using bonds more often. All the projects the city is talking about involve some kind of financing. Is the city reaching the point where it needs to be concerned that it is carrying too much debt?

McLallen: Good question and that question was asked at last week's council meeting. And the bonding attorney said no, our debt to equity ratios are very low. It was like 2 percent. I was surprised.

Novi News: You can go up to 5 percent, I think they said.

McLallen: Yes. We were very low. But that question very pointedly was asked. That's a concern. The concern is, why all of the sudden all the bonding. Well, we know that American citizens do not like to hear that word tax. At the same time they are asking for service, so bonds are a way to hedge your bets. If you are doing it right, it is a secure situation. But there is always that little disclaimer that comes across the bottom.

But the overall financial strength of the city was that that's not a problem, but you can't just open the checkbook and go. It is a way to, in our lifetimes, deliver the services and not be in your pocketbook every week.

Novi News: I mentioned computerization in your State of the City. It was also mentioned in the Program of Work. What benefits will residents see from the computerization of the city?

McLallen: A couple. Part of it is the simple one. We have a very literate, very young community that is very computer oriented and everyone wants the latest and greatest computer whiz-bang. That's rather superficial, but necessary. We do have the Web site. They are very primitive at the moment, but the next generation is in the works. The kiosks will be out. This building is used seven days a week, 10 hours a day. There is an enormous amount



Mayor Kathleen McLallen speaks on the year ahead for the city of Novi.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

citizens in here. But after 5 o'clock at night and on weekends, the technical staff isn't here. The kiosks will allow people, if they are waiting to pick up kids, to tell the town services and get information. So it is another way to communicate.

But the big issue isn't that at all, it is the internal cross-talking between the departments. It's the tracking systems. We are looking at software to track everything from building permits ... Right now, Party A walks to Party B and maybe somebody drops Party C right in the middle, and Party A and Party B are progressing down the same street, but they should have talked to each other somewhere down the line, so that they are all networked together so that you have a much more efficient tracking system.

It's phenomenal how many different accounts, different issues are tracked within this building. In accounting, we have something like 35 different daily account books. And that doesn't go into investments. You've got 1,700 permits ... where did they go? So it is bringing all those into a faster service delivery.

Novi News: Ed Kriewall mentioned in his Program of Work that Ten Mile Road will be back this year.

McLallen: It never went away. What went away was that particular segment, but the project that involved the federal window of opportunity in conjunction with the state and county was the entire process haphazardly to Novi Road. And the council's focus had been ... we are hearing this non-support for the widening here.

That's going to come back and haunt us. I mean it really and truly is. I know I voted against it, but at that point it was done. It was over. But that will come back. I don't think the city is going to invest any more time pursuing it, but ultimately, in the big picture, that issue will come back to haunt the city.

In the meantime, it's the next segment that we will focus on is from Meadowbrook to Novi Road. And there is so much there now, with the Sports Arena in the Novi Road area, that that may be helpful again.

Novi News: Any potential for upgrading Grand River?

McLallen: Yes, Finkbeiner, Petis and Strout Inc. has the contract for the Grand River design that is beginning.

Novi News: City wide?

McLallen: Quarter to quarter. Cover to cover. East to west.

I was my absolute most charming self yesterday to Mr. (Brent) Blair and the Oakland County Road Commission. Like, "Get down here now and get ... It is absolutely unacceptable that Novi Road, Grand River and Ten Mile Road — these are all major regional commuter arteries and last week in the snowfall, three days later there were still four inches of snow on those roads. Novi's roads were down to the ground. You drive Meadowbrook, Nine Mile, no problem. You turn on to Novi Road and it was hellacious. I have a new Jeep and I spun my Jeep out. That's ridiculous, the fact that the major road had not been touched. Consequently, the Oakland Road Commission and their person are scheduled to show up here in a few days.

Novi News: I thought Grand River was a state road.

McLallen: It's a trunk road, or whatever you call them. Right now,

when you go to a say, remember this road, guys, it's critical to my community you get the typical, "Well, here's our financial picture. And here is where you are in the financial picture." So what you have to do is just keep pressing, pressing, pressing.

What we are doing with the Finkbeiner study is laying out what we expect. What are the designs. You know, obviously we want sidewalks. We learned something with Twelve Mile, we wanted to get the trees in and we didn't do it that time.

But it is a commitment, we have got to improve that road. A) it is dysfunctional. B) it's ugly. And C) it is a hindrance to economic development. Take your point.

Novi News: The Novi's willingness to pay for road improvements perhaps worked against us when the city goes to talk to the county or the state?

McLallen: No, it's really in your favor because there are not all freeways. You have matching grants in everything we are asking for, so it does show a certain solvency that if you give these people the grant they are going to get ... this community obviously has the matching funds.

Novi News: So it is not like you go to the state and they say you can build it yourselves, so we'll go build them for poorer communities?

McLallen: No. The big issue is that the State of Michigan at this time has chosen, for whatever reason, not to make infrastructure a priority. In this case, I get to be the citizen instead of the leader. As a citizen from Novi, my feeling [about] the state is that we are being told you and telling you that the roads are horrible and yet all of last year went by with no major initiatives to deal with roads. We are already hearing from the state leadership that a state gas tax is not happening. Okay guys, where are you going to give us the money? This community is generating good money. If you are not going to solve our problem ... and in certain problems you have to participate, because you have these regional roads — but our point is, give us our share back.

We will continue to contribute that share that maintains county roads because our people go to Pontiac, they go to Royal Oak, they travel certain roads that, yes, we should pay for. But right now we are paying for a certain portion of maintenance and upkeep and you are never showing up in our community. Give it back to us. Let us control our own destiny. The formulas have to change and there does not seem to be listening.

We are talking to Senator (Bill) Dillard and Representative (Nancy) Cassius. We are talking to Senator (Spencer) Abraham, we had that talk, because [federal road money] is possibly being reauthorized this year. That is a major federal program. And it is like, "Yes, do not let that program die because we need to bring that money back to Michigan."

Novi News: Police negotiations will be up this year. Will police officers get their 12-hour shifts back?

McLallen: I cannot comment on that at this time. I would like to say a lot of things, but no I can't comment.

Novi News: Let me throw another question at you, perhaps you can answer this one. Since they dropped the 12-hour day, has overtime in that department become a concern?

McLallen: No. I can answer that

one. They are tracking that and you can go over and get the records. The negotiations are in executive session and you understand I can't say anything. I can't even tell you whether the 12-hour shifts are a part of the negotiations this year.

Novi News: In your State of the City, you mentioned you wanted to change the NCC two-center commercial zoning district. What do you want to do there?

McLallen: NCC governs a lot of the larger corners along Grand River. And the historical perspective is that in the late '80s when the city was beginning to take off in a retail mode, people had grave concerns that it would be one ungodly looking strip mall. So they removed all of the B-3, which was the commercial zoning that allowed all of the little tiny things, and put in something called commercial commercial, which is NCC. And in it you had to have a certain square footage. And it was intended to be fairly large. And what we found out over 10 years is that no one developed in it. I mean you have prime corners in our community lying fallow because this zoning has precluded anybody from coming in.

I achieved one of the aims, which was not to let random strip malls run up and down. But at the same time, it created a burden on your tax base in that prime pieces of real estate have been precluded from development.

So what we are looking at is — now that the city has very major retail areas, Twelve Oaks, West Oaks, Town Center and Main Street — what are the things that can't fit in those components that are not going to be strip mall quality? Strip malls tend to include gas stations, drive-in food, in-and-out, less-attractive type facilities. But what are the components that aren't fitting into these retail areas that are services wanted by this community that we could put in?

And what are these industries' needs that we are not welcoming them by the way this ordinance is written. It's too big. You've got to have 12,000 square feet, and the mix is different. There's no flexibility. I think that is the biggest issue. It is absolutely inflexible. You either have it or you don't have it. And that's the problem. The goal was to have bigger things rather than little things that would be marginal investments, but they went to this very rigid system. And what's happened is if you have that kind of development, you're going to the mall or building your own. It's not an attractive lease situation. There is some market factor that we are not getting.

So it is time to go back and say, in the balance, what are things we are missing? How can this work to bring them in, at the same time uphold the standards that you want a sound aesthetic and investment?

Novi News: Revising the NCC does not necessarily mean that Kroger will be at Beck and Ten?

McLallen: This seems to be my speech of the week. I'll give it for the third time in less than 24 hours. All people that purchase, option or gain a financial interest in land have the ability to petition the municipality for whatever they want. That's a land right. If you own land, you have the right to do certain things with the land. You can always ask for rezoning. It is a

right. A municipality doesn't have to grant that right.

In this case a specific individual — two specific individuals because this property has been around for a long time and the previous owner was very public about what he left, and has entered into some kind of a financial arrangement, and I really don't know whether it's option, ownership, whatever. But there is a new player singing the same song, and making people in that area very nervous.

I told the original landowner that I told the current landowner that this city will not initiate any rezoning on my watch on that property. This city will not initiate any rezoning that does not preclude him or another landowner from coming and asking for anything.

This city has so many things on its plate that we do not have any time to go out chasing strange, non-productive initiatives.

This research of course presents a scenario that shows there is a need and a positive benefit from this. That's fine. The citizens are making statements that it has a negative situation on their lives.

At this point, this is private. That landowner is dealing with citizens. When either member of that group comes in, then it becomes a public issue. And that is not I can do at this point. But I told Max (Sheldon) years ago, "Max I'm not doing anything, because until you can fill that room with people who are in support of something that they believe the information you are giving them ... I mean, I need to decide that the market research is good or bad that you are giving them, but what I am concerned about is the community overall."

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McLallen: Right. You should talk to [the developer], but probably within the 35 to 45 days there will be a submission.

Novi News: So this developer is talking to community development and city council to some degree over a two-year period of time. What's the gist of that? Are they trying to find out what the development standards are? Whether or not you would be positive toward a particular style of development? What's the nature of those discussions?

McLallen: A lot of it has been an introduction to the site, because there is at the far reaches of our city, and let's face it, most of us were unaware of the vastness of it. Eight hundred acres is huge. And the best advantage of it is to go up to the Links and look across. In fact, when we took the planning and city council bus out, that was one of the stops, to just physically see the magnitude of it. It is something we are investigating site, decision time.

Part of it is that this person who is spearheading the project is from out of the state of Michigan so I think he is trying to figure out what does Michigan do, and more important, what does Novi do. And to learn what the community expectations for development are.

What are the standards? Can you do grade Z stuff? Well keep walking. It a big chunk and it is going to kind of create an identity for our west side.

Novi News: We talked about residents' nervousness. When residents are aware that developers are talking to community development or to city council and yet there's no site plan there yet, I think they do respond this way. I think it is understandable. It's human nature for them to think that there's behind the door dealings going on. Certainly something is happening, there's communication going on. And I think that's where they get nervous about what is being said and how much of the development design hasn't already been decided before it gets to the point of a site plan on the boards. Is there a way to address that?

McLallen: What's unusual about this development is that it is so visible. There are developers, landowners, etc. in the department all the time going, "What if ...?" If I option this property and I want to develop it, what if ...?

Some of them stay for five minutes. Some of them stay for two hours. (Planning consultant) Brandon (Rogers) is here on Tuesdays for that purpose. People are calling all the time saying, "Do you think this'll play?" That's like, "You read the ordinance. Do you want to spend your money? I'll give you a 50-50 chance, cause that's about what everybody has coming in the door. If you can meet the ordinance, go for it. If it is totally unique and unusual, you still going to have to ..."

And there are plenty of people who come in and say I would like to put an Elftel Tower somewhere in the middle somewhere. And you go, "I don't think this is the community," and the conversation takes that three seconds.

What people don't understand is that that is the nature of a growing city. There are always people asking, can I do this? Do you think it is going to work? Until they are willing to put their money where their mouth is, which is pay for the site plan and go through the review process, we don't know.

You can say, "Gee, that would be really cool to have in this community," but it is incumbent on the landowner and developer to decide whether they want to make the economic investment and take the

risk. We have learned a lot of lessons from the Movies and the Vitex, when you do large average components, things that we'd rather not repeat again. How can we learn from the past and begin to engage something that we know is out there?

Novi News: So the reason you say that is coming in this year for development is?

McLallen: The owner said it is. Next question. How much communication has the owner had with the council, or the community development department, or the city in general?

McLallen: It is fair to say that the representative of Harvest Land Development — the owner is Leys — but the company that is overseeing the development, probably has talked to the majority of council members, commissioners and staff in the planning department trying to acquaint them with the property and trying to raise consciousness that this is huge piece of property. This is something different. Here's what is coming forward.

And again, before you get in the door and log on what we are doing here, because this is not the only game in town, this is going to be a busy year, this is what's out there. So I think it would be fair to say that over two years, he has probably talked to everybody.

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Ice Festival set for this weekend

The fourth annual Walled Lake Ice Festival has added a band raise for the Food Bank of Oakland County and the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse. The legendary "Great Wall of Walled Lake" will be built and festival attendees can have their names inscribed on the ice wall for \$1 per name which will be a contribution to the Food Bank of Oakland County and the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse.

Sponsored by the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission, the Downtown Development Authority, Walled Lake Community Education and the Midwest Ice Co., it will be held on the grounds of the Walled Lake Community Education Building located at 615 N. Pontiac Trail in downtown Walled Lake on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature more than 50 sculptures and live carving demonstrations by professional ice carvers on Saturday, Feb. 8. The public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the results will be announced at the ice show's conclusion at 4 p.m.

Indoor festivities sponsored by Walled Lake Community Education will include a super "Cool Saturday" featuring children's activities, a craft show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$1 admission, mystery dinner theater from 7-10 p.m. with a \$22 admission and Kids Night Out from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. for a \$10 admission. Sunday's activities include the sculpture judging, inscription on the "Great Wall" and the craft show from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Since we began the event in 1994, the Walled Lake Ice Festival has grown each year and has generated enthusiasm and cooperation throughout the community. We felt that it would be a good opportunity to raise money for some worthy causes while having fun," said DDA Chairman Casey J. Anthony.

The Downtown Development Authority was created in 1990 to ensure the ongoing growth and improvement of downtown Walled Lake. The key objectives of the DDA are marketing downtown Walled Lake as an economic unit, business retention and recruitment.

The 6,000-square-foot, \$3.5 million entry will feature inexpensive-priced cuisine such as that enjoyed by the "vaqueros" or Mexican cowboy.

Originally, the design had the appearance of several buildings clumped together in a border town.

Before they were willing to grant a liquor license one of the city's five remaining liquor licenses, the council last week requested that the building's facade be changed. The new appearance is more uniform and eliminates some "tells."

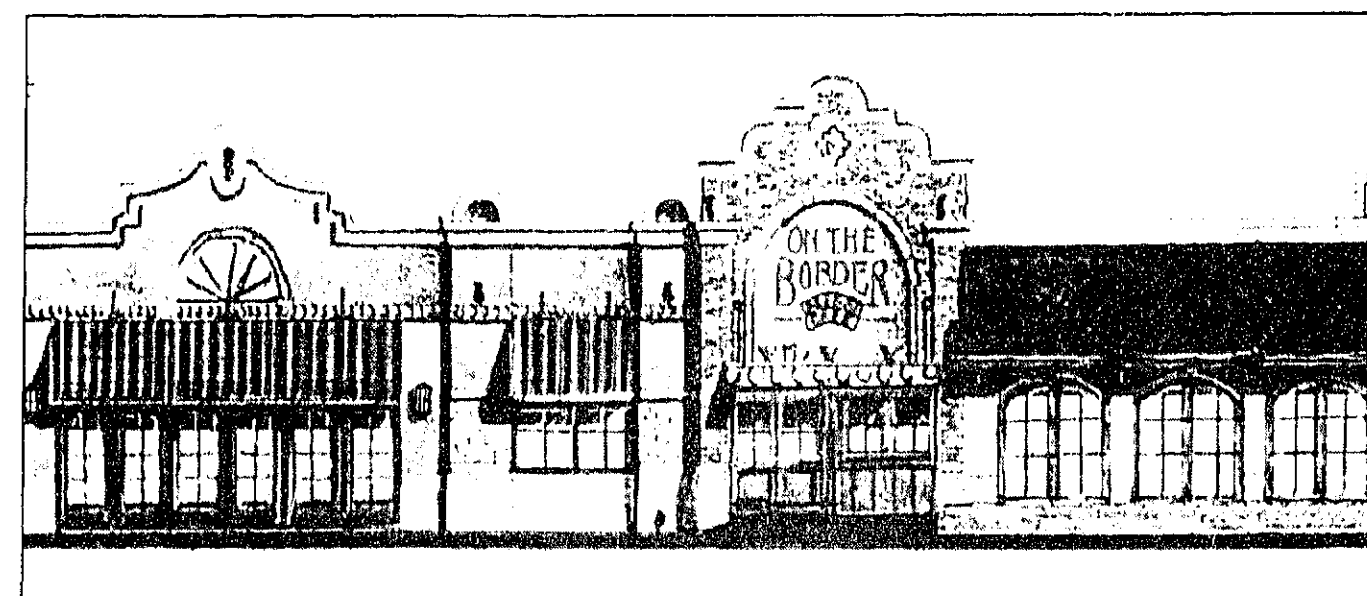
"This now looks like a restaurant, it looks like place that might look attractive to go to. The other one looked, not to malign another corporation, Disney-esque and shaped together," Council Member Kathy Mucha said.

The concern was that the previous building design would be incompatible with the Hilton Hotel and other surrounding restaurants, such as Chili's.

Council members at an earlier session also questioned if On The Border Mexican Cafe met the minimum criteria for granting a liquor license.

It is true that there are other Mexican-style restaurants in the city or in neighboring communities, but that alone cannot be used to say this restaurant is not unique. To do so would be unfair, a restraint on commerce and trade and further a burden which be most prohibitive and would/could be used to prevent any other type of restaurant from being built in Novi," John Carlini, an attorney for Brinker, noted in a letter to the city.

Novi now has four available liquor licenses to hand out.



An artist's rendition of the look of the new On The Border Mexican Cafe to be built on Eight Mile Road.

On The Border wins approval

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Such charm as exists in a little Mexican border town was apparently lost on the Novi City Council.

Dallas-based Brinker Restaurant Corporation aims to build a 200-seat theme restaurant, On The Border Mexican Cafe, on Eight Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road, near the firm's Chili's Restaurant. The 6,000-square-foot, \$3.5 million

entry will feature inexpensive-priced cuisine such as that enjoyed by the "vaqueros" or Mexican cowboy.

Originally, the design had the appearance of several buildings clumped together in a border town.

Before they were willing to grant a liquor license one of the city's five remaining liquor licenses, the council last week requested that the building's facade be changed. The new appearance is more uniform and eliminates some "tells."

"This now looks like a restaurant, it looks like place that might look attractive to go to. The other one looked, not to malign another corporation, Disney-esque and shaped together," Council Member Kathy Mucha said.

The concern was that the previous building design would be incompatible with the Hilton Hotel and other surrounding restaurants, such as Chili's.

Council members at an earlier session also questioned if On The Border Mexican Cafe met the minimum criteria for granting a liquor license.

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Home Improvement Financing: Myths vs Facts

By Glen Miller

Mortgage Institute of Michigan

Next door, the Smiths just built their dream kitchen. The ranch on the corner just added a sunroom and pool, and the Johnsons just finished their basement. Sound familiar and inspiring?

Many homeowners wishing to make home improvements have been led to believe that they do not qualify for a home improvement loan.

Following are some common myths: Myth 1: Homeowners with bruised credit will not qualify. Fact: There are now programs available for every credit grade.

Myth 2: It is smarter to save and pay cash for a home improvement rather than using the equity you have built up in your home.

Fact: The interest you pay on your home mortgage is the single greatest tax tool available to you. No other method of payment allows you to deduct the interest from your taxes.

Also, by using your equity, you can start on your home improvement today. Myth 3: If I refinance my home to

secure a loan, my mortgage interest rate and payment will skyrocket. Fact: Interest rates today are still extremely low. Most likely you will be able to secure a rate similar to or lower than your existing one. Your payment should be moderate as your new loan is stretched over the term of your mortgage.

As you consider your home improvement, remember that you need to make the financial decision that is best for you and your family. Consider how long you will be staying in the home, your cash position and the potential tax benefits.

For help in separating the myths from the facts contact me directly at (810) 358-8787. We offer no-cost, no-obligation pre-approvals and can help you make the best financial decision for you and your family.

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF ENTERING INTO LIMITED TAX-SUPPORTED CONTRACT OF LEASE AND OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi intends to approve and execute a Contract of Lease with the Novi Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended. Such Contract will provide, among other things, that said Building Authority will acquire, construct, furnish and equip a two surface ice arena, together with the site therefor and all necessary site improvements, utility improvements, necessary road and parking improvements and all appearances, and attachments thereto (together with "Improvements"), and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ESTIMATED COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE SAME FOR SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500,000. Said bonds will mature serially in not to exceed 25 annual installments, and will bear interest not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding principal balance or such higher rate as may be authorized by law.

The Contract will further provide that the City will lease said Improvements from said Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO SAID BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL COSTS OF said Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether the Improvements are tenable. The principal amount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the City for purposes of statutory, charter and constitutional debt limitations, and said principal amount, together with the City's rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of the Improvements.

THE CITY INTENDS TO FULLY DEFRAY ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY DESCRIBED BELOW FROM MONIES DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE ICE ARENA FACILITY.

CITY CONTRACT OBLIGATION

BY VIRTUE OF SAID PROPOSED CONTRACT AND ACT, THE CITY'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY PAYABLE FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE CITY, AND THE CITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON, IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND AS LIMITED BY LAW. THE OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, CHARTER AND STATUTORY TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

SAID PROPOSED CONTRACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHOUT VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AS PERMITTED BY LAW, UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 60 DAYS FOLLOWING

Star Wars movie screening proves to be a hit in Novi

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

May the force be with you. If you plan on seeing the re-release of Star Wars in theaters now, you'll practically need a Jedi's patience to wait in the long lines that plagued the movies this weekend.

At Twelve Oaks United Artist Theater tickets sold out for nearly every show including rare midnight showings both Friday and Saturday, according to theater manager Jane Pryle.

"We even had people that came in costume," she said. "I think everybody was really happy."

Creator George Lucas is releasing all three movies, "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" with new special effects, added footage and an improved look. Nationally, this last weekend the movie grossed \$36.2 million.

Steve Iverson, of Rookies and Legends in Novi, plans to wait until the crowds die down before seeing the saga of the rebel forces facing the droids.

"It's a great movie," he explained. "It's a lot different on

the big screen there's no comparison."

The owner of the Novi cards and memorabilia shop sells Star Wars paraphernalia and is somewhat of a fan himself.

"There's a real subtle spiritual side there people are drawn to without even knowing it," he said, citing the faith in "The Force."

He said the movie series draws together generations and creates a bond between the kids who first saw it when the movie came out in 1977 and their own children.

"It gives them something in common," he explained. "This it's got a fantasy, last frontier theme."

Since word of the re-release came out, Star Wars sales have been strong, Iverson said.

"Star Wars figures have been hard to get, the old ones and the new ones, for some time," he explained. "Especially, Princess Leia. The female figures in any kind of toy are the hardest ones to get."

It costs upwards of \$40 for a new Leia figure, he said. Other Star Wars items include cardboard cutouts, comic books, card games,



Steve Iverson poses with a few of his Star Wars movie cardboard cut-out figures that his shop, Rookies and Legends.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

District ponders new funding formula for special ed

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi school officials are wondering just how the district will fare under a new formula for special education funding that would put funding for special programs in the hands of the local districts.

While the formula is not yet finalized, it appears that Novi could get less than what officials would like.

"The myth is that there is this big pot of money out there that funds special education," said Special Education Director Donna Tinberg.

Although the changes have been expected since 1991, it wasn't until recently that several formula revisions were considered, according to Tinberg.

Currently 23 Novi students with special needs are sent to outside programs for assistance. Some programs are offered through the Oakland Intermediate School District; some are offered at other centers.

In the past, state money was

Growing children should graduate to booster seat

Children too big for child safety seats should graduate to booster seats, not a vehicle's safety belt system. Experts recommend booster seats for children 40 to 70 pounds.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is encouraging greater awareness and use of booster seats as part of National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 9-15.

"Booster seats are a vital part of safe travel for the growing child," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "There can be no shortcuts when it comes to a

distributed to the intermediate school districts to fully fund those programs. Leftover money was then given to special education centers. According to the third step in the formula, any remaining funds were given to the local school districts to offset costs.

According to Tinberg, who has spent nine years in Novi, "Number three hasn't happened in my time as a director."

What did happen is that if special education students attended center programs, the bills were paid by the second set of monies. However schools were sometimes billed for extra costs years later, Tinberg said.

Recently, the Oakland Schools Board of Education passed a proposal to change the way the money is doled out and prevent the bill-backs.

The \$50 million from the state will continue to be handed out to the ISDs to fully fund those special education programs. The leftovers will be sent to the local districts to pay to send students out to centers.

Child's safety."

Youngsters should be in a booster seat that positions the lap/shoulder belt correctly by securing the lap belt across the child's hips and the shoulder belt so that it does not cross the face or the front of the neck.

Booster seats are needed for children over 40 pounds who generally are not big enough to fit safely by being correctly within the lap and shoulder belt alone. Booster seats make safety belts fit right.

Never put shoulder belts under children's arms or behind their backs. This could result in serious injury in a crash.

ters or to develop programs within the districts.

"This suddenly makes the students who have been educated outside the district in the past our responsibility ... Do we continue to send them out to programs or spend the money here?" Tinberg said. "It puts control more in the hands of the local school districts."

While it's been said no district will be penalized and no district will receive a windfall under the new formula, Tinberg is wondering if that is the case.

"As they continue to work out the formula, the real concern is that the less affluent districts not be harmed which typically have low socioeconomic factors and higher needs or penalized, so they tried to build in an equity factor," she explained. "Without the equity factor, Novi looks like it's getting more money than in past years."

What's frustrating is that Novi has attempted to wean students from attending the center programs by offering the special education programs within the dis-

trict. Currently there are more than 400 Novi students attending special education programming within the district, said Tinberg. The average cost of educating to a special needs student is between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per year.

The special education students receive the state aid per pupil funding of approximately \$7,000 each year, plus \$350 per student from the federal government. The difference between the \$7,350 and the \$10,000 cost for the student is reimbursed at 6 percent by the state.

A frustrated Ray Byers, president of the Novi school board, said these funding issues aren't new and referred to the Durant Case currently in state Court of Appeals.

The 17-year case involves a suit by 84 mostly suburban school districts which complained that the state, under three governors, had failed to pay for special education and other programs as required by the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

"This is why we're forever talking to the state about dollars that are due us over time," said Byers.

Both Novi and Northville school districts could receive between \$5 and \$8 million if the state is forced to pay back withheld special education funds. Trustee George Kortlandt pointed out that many parents send their special education students to Novi because of the care and attention they're given.

However, under the new proposal, the districts that have more students in the center programs could come out on top.

"I feel resentment that we're viewed as a windfall district ... We've thought ahead. We've worked hard to be in a good position, to cut the number of students in center programs from 48 to 23," explained Tinberg.

Under the new proposal by Oakland Schools, Novi could gather more money to offset the extra costs of in-district programs, said Tinberg.

It's cheaper than sending students out of district to a center program, said Tinberg. Tuition for trainable mentally impaired students can cost \$20,000 each. Tuition for severely mentally or

multiply impaired students can cost nearly \$35,000.

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Cassis wins top assignments on legislative committees

One of only two Republican freshmen appointed as a committee vice chair, state Rep. Nancy Cassis is in a position to help define issues before the Urban Policy and Economic Development Committee.

"It is important that we find common ground to negotiate from," said the Novi lawmaker. "We need to work together to support the interests of urban, suburban and rural areas."

House Republican Leader Ken Sikken said the 38th District's proximity to major urban centers and Cassis' nine year experience with the Novi City Council have given her a thorough under-

standing of the complex problems facing communities today. Cassis also is the only Republican freshman chosen for the House Tax Policy Committee.

Mental Health and Public Utilities complete her assignments. "I have no doubt in Rep. Cassis' ability," said Sikken, R-Grandville. "She has proven herself an effective, knowledgeable leader and coalition builder."

Cassis concurred that her public service, including her work with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and career as a high school psychologist provides a valuable foundation for her work in Lansing.

"Government must control spending, reduce taxes and budget carefully," she said. "This is especially important for ensuring economic growth in Michigan and providing comprehensive programs and services which are cost effective."

"As a Novi resident, mother, wife, professional and legislator, I know that strong families, safe communities and sensible government are priorities for people in the 38th District. We need public policy which provides a high quality of life and well-being for Michigan families."

House speaker expands committees from 21 to 28

House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, has expanded the number of committees from 21 to 28. Biggest single addition: Advanced Technology and Computer Development.

Committees that may have additional stature under Democratic rule (57-52): Consumer Protection and Labor Occupational Safety.

As usual, the plum posts are considered to be Appropriations, which works on budget bills, and which puts in such long hours that members don't serve on other panels; and Tax Policy, which writes the tax bills.

The "real" work of the Legisla-

ture is done in committees, to which bills are referred after they are introduced. The committees hold hearings, draft amendments and report the bills to the House "floor" (110 members). Most bills are passed nearly unanimously by the full House without debate.

Here are committee assignments for area House members:

Nancy Cassis, R-Now - Mental Health, Public Utilities, Tax Policy, Urban Policy (minority vice chair).

Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston - House Oversight and Ethics (minority vice chair); leadership panel that is internally important, Regulatory Affairs.

Gerald Law, R-Plymouth - Consumer Protection, Health Policy, Insurance, Judiciary.

Tom Middleton, R-Orionville - Education (a policy panel not involved with the budget); Forestry and Mineral Rights (minority vice chair); Tax Policy, Transportation.

Kirk Proff, D-Ypsilanti - chair of Tax Policy, Health Policy, Insurance, Public Utilities.

Judith Seranito, R-Brighton - Colleges and Universities (a policy panel not involved in budgets); Health Policy, Mental Health (minority vice chair); Regulatory Affairs.

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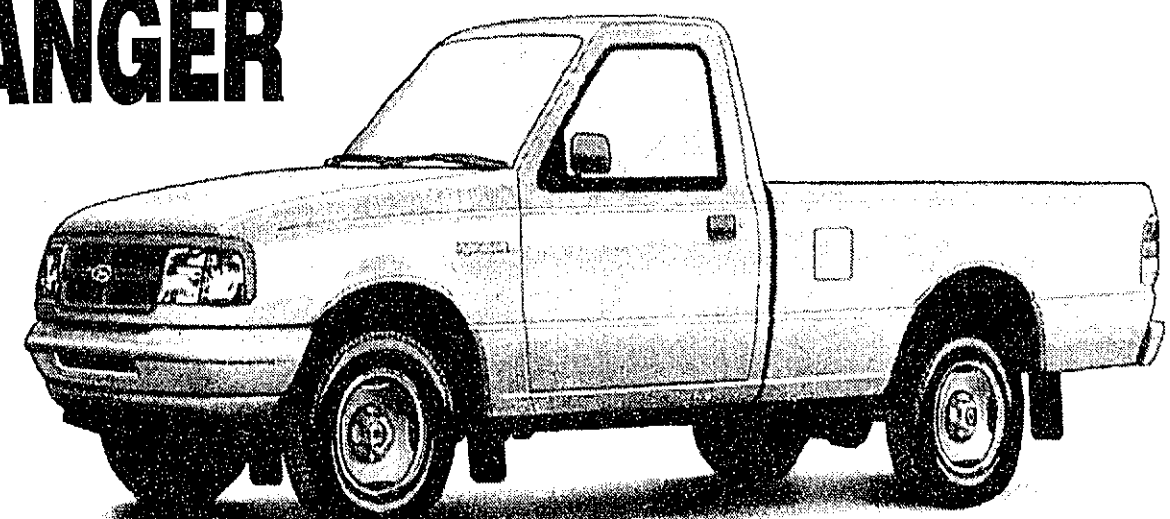
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Obituaries

LARRY O'HARA

Larry O'Hara, age 50, of Novi died Jan. 11 in Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was born in Detroit on Feb. 19, 1946.

Mr. O'Hara was a systems coordinator for the auto industry.

He is survived by son, Michael James; daughters, Nila (Michelle) Carpenter and Kathleen Ann O'Hara; mother, Nila M. Bush; brothers, Gerald O'Hara and step-brother, Ronald Bush; grandchildren, Courtney and Daniel Carpenter; and fiance, Gail Respondek and her children, Ryan and Michele Respondek.

Services were conducted Jan. 15, at Holy Family Church of Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society of Southeast Michigan, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite No. 110, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

THOMAS R. SULLIVAN SR.

Thomas R. Sullivan Sr., age 75, died Jan. 30 at his residence in Farmington Hills. He was born June 13, 1921, in Gault, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Sullivan graduated from

Cordley High School and received his doctorate degree from the University of Detroit Law School. He was self-employed and his business, the Thomas R. Sullivan Law Firm, was located in Bingham Farms. His memberships included the Farmington Elks, Twin Beach Golf Club, and Mountain Knights of Columbus. He was special assistant attorney general, and during World War II, he was a member of the 10th airborne division. According to the family, he was very fond of his six grandchildren and was an avid golf player.

He is survived by two sons, two daughters, one sister, and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

CHARLES B. HARRIS

Charles B. Harris, age 74, of Novi died Jan. 14 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Mr. Harris was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Detroit. He was a self-employed delivery

driver and an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving Mr. Harris are: wife, Jacqueline; brother, Edward; sisters, Anita Chain and Carol Sperry; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted on Jan. 18, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-5200 would be appreciated.

KENNETH DELANEY

Kenneth Delaney of Dearborn died Jan. 17 in Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He was born Oct. 26, 1919, in Cookeville, Tenn. Mr. Delaney was 77.

Mr. Delaney had been an employee of O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home for 20 years. He was stationed in Europe in the tank division during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Muryal; sons, Don (Paul) and Ron (Sharon); daughters, Margaret (Derril) Reeves and Kathy (Michael) Kristofik of Novi; sisters, Lorelle

Farley, Pearl Rector, Caron Delaney and Wilene Vickers; and eight grandchildren: Lara, Rachel, Amanda, Andrew, Ashley, Erin, Audra and Steven.

He was preceded in death by son, Kenneth Jr. Services and interment were conducted Jan. 22 in Cookeville, Tenn.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, North Metro Region, 16310 W. Twelve Mile Road, P.O. Box 700160, Fairport Village, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

MURYAL DELANEY

Muryal Delaney of Dearborn died Jan. 30 in Oakwood Hospital. She was 70. Mrs. Delaney was born Sept. 9, 1926, in Baxter, Tenn.

While employed, she was an inspector for the auto industry. She is survived by sons, Don (Paul) and Ron (Sharon); daughters, Margaret (Derril) Reeves and Kathy (Michael) Kristofik of Novi; sisters, Lorelle

Kathy (Michael) Kristofik of Novi; sister of Muriel, Winnie, Amy, Bern, William, Cora and Ves; and grandchildren, Lara, Rachel, Amanda, Andrew, Ashley, Erin, Audra and Steven.

Mrs. Delaney was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth. Interment was held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Cookeville, Tenn.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. Nine Mile, Suite No. 950, Southfield, MI 48075 would be appreciated.

GERTRUDE F. BEACH

Gertrude F. Beach, age 80, of Novi died Jan. 11 in Courtyard Manor in Wixom. She was born Jan. 16, 1916, in New York, N.Y.

During her years of employment, Mrs. Beach was an executive secretary for Flint Ink.

She is survived by son, John (Kathy), and one grandchild, Lisa

Marie. Mrs. Beach was preceded in death by her husband, John S.

Services were held Jan. 14, at Holy Family Church of Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075-2689 would be appreciated.

FRANK L. VARILONE

Frank L. Varilone of Brighton died Jan. 18 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was 76. He was born March 20, 1920, in Detroit.

Mr. Varilone was in the construction business. He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Barbara (Richard) Filban, Suzanne (Gerry) Stannard and Frances (Bernis) Luker; brothers, George and Dominick; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 96-119.06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 96-119.06, an ordinance to add subpart 12-171(b)(18) to the Novi Code of Ordinances, to provide an exception to the wetland permitting requirement for the creation of new wetlands for mitigation purposes.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 27, 1997 and the effective date is February 11, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SOFTBALLS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Softballs according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, February 20, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "SOFTBALLS" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK,
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(810) 347-0446

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Communications Building according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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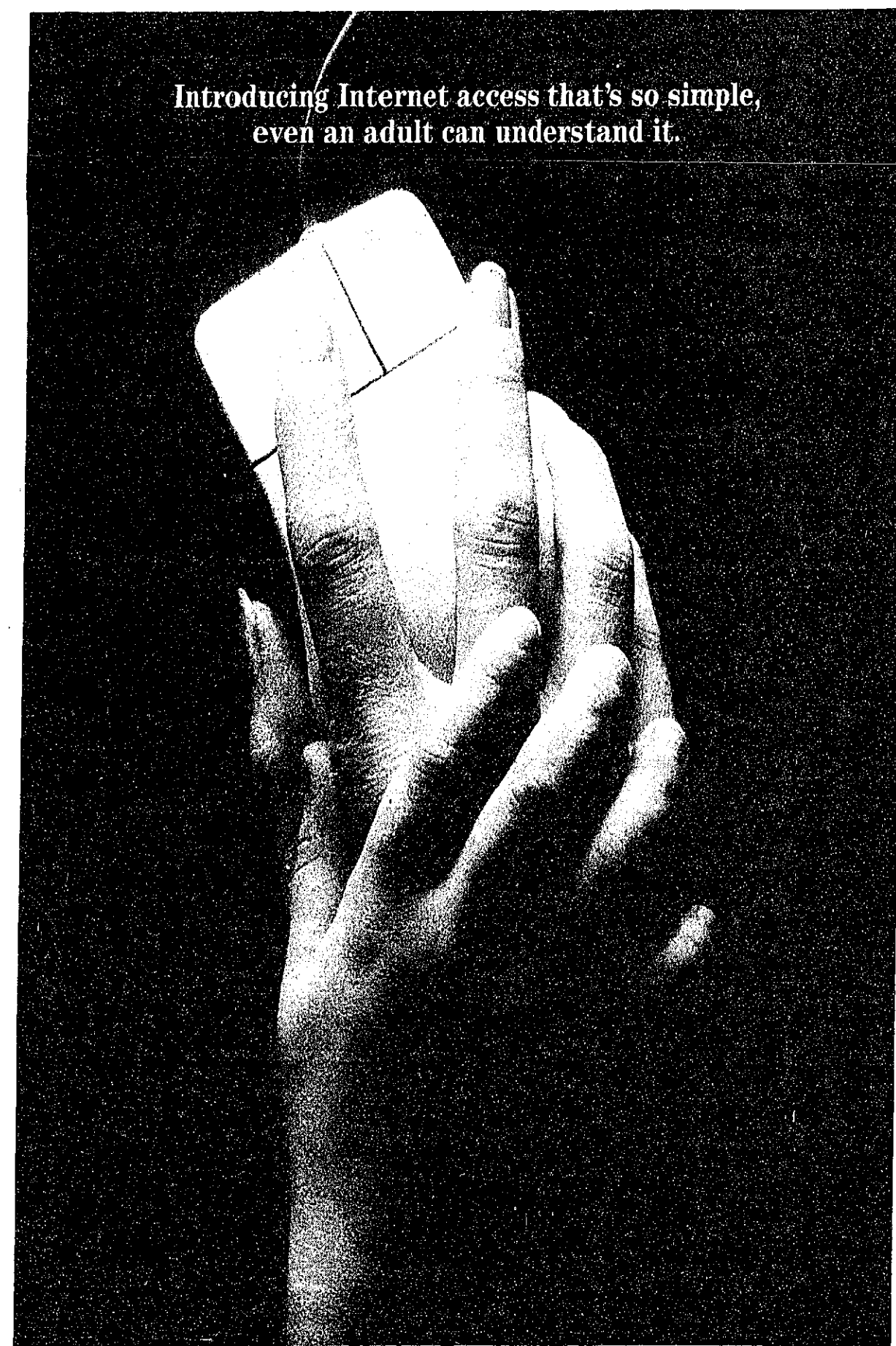
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Mayor on coming year

Many projects, issues confront the city

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But yes, there's always conversations do you think this would be good for Novi. And then you go, well here's the zoning ordinance. Can you fit? If you can't fit, what are the challenges? Do you think the challenges can be overcome? You know, there are mechanisms in every single ordinance to grant variances. There's a whole process for that. Do you think you want to spend the money to try it?

Novi News: So the city can't make any commitments until a plan is submitted.

McLallen: No. They can direct them to the ordinance.

Novi News: So it is a communication process. There are no promises made.

McLallen: Oh, absolutely not.

Novi News: I've heard this scenario used. Do you think that the folks in the community development department who are reviewing those plans, after having worked on a particular plan to assess it, get a certain amount of personal investment in that plan, and therefore advocate it a little more strongly?

McLallen: I hope our consultants have a strong position one way or another. I mean, "This is good for Novi, you ought to look at it," or "This is terrible for Novi. Cut it out." That is what we are paying consultants to hear.

Obviously, you get enamored of all sorts of things. This is really neat, give it a shot. The consultants are paid to say whether this makes planning sense. That is their role and yet they should take a very strong stand one way or another.

The staff, they are just making sure it conforms and gets through the process. Of course, like anything else certain shiny pennies come up and you get real excited about them.

But the ultimate decision about them is in the two bodies. And in some cases only in the one, meaning the Planning Commission. Certain planning functions stay only within the planning commission. Those nine or seven people will decide whether it meets the ordinance or there is enough merit in the proposal to go through other bodies, the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) or the Construction Board of Appeals, or whatever to see if it is a component that is necessary.

So when you are excited and you say, this is cool, the process itself is so long — unfortunately, and this year we are working at getting time lines real specifically — that hopefully it is full of excitement so that when the final decision maker says yes or no, that initial "this is so cool" has been turned over to many times that all the pros and cons are out there.

The ultimate decision is, does it fit that big picture? The big picture is a sustainable, excellent community for all members. Or is it just some cute blip that showed up for 1997?

So it is a long process and, yes, people get really excited. But there is a lot of hard work from "wildly excited" to "shovel in the ground." There are a lot of checks and balances. There's no railroad. The system is set up that way. And the people who sit on the bodies ... have you met 16 more independent people recently, meaning the planning commission and the council? There's a lot of strong personalities representing a lot of points of view that have to come to majority conclusion.

That does have to go out more because that kind of under-the-surface flavor that this is government, these are sinister processes at work, that is such a disservice to the volunteer decision makers on all of these bodies. We have what, 250 citizen volunteers, working hard for this city. And they are from every neighborhood, every complexion that is in this city. And for that I'm proud to be out there really understanding that real generous volunteer spirit.

Novi News: Is there a way the community development department could keep people better apprised of what developments are being chatted about?

McLallen: That's a real sensitive issue because if you were company XYZ, and Novi has made the cut in your corporate relocation plan, but so has Farmington Hills and Wixom, you don't want that out. You as the corporate investor are going to want to see which community is going to work with you. So you don't want that public. That's part of commercial and industrial development. There is a certain confidentiality until they have chosen a community. And by then they are getting in the process. And at that point they will be public.

There's a piece of paper that goes to every homeowners association that alerts them ... (that) the following development has submitted site plans. The paper goes out quarterly, if not more often.

A charge that I find hard to take is that we don't let people know. This city is incredibly open. You can walk into the library. We have the most incredible librarian in

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this city, (Brenda) Evans and her staff. They'll do any kind of research for you. If you are a citizen and have a question, the city clerk's office is wonderful. They will take the time. They will get you anything you want, or they will tell you where to find it.

This city, in my opinion, is very open to the citizens, but you gotta ask us. We are not mind readers. We put all the packets and the minutes in the library and on the counter here on Thursday afternoon. Aside from calling you up, what am I missing?

Novi News: Speaking of openness, there have been some recent issues. One of them has to do with audience participation. A resident researched it and found that audience participation came off the agendas for special meetings just about the time you took office. Was there a reason why audience participation came off the agendas?

McLallen: This is one of those really challenging areas. The whole purpose of government is openness and hearing people. But the other side of that is that government is a business and you have a certain amount of business that you need to accomplish efficiently.

And how to make the areas for citizens to talk most productive, how to educate your citizens that if you really just want to know about your curb cut, call the building on Monday and you will get a much more direct answer than in here. In some communities you have to make appointments. In some communities everyone gets a half hour and that's it. We looked at a lot of controls that are used in other communities that we said are not appropriate here. Unfortunately, that means that on certain nights, we are doing the city's business at a bizarre hours. And we tried very hard to figure that out.

The one thing that we did learn — and remember we are all non-parliamentarians and hopefully our people that are professionals in that area will catch us on the things that we are doing wrong. Somehow, in the special meetings, we did not put them in because they tend to be very specific, issue oriented. And our special meetings tend to be of very limited time. We decided we would low people ample time in our regular meetings to talk. And what we have learned is that is not appropriate.

Last week at our strategy meeting, we did talk about the efficiency of the agenda and whether to drop one of the audience participations. Because what we have found is that every one tends to come in late because they know we sometimes go really late and they don't want to wait till the end. The end one is frequently not used.

What we decided was that it was located at an inappropriate place, so they just repositioned it so that if you had an issue that had been on the agenda, you could talk to it. We moved it.

But we do know that because of cable, a lot of posturing is done during audience participation. They are things that the council cannot resolve or cannot address, they are just political statements. You have to have that, but the concern is how to better use that time so that people who want to make their public statements can do that and then people that need to get direct responses ... because we don't respond because unfortunately sometimes when you respond you get into shouting matches that are inappropriate. We need to hear, but we also need to act efficiently.

Novi News: I remember when the rules were enacted. Did they go to the attorney for review before they were enacted?

McLallen: In all honesty, I don't know. I don't recall saying, "Gee, let's have Dennis (Watson) look at these." But on the other hand, certain segments within it I know he has reviewed because they were questioned by members of council.

So, to answer your question, yes, the attorney has seen them. Whether there was an opinion rendered on the entire document, or whether there needed to be an opinion rendered on the entire document, I don't know.

Novi News: Should the city have the attorney do an open meetings act refresher course? For example, the lack of the audience participa-

tion on agendas went on for three years before anyone even noticed that that was a problem?

McLallen: Right. And the questions was, is it a problem because it wasn't written on the agenda, because citizens have actually participated in meetings where it was not written on the agenda.

Novi News: But then you are also not stopping in a special meeting to ask them, "Do you want to comment?"

McLallen: And there is another meeting that is called a committee of the whole that does not have audiences in it. So that is a valid suggestion. We have had parliamentary procedure meetings for two years. We haven't had one yet this year. And open meetings have been a component of that. It is very interesting because what you perceive you need to do and what you really need to do are sometimes not the same.

So education is always good.

Novi News: You also mentioned that you have a policy of not responding to residents because you don't want to get into an argument with them. Is that the purpose behind that policy?

McLallen: It is inappropriate because you have many people you want to accommodate and you have an agenda that people have paid to get on. So this is not the time to have a protracted discussion. There are other forums, in here on Thursdays. Every single member of this council will meet with a citizen when they are invited to. So to have that particular forum for debate is inappropriate.

It has been suggested that we should do a "meet the council," a non-meeting situation where citizens can more casually discuss their issues with council three or four times a year.

The point of the council meeting is, that is the business meeting of the city.

Novi News: The frustration I have heard is the lack of dialogue. People say, "I go up there and talk and I don't know if they are listening."

McLallen: If you look at who is typically talking to us, if log citizens, who are not there for a specific issue ... and they know what to expect, they know they are not going to get a response. That kind of a give and take session may be very necessary, but the question is, is this the place to do it? At this point, the council has said no, this is not the place. So we are going to have to find someplace else to do it. I do think we may want to have a "chat with the council night," because there are certain issues that come around all the time.

Novi News: If a person standing up there is talking and a council member doesn't understand, can the council person ask a question? That's not a violation of the policy, is it?

McLallen: It is because they go off hand generally into other areas. There was a lady in the last meeting who had something very specific and it was obvious this was her first time. So we did ask her back. And council raised it again later under council items. So there is a mechanism.

Usually it is not. Ninety percent are citizens who are making a statement on — right now it is golf courses. Ten Mile Road, they come just to go on record. "I'm Joe Smith and I think you are doing terrible things to my community by doing this." That is our typical citizen.

Then we have our group that just likes to keep us on our toes. It's almost like the shadow council.

You represent a lot of people and you hope that all the people coming in respect everyone's time. This is real life. Some nights it works. Some nights it doesn't.

Novi News: The Novi News, specifically, I accused you of lying when you denied the use of secret ballots. Do you want to take this opportunity to respond?

McLallen: No. That was an issue between you and me.

Novi News: But it was public. And you told me earlier that your intention was not to be dishonest, that it was a matter of semantics. Do you want to put that one on the record for the benefit of readers?

McLallen: No because it is an issue that is over, I wanted you to know how it affected me personally. That's my issue. You have a right to say whatever you want to say. It's over. It's done. That was your perception. I have mine.

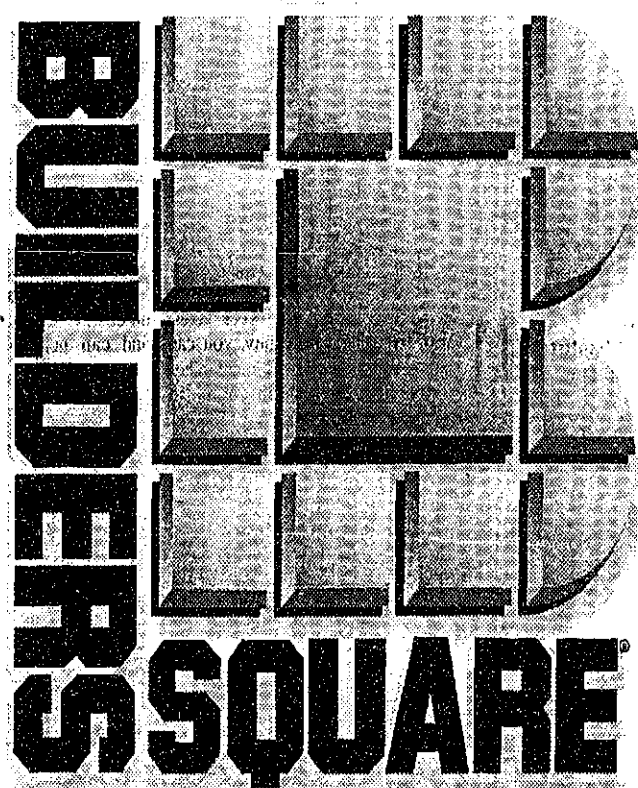
Mine is a larger one for you as the newspaper. You are, for better and worse, the only local newspaper we have. The point is how we can work together. I did not hear from you for nine months until there was what you perceived as a crisis. We have to do better than that. Both of us are busy but we have got to make time to do a better job of getting the city out there.

I sometimes have the sad feeling that you sometimes want to take the easy way out and do the National Enquirer thing. The balance is missing.

But I do appreciate ... I've now taken three hours of your time. That's a lot of time. I just wish we could chunk it out in 15 minutes chunks.

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Maurice Bonchard, Farmington Hills, manager of the Detroit district of The Trane Co., representing HVAC equipment.

James J. Lapham, Commerce, business manager for Pipefitters Local 636, representing organized labor.

William John O'Neil, Walled Lake, president of W.J. O'Neil Co. of Livonia, representing fire suppression.

• Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, which hears disputes over compensation, for a term expiring Jan. 26, 2001.

Molly Cooke, Southfield, a former Workers' Comp appellate commissioner, a 1968 cum laude graduate of the University of Detroit Law School.

• Bilateral Trade Team to the Ukraine, which promotes the export of Michigan goods and services, for a term ending Jan. 25, 1999.

Bobdan Fedorak, Troy, director of operations at Acme Manufacturing Co. of Madison Heights, where he oversees material control, mechanical and electrical engineering, and manufacturing departments. A 1991 graduate of Wayne State University, Fedorak is fluent in Ukrainian, German and Polish.

• Civil Service Commission: Susan Grimes Murrell, former state representative from Liv-

ingston County, representing Republicans, for a term expiring at the end of 2004.

Dr. David Adamany, retiring president of Wayne State University, representing Democrats, for a term expiring at the end of 2002.

A SURPLUS
State government ran a surplus of \$88.1 million in fiscal 1996, said Mark Murray, budget and management director.

Murray credited the improving economic climate and "strong, disciplined fiscal management," adding, "This represents the fourth consecutive year that no department overspent its appropriated budget."

Of the \$88.1 million:

• \$58.1 million will go into the budget stabilization fund, or "rainy day" fund, to tide the state over in economic downturns. Total size of the rainy day fund is \$1.1 billion.

• \$10 million will go into cultural facilities. Applications to receive funds are being accepted through mid-February and are available through the Department of Management and Budget's office of education at (313) 373-8883.

• \$10 million will go into airport projects statewide.

• \$10 million will go into special maintenance and remodeling projects.

The fiscal year ended Sept. 30. Final releases will be made in March.

Citizens launch into futuring to create vision statement

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citizens, as well as individuals from a wide variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds. Included were those closely involved with local government and newcomers to civic volunteerism.

"I think it was a good start to a process that will have a large impact on the future. We had a lot of groundwork towards moving towards a consensus towards what we think Novi should be," Mutch, a member of the Novi library board, said. "There was a feeling that we needed a working identity for the community, that it needed to be something more than Twelve Oaks Mall."

The last time a vision statement was drafted for the City of Novi was in 1986. Goals at that time included the planning of street trees; the encouragement of commercial investment; the precedence of sound planning over "untempered" market place demands; the protection

of wetlands, woodlands and water courses; and keeping room in the city for large lot residential developments and small farms.

For participant Steve Myers, the 1997 start was energetic but now he'd like to see it channelled into a tightly crafted, "user friendly" vision statement that will serve as a reference point both for Novi's public and private sectors.

"Everyone was enthusiastic. There was an acceptance of people's ideas. The raw material from those two sessions was relevant and good. It's very crucial that the follow up begin now to make a vision statement that is visionary, that will last the test of time," Myers said.

"A vision statement can be very austere. It doesn't have to be gossamer at all. It needs to reference the sight, the smell, the sound of the community 50 years from now." Whatever the results, the vision statement will be "a citizens' document."

Where would you take guests?

If you're entertaining out-of-town guests, where do you take them in Novi?

The 100 or so people who gathered last week for "Novi 20/20, Focus On The Future" listed Novi's Top Five tangible assets as follows:

- 1 - The Novi Civic Center.
- 2 - The Walled Lake area.
- 3 - Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi Town Center and West Oaks shopping centers
- 4 - The Novi Expo Center.
- 5 - Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Following, but not making the Top Five were the neighborhoods, the restaurants, MSU Tollgate Farm and the schools.

The volunteers, many of whom spent over 10 hours last week on their goals for the city, also ranked what they most treasured about their hometown.

- That was:
- 1 - The diversity of residents.
 - 2 - Novi as a model community.
 - 3 - Friendly people.
 - 4 - The school systems.
 - 5 - Walled Lake.

NOVI PROFILE

The focus of all this futuring, the City of Novi, is 31.6 square miles in size. Here's the most recent profile of Novi, based on 1995 statistics provided by the Community Development Department:

Population - 40,533.
Age of population - 40 percent between the ages of 25 to 44.
Education - 67 percent of residents over age 25 have some college education.
Average household income - \$52,289.
Median housing value - \$127,900.
Median gross rent - \$680.
Number of households in city - 16,102.
Anticipated number of households by year 2020 - 31,569.

REPORT CARD

About 100 people last week filled out the City of Novi's report card. It was pretty good, but maybe not dean's list caliber. Grades were on a 1 to 5 scale, with five the highest. Overall, the city got a 3.5. Here's how individual categories were scored:

Education, 4.0
Public safety, 4.0
Climate, 2.8
Transportation, 2.6

The exercise was part of the city's futuring process. Volunteers met twice to help lay the groundwork for a vision statement to help guide Novi over the next 23 years.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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The call of the wild

Novi students learn the realities of nature

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If you step out into the crisp winter air and stay completely silent you can hear the sounds of Novati Meadow's 5th grade campers at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

The voice of the afternoon speaker drifts out from within the activity room. She is talking about the cycle of life for soil and trees to a small group gathered around a fireplace.

The shrieks of laughter cut through the forest of trees, evidence of the fun experienced by first-time cross country skiers gliding over fresh powder.

A dozen pats of boots crunch through the snow as students build igloos of ice around film canisters of Jell-o, creating a refrigeration effect.

It's all in an afternoon's work at the camp, designed to provide a hands-on, nature-based science program for students.

Each year, a little more than 400 students attend a three day session at the facility owned by Walled Lake schools. Districts from all over the area rent time during the year to present various nature-based

programs to their students.

"The object is to teach the values of appreciating the outdoors and Michigan's environment," explained Glen Wallhall, a teacher at Novati Meadow.

The camp relies heavily on parent volunteers to help out with the various programs or to spend the night with the kids, or even peel carrots for dinners. It's something Debbie Haynes is glad to do. She volunteered when her oldest daughter attended camp and last week helped out again with her daughter Whitney's class.

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The camp also puts the students in a different environment.

"We had to drink well water," said a disgruntled fifth grader, Martina Lombardi. "The food's not too good either. The cinnamon rolls are good though."

What will they do when they get back home? That's easy, they say.

"Go to sleep," said Shamiel Kotcha.

speaker or completing an activity.

"They maybe get one hour of free time a day," said Wallhall. "It's not like a summer camp at all."

Perhaps the most exciting element for the kids is spending the night at the camp, in a large dorm-type facility with rows of bunk-beds.

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"We had to drink well water," said a disgruntled fifth grader, Martina Lombardi. "The food's not too good either. The cinnamon rolls are good though."

What will they do when they get back home? That's easy, they say.

"Go to sleep," said Shamiel Kotcha.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



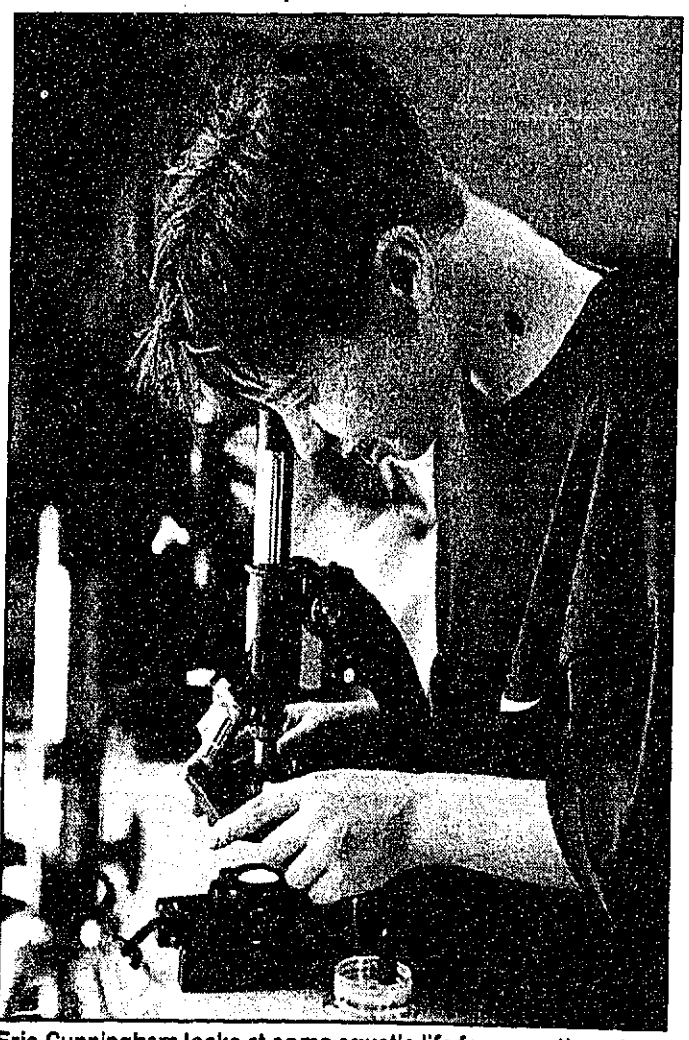
Novi Middle School students (from left) Whitney Hayes, Sarah Traub and Portia Willy relax on their bunks at Proud Lake.



Kevin Freeman hoists a well-equipped backpack and waits for the bus ride to winter camp at Proud Lake Recreation Center.



Shawn Lewis, left, and Dallas Odom work on their journals after being outside for over an hour learning how to cross country ski.



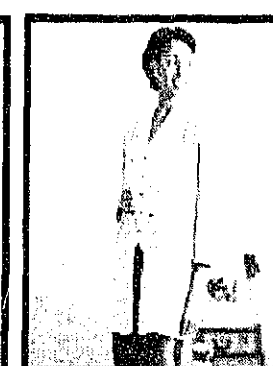
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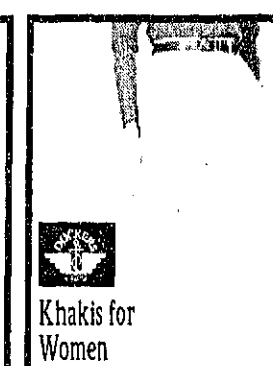
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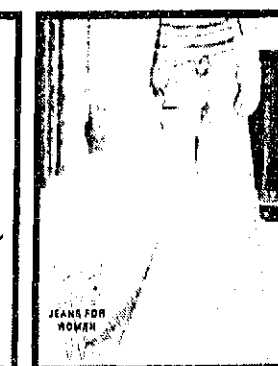
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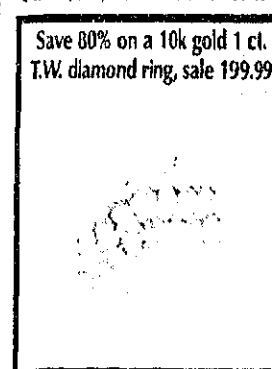
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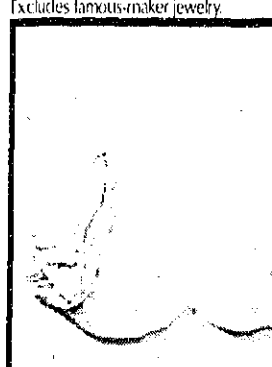
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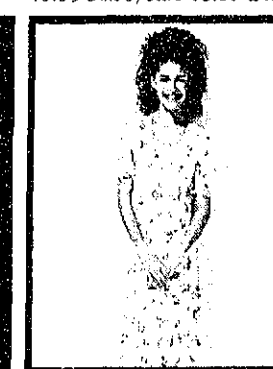
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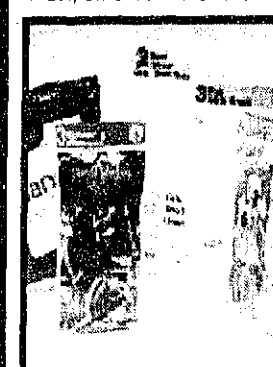
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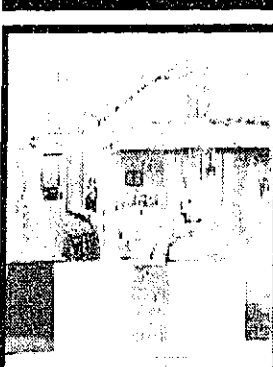
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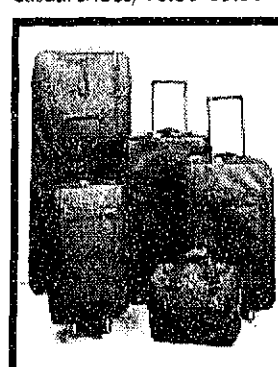
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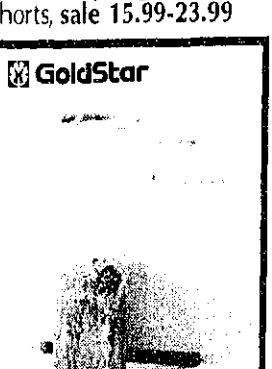
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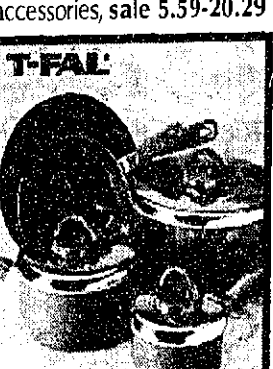
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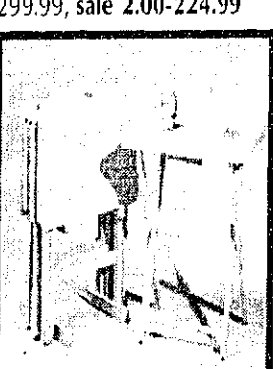
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As We See It

Planning with an eye toward the future

Recruiting 100 volunteers or so isn't always an easy job, yet that's about how many residents turned out last week for Novi 20/20, Focus On The Future.

On Feb. 13 is the next step, as 16 of the volunteers, drawing on the outcome of the group brainstorming, begin the process of writing a vision statement for the city's next 23 years. The goal is a guide that will aid Novi's future development as a community.

It's impressive to have this many people turn out for the future good of their hometown. They looked at issues such as senior housing, sidewalks, preserving Novi's green space, traffic and managing growth.

One of the 100 participants, Steve Myers, pointed out that a vision statement doesn't have to be "goosey." By this he seems to mean something warm, fuzzy, cute and full of trendy catch phrases. Preferably, what results will be a real, vital working document everyone can understand.

If it is, Novi's vision statement is not something that should then ornament shelves at the civic center and the library, as so many past city studies do.

This should be something that is



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kept out and used.

But with one caution. The future planning process is accentuating the affirmative, flipping any negatives inside out to convert them to positives.

Well and good. But whatever vision statement results, the results shouldn't be used by local government as something convenient to hide behind.

If a couple of hundred residents come out to gripe about an issue that matters to them, the Novi City Council needs to address their immediate concerns, not brush them off with something along the lines of, "that's not what was in the vision statement, that's not in the future plans."

We do, after all, live in the here and now. And the residents' vision of the future is subject to change, at any given moment.

Teaching respect is a worthwhile cause

We've all heard the discussions about promoting morality in public education. The parents aren't teaching it at home, say some critics. So teach it at school.

The Novi Meadows administration, parents and students have taken that suggestion and compromised. Instead of morality, per se, the school is focusing on respect.

As part of the overall theme of respect for the year, the PTO is presenting Positive Awareness Week (PAW) to the students.

The weeklong emphasis on self-respect, respect for others and respect for the community began Monday and ends tomorrow, however, staff and students intend to continue the process throughout the year and into the future.

The idea is that teaching the more than 800 students at Meadows to have and show respect, is like having strength in numbers, according to counselor Gail Jiska. This year's sixth graders will take that value into the Middle School and the fifth graders will be role models for the next classes, she said.

These students are learning to give more compliments and criticize less. Making fun of people or teasing them is a symptom of a lack of self-respect, they are coming to understand.

The students have also begun donating to charity. By collecting pop cans and spare change, the students have purchased wonderful gifts for the Humane Society of Michigan and the Community Clothes Closet.

This type of emphasis isn't taking away from academics or infringing on parent's rights to teach values. It's enhancing learning and creating a generation of more understanding people.

Parents should follow up with their Meadows students to keep respect a function of their daily lives. We too should practice what these students are learning we can help them to grow and help ourselves to grow.

Remembering to respect others' ideas, things, space and feelings are all worthy efforts.

Thanks to the staff, the students and the parents in the PTO for the reminder.

Address both pros and cons

Northville Board of Education members and school district administrators have had several weeks to study the results of a district-wide telephone survey completed in December.

The survey was conducted by School Public Relations Consultant Services, based in Menominee, Mich. According to consultant Kathy Feaster the poll sought voters' opinions and attitudes about Northville schools, as well as building and facility needs.

In all, 378 of the district's 27,158 registered voters — or about 1.4 percent — were queried.

Now that the results are in and off-

icals have had time to acquaint themselves with the sentiment of the community we're pleased that district officials have begun putting together a bond proposal to bring back before the voters sometime this year.

But now, close to one month after the release of the survey results, we have seen the district conduct several meetings and study sessions to formulate a plan for the next bond election. To our knowledge, though, school officials and board members have not met to discuss any plans to address the district's other shortcomings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Memory loss a sign of age?



Carol Workens

thing you hadn't forgotten.

Sometimes, while at home, I reach for a pen that I know was right on the desk where I thought I left it, but now it's not there?

The answer, depending on who you talk to, is that there are really little ghosts living in your home with you and they like to play pranks because they get pretty bored just hanging around all day.

I've had several occasions where I have been driving in my car and not remembered where I was or where I was going?

It's only natural that you try not to panic and explain the problem as being over stressed, over-worked and while you're on a roll, you might as well add underpaid too.

If you have several children, a few cats and a dog, as I do, it gets pretty bad when you go to reprimand one of them and have to go through all seven names

before you remember the one you want and by then the animal, or child, has moved on to more acceptable behavior. If you're lucky, your child won't feel insulted because you just called the dog by the child's name.

I've even shown up a day late for a meeting that I wrote on the calendar for the right day and later reread it correctly but still it just never registered in my brain. Right place, right time, wrong day.

Hopefully you've all been there, done that. The flip side to all this is when you feel pretty smug because you can remember the place, time and first song you ever danced to with someone special.

This week, when a story was lost in the computer's never, never memory land I tried normal human troubleshooting procedures.

Every attempt to back up to where I was in the computer when the story disappeared failed.

I tried searching for the story by every name I could think of, but it was gone.

Not to worry, I told myself after a few choice words, panicking would not make the story return and it would only cause more stress.

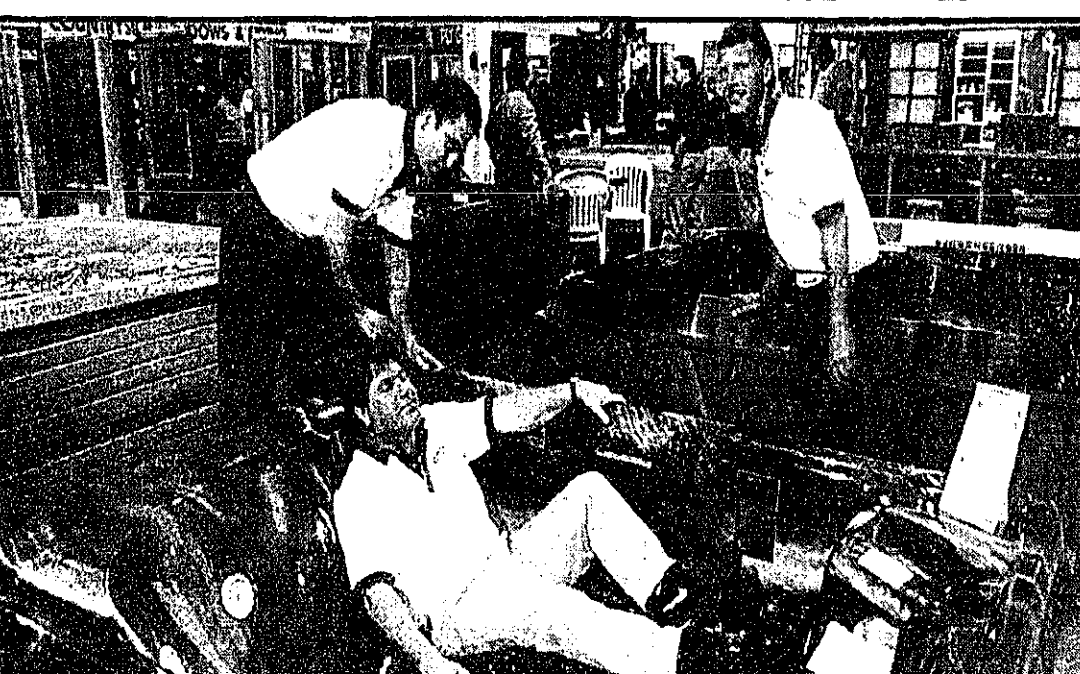
My memory was all I had to fall back on. Great, I thought. I'm the one who can't remember what I had for breakfast a few hours earlier and now I had to rewrite a story before deadline.

I did manage to recreate the story and it's somewhere in this paper. I just forget exactly where.

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

In Focus

By John Heider



Coleman Spas salesman Rick Latta relaxes during last week's Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center.

The waterless spa

Education tops state agenda



Phil Power

one — no one in this room, no one in this state can stand up and defend a school district that fails 80 percent of our kids," said the governor.

Next add those who accused the governor of thinly disguised racism. "Everybody wants to improve schools," commented Detroit NAACP president Rev. Wendell Anthony, "but when you cut through the smoke, probably all the districts he's proposing the state take over have a primarily African-American constituency."

Finish the exchange with Engler's riposte: "What is racially insensitive is to ignore the failing performance of African-American students. When two students in the Benton Harbor public schools pass their science test and 302 fail their science test, the insensitive person is the one who looks the other way and says that's not a problem."

Now consider the important event undergirding both the sound of Gov. Engler's speech and the fury of various reactions to it: For the first time in my memory, the performance of our public schools and what to do about it is at the top of Michigan's political agenda.

This is an event of the first magnitude, because it means that the political community finally has got the message that concerned parents and irritated employers have been sending for years: Our kids need and deserve the kind of education that prepares them to compete in an increasingly tough global economy.

How did this happen? Two factors come to mind. First, facts have a remarkable way of cutting

through the rhetorical fog.

- Although Benton Harbor was the only district in which 90 percent of all students failed the state high school proficiency exam in all four areas tested — reading, writing, science and math — the facts are that in 117 of Michigan's 555 K-12 school districts, 80 percent of students failed to earn proficient scores in at least one subject.
- In eight districts, 80 percent of students (linked in all four subjects, while in 31 districts, 90 percent of pupils failed in one or more subjects.

These are hard facts to swallow, but they are facts. And facts, at the end of the day, must be faced.

The second point is obvious: No tests, no facts. Without statewide proficiency tests administered to all students in all schools, there would be no empirical basis for measuring and comparing what kids actually learn in our schools. And there would be no reasonable basis for translating the discussion out of personal anecdote and into the public mind and the political process.

For years, school reformers have been arguing that improving schools isn't rocket science. Decide what you want the students to learn (i.e., adopt a mandatory core curriculum). Then assess what kids do in fact learn (i.e., administer proficiency tests statewide). Make the results public, district by district and building by building (i.e., print them in the newspapers), then hold administrators, teachers, kids and parents all responsible.

I remember years ago when the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests first came out. Back in the early '90s, this newspaper led the fight to obtain the MEAP results and to print them, district by district and building by building. It wasn't easy; a lot of educators didn't want the light of day to shine on the results.

But after a while, even the big city papers got on the story. And the stage was set for moving the performance of our schools to the top of the political agenda.

That's what is truly important about the State of the State speech.

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

Evading question of who did firing



Tim Richard

"Workforce Resizing Program."

The ex-employees charge age discrimination. Nine, including Thomas Salkiewicz of Rochester Hills, hired Detroit attorney Rudy Hutzenz, a Troy resident who specializes in these matters. The case has dragged on in the bureaucracy and courts for four years. The ex-employees still haven't won, though they may be getting close.

The disturbing thing is that Ameritech claims it is doing well. Earnings were up 13.4 percent for 1994 (before an accounting change); revenues were up 5.9 percent to \$12.6 billion; chairman Richard C. Nidebaur reported 11 straight years of dividend increases; productivity was up 14.9 percent — "the most productive of the regional (Baby Bell) companies," he boasted.

But jobs? That was a far different story, told in charts rather than the chairman's message. In 1987 Ameritech employed 78,510. By the end of 1994, there were 63,594 left, a reduction of 19 percent, with

Former employees of Ameritech, the telecommunications company, won a battle Jan. 9 in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

They were terminated, some involuntarily, late in 1992. Ameritech lacked the decency to say "fired," referring to it as a

There was no recession, like the auto industry suffers. Ameritech's job reduction was constant just as its dividend increases were constant.

According to the federal appeals court opinion, Ameritech designated an "at-risk" pool of low-performing managers, and company vice-presidents determined how many would be trimmed. Ameritech's 10-K report to the Securities Exchange Commission is worded to obscure responsibility.

In 1994, 1,200 management employees left the payroll as a result of an involuntary work force program. Reduction of the work force reflects recognition of technological improvements, consolidations and initiatives to balance cost structure with emerging competition.

Note Ameritech's use of impersonal, abstract words: left the payroll, recognition, technological improvements, consolidations, initiatives, cost structure, competition. The company simply won't admit someone is to blame for booting out thousands of presumably competent workers.

That point is important to the rather technical lawsuit: Ameritech's people don't write clearly.

Under a pair of federal laws called the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) amended by the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, the court said, Congress sought to "compel employers to provide data so that an employee considering waiving ADEA rights could assess, with the assistance of counsel, the viability of a potential (age discrimination) claim."

It works this way: Ameritech offered severance packages, accompanied by the job data that was supposed to be understandable; in return, the employees signed a waiver of their right to sue. The workers' suit argued that the data were insufficient, containing ages and salary grades but not "job titles."

Ameritech got rough, counter-suing the workers to recover the enhanced benefits they had received. The Court of Appeals ruled for the workers, saying they could continue their suit without offering to pay back their waiver benefits; instead, those sums would be subtracted from any final judgment.

The appeals court sent the case back to U.S. District Judge Averil Cohen in Detroit for evidentiary hearings on the question of job titles. Earlier, Cohen had ruled: summarily in favor of the ex-employees; now he will have to do some more work before ruling in their favor.

I have condensed four years of legal work, a 29-page court opinion laden with legal shorthand, and Ameritech's reports into one column. The points are that 1) Ameritech measures its health in terms of revenues, profits and dividends, not senior workers' jobs; and 2) Ameritech's writers deliberately dodge the question of who scrapped more than 18,000 workers in less than a decade.

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

Entitled to have my own opinion

To the editor:

Your paper asked them not to do it. I asked them not to do it, many others asked them not to do it.

Well, as you know, they are going to do it.

The Novi City Council is seeking bids for a market study, feasibility study, financial study and environmental study for a golf course for the North Novi Tree Farm Park, all under the pretense of fact finding for the public.

The first fact I asked them to find out was if the public wanted a golf course in the Tree Farm. (Emphasis on Tree Farm.)

Now Councilman Bob Schmidt has come forward with all the facts (as he sees them).

Bob fact: Total acreage of North Novi Tree Farm Park, over 500 acres.

Bob fact: 150 acres are needed for the golf course leaving around 350 acres.

Bob fact: Looking at a conceptual drawing done for the city by Farand & Associates, it looks to me like the course covers almost half of the park property.

The mayor says approximately 200 acres of this property is Shaw Lake wetland area.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis was quoted in The Novi News "an ice arena would take up too much of the property."

Bob fact: Impact on wildlife — enhance the wildlife.

E.R.: What does that mean, better looking wildlife. How did they ever get along without us.

Bob fact: Potential income approximately \$1 to \$300,000 a year.

E.R.: When do we get rebates on our taxes? Again why do a taxpayer-funded feasibility study, when Bob already has the info?

Bob fact: Advantage to Novi citizens 20 percent to 40 percent reduction in green fees over private courses.

E.R.: Let's see 40 percent of 0 is? But that's just me, let's check the Bob facts for others.

Bob fact: Potential golfers in Novi, estimate of 10,000.

E.R.: At the joint meeting of council and Parks and Recreation, he said 7,000 to 8,000 golfers and

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only 700 little league players. Looking at those numbers makes you wonder why we didn't build the golf course before the sports park.

(P.S. Don't put all 7,000-8,000 or 10,000 in the yes column. I know for a fact some of them signed my petition opposing the golf course.)

Bob fact: Precedence for municipal golf courses — most of Michigan's progressive communities have municipal courses.

E.R.: I have heard varying statements of this from Bob so many times it is beginning to sound like the winning child complaining, "He has one why can't I have one, too?"

Hopefully, the voters will get to decide.

Bottom line: I am convinced Bob Schmidt sees his opinions as facts and any opposing opinions as mindless emotional drizzle.

But I am educated enough to know I am entitled to my opinion and when allowed to vote will vote the way I want.

Chuck Tindall

Numbers don't support course

To the editor:

Re: Golf Course Gang's Boondoggle

One of the infamous "Golf Course Gang" members, Council member Bob Schmidt, took umbrage with the public's verbalized disapproval and stated he is personally convinced that a municipal golf course will enhance the quality of life in Novi.

It is such a lucrative and extraordinary deal that he is already predicting that with the proposed Novi Municipal Golf Course and Country Club that there will be all anywhere from 20 to 40 percent reductions in green fees over private courses (simply ignore that fact that city/taxpayers would have to pay off the bonding issue and staff salaries, and also forget about taxpayer private courses going out of business when they cannot compete with a

taxpayer-subsidized financial situation) and b) a zero tax burden on Novi citizens (in other words no tax money from this course coming into the city coffers).

Council member Schmidt seems to have some information that the general public (taxpayers) are not privy to. He points out a zero environmental impact on the surrounding area. Does he have an environmental impact study for this project? He mentions a potential income of \$1 to \$300,000 a year. Big, big money for a \$3 to \$10 million investment. Does he have financial projections and/or possible business plans for this project?

He talks about approximately 150 acres of land for a municipal golf course. Does he have some engineering studies and/or preliminary data results for this project?

Council member Schmidt and the rest of this appalling "Golf Course Gang" (Richard Clark, Hugh Crawford, Ed Kramer, Kathleen McAllen, Rob Mitzel and Kathy Mutch) seem to have their sights set on developing — come hell or high water — a municipal country club/watering hole at taxpayers' expense, and they continue to ignore the taxpayers, the newspaper survey results, and the own historical data. Why?

Why don't they discuss — in an open public forum (cabalcasted) — the golf course plans that the city Parks and Recreation had for the property next to Durbach Park. Why don't they discuss, in the same public forum, the city's foray into the proposed purchase of the Bob-O-Link golf course? Why don't they discuss — in the same public forum — the city's investigation into operating the Providence Golf Course?

Former city councils have looked long and hard at prior golf course proposals and the numbers are just not right for this kind of gamble. The bottom line is that this type of venture is a highly complicated, risky undertaking that could be a serious yearly financial drain on each and every resident in the City of Novi.

Joseph G. Toth

Former Council Member

Setting the tone for progress

To the editor:

Will the maxi grand plan succeed or fail? Only time will tell. This is only another phase in the history of our town (Novi No. 6).

The Harvest Land Co. (Levy property) story should be a very interesting one. This newspaper may play an important role in this story. How much information they can obtain from various sources can have an impact on the success or failure of this vast program.

For you outsiders, taxpayers, residents, citizens of Novi and Lyons Township. This property covers approximately 2,000 acres in western Novi and eastern Lyons Township.

In Novi, you can contact our mayor or city manager on anything in the operation of local government. They should talk to you or your group.

The grand plan (approximately six years ago) failed for several reasons. I was informed of No. 1 — Communications (or lack of). No. 2 — Paragon properties versus the City of Novi; No. 3 — misunderstanding of the council people, etc.

Two weeks ago, I found out that (Levy) would start affecting city planners, council in approximately 60 days. (This is a story by itself.) City officials have been aware of this project (RUD) for approximately two years.

Having been involved in one of the first RUDs (Village Oaks), this last RUD in Novi should affect many of us in southeast Michigan. One of the first things this newspaper should look at is the acquisition of 105 acres of land from the Harvest Land Co.

This is property on the east side of Wixom Road. The Novi School District and Parks and Recreation are involved. This should set the tone for progress in this process (or lack of).

Hopefully, I might have met with our city manager and mayor by the time you all read this letter. The art of communication between resident and their local government should help in balance between them.

Chuck Young

Winning national communicator awards



Mary Linda Calderone

You see, when cable came into the area in 1983, the contract with the cities of Farmington, Novi and Farmington Hills, specified that TV production equipment be given to the schools so that TV production could be part of the curriculum.

It was really a great idea because producing quality video encourages brainstorming, organization, problem solving and team work. All these traits certainly come in handy later on in college and in

the workplace — not to mention how much we use video in our daily lives.

Our schools are being nationally recognized for the fine work they do too. TV-10 for Farmington just won two awards in the Communicator Awards 1996 Television Commercial/Programs and Video Films Competition.

The Communicator Awards is a national awards organization that recognizes work in the communications field. Entries are judged by a panel of professionals who look for companies, organizations and entities whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry. There were 2,714 entries from 43 states in the competition.

"Farmington Public Schools: Together We Create the Future" was the award of distinction. The program is an informational video which focuses on how all age groups can be become involved in the school system. It covers topics like community education for seniors and commit-

tees residents may become members of that help design local schools as well as the entire school district.

The fine editing techniques demonstrated in the show were perfected by two very talented students, North Farmington senior Jeremy Roth and Farmington junior Jason Justman on the new state-of-the-art editing system.

In fact "Farmington Public Schools: Together We Create the Future" was so well received, that TV-10 is producing a monthly program stemming from the same concept called "In Touch with Farmington Schools."

"North Farmington Homecoming" also won honorable mention in the sports category of the contest. The program was 100 percent student directed and crewed.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the operations of Time Warner cable services.

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Northville's Gitfiddler closed down

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

Tom Rice likens his current business situation to a scene from the movie "Rocky."

"It's that scene where Rocky gets hit with a hard punch and goes down on one knee," explained Rice, who owns and operates the Raven Acoustic Cafe and Gitfiddler Music Store. "And just like in the movie, I have been knocked down to one knee, and now I'm getting back up."

It was nearly two weeks ago when Rice got hit with the heavy blow. He was looking through the Gitfiddler's financial statements and saw that the longtime Northville business was not making money. As a matter of fact, Rice related, the music retail business was costing him money - lots of money.

"Looking at the checkbook I came to the unsettling realization that I was at a crossroads," he explained. "I realized that the business couldn't continue draining my financial resources, and that I had to make a difficult decision."

So Rice, who has been operating the music retail business in downtown Northville since 1973, decided that if The Raven and the Northville Academy of Art and Music were going to be successful, he would have to close down the Gitfiddler.

That decision, he said, was the hardest one he's ever made in his life.

"I came into work Monday morning, sat down with the staff, and explained the situation," Rice said. "It was like the stock market had just crashed, and it hurt deep inside to have to close the retail side down."

By the time the day was over there only Rice and longtime employee Travis Goff were there to pick up the pieces.

He explained that the closing will have a positive effect on the music academy and the acoustic cafe.

Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure

A community-built play structure is being planned to honor former City Council member Tim Pope. Planning team members will be meeting with children, parents, teachers and other community members to gain ideas. The spring 1997 construction of the playstructure will bring together a vast cross-section of the community.

Below is a list of ways that you can become involved. Please return your completed form to the Novi Parks and Recreation Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please check box:

- ☐ Help coordinate the input of Novi children during planning
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- ☐ Help secure needed tools

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Playscape Progress

Here is the list of materials needed for construction of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape to be built in the Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier Roads in June. The playscape committee is seeking donations of these items, which otherwise will be purchased.

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Glider Ride	\$1,200
Climbers and more	
Fire Pole	\$425
Climbing wall	\$200
Suspension Bridge	\$600
Horse	\$600
Cargo net	\$625
Spider climb	\$700
Extras	
Telephone System	\$450
Music wall	\$400
Swings (8)	\$200 (each)
Tire Swing	\$900

DEQ takes public input at state hearing

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Stop the brutal federal environmental rules ... Help with the Rouge sewers ... Save Monroe County's groundwater ...

Everybody had a pet project to present to Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) when 13 top administrators sat together for a public hearing Feb. 3 in Detroit.

Director Russell Harding, the lightning rod director of DEQ since it was split off from the Department of Natural Resources 16 months ago, made on-the-spot assignments of staff members to talk to people who brought prob-

lems. The two-hour hearing was held in The River Place, a hotel built on recycled Stroh Brewery property on the Detroit riverfront.

"The (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency's standards on ozone are ill-conceived. Their scientific basis is extremely weak," said Richard L. Klimisch, a vice president of the American Auto Manufacturers Association.

"They will backfire and ruin the credibility of the environmental program," said Klimisch, whose members are the Big Three automakers. "Many states will be in hopeless bureaucratic traps" under EPA's new clean air rules. He asked MDEQ to help "bring

reality" to the federal rules.

"We, too, were concerned about the standards," Harding replied. "Citizens in southeastern Michigan should be concerned. The standards are unattainable. We're having a hard time understanding the draconian changes EPA is asking."

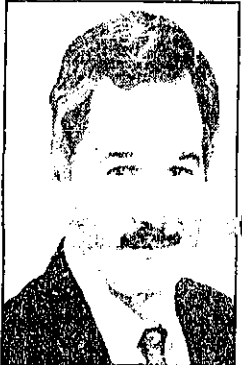
Meanwhile, in Washington, Gov. John Engler, who set up DEQ and tapped Harding to head it, circulated a letter among governors

with a list of grievances against EPA.

EPA is predicted to end state authority over a range of environmental programs because of qualms over Michigan's corporate "self-audit" program, which allows industrial firms to keep private their records on pollution problems. That law was sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and passed in 1995.

Frank Partee, of Ford Motor Co.'s environmental quality office in Dearborn, said he was "concerned" about coordination of air quality permits between Wayne County and DEQ.

Partee urged DEQ to simplify its regulations because "our nation has woven a web of single-purpose environmental laws. Many requirements are obsolete or duplicative."



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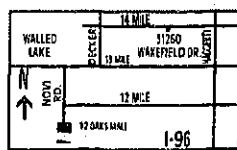
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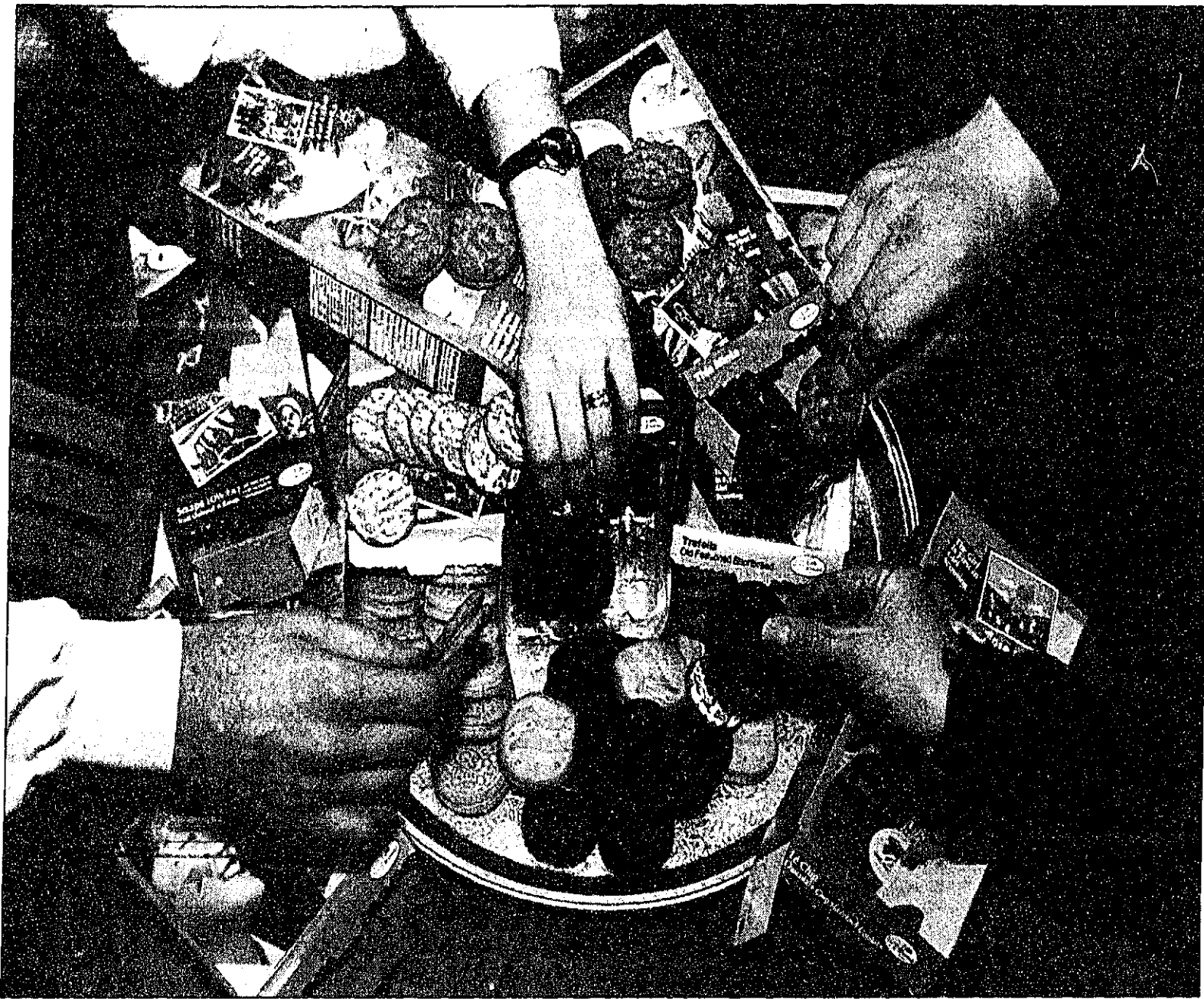
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This year's new cookie varieties include Iced Oatmeal Raisin Snaps, Five World Cinnamons and Le Chip. Thin Mints are the reigning favorite.

Blazin' Sales

It's the season
for those sweet treats
known as Girl Scout
cookies

The Girl Scouts have already gone door-to-door selling their celebrated cookies. But if a Scout didn't come knocking on your door, don't go into withdrawals just yet. Booth sales run during the first two weeks in March.

The Huron Valley Girl Scouts sold 936,252 boxes of cookies last year, according to public relations manager Char Luttrel.

"It is a wonderful effort," said Sue Walsh, cookie manager for Amerman Elementary, St. Paul, Our Lady of Victory, Moraine and Thornton Creek Elementary schools, all Girl Scout troops that are part of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

The rest of the Northville Girl Scouts belong to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council, as do all the Novi Girl Scouts.

The theme for this year's sale is "Blaze Your Own Trail."

"I think the people enjoy the cookies. It is critical for the Girl Scouts to raise money to keep their organization going to let them continue to do all the good things they are doing."

"It is something that everybody who gets involved in feels good about."

Depending on whether you are ordering from a Detroit Metro Council Girl Scout or a Huron Valley Council Girl Scout, new varieties this year include

low fat Iced Oatmeal Raisin Snaps; Le Chip, a chocolate chip hazelnut cookie; Five World Cinnamons with sugar; and a reduced fat Lemon Pastry Creme.

Also available are Caramel Delites or Samoas, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads, Thin Mints, Creme Assortment, and Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

Cookies are \$3 per box.

If you want to order Girl Scout cookies, call a local school and ask for a Girl Scout troop leader who can put you in touch with a cookie manager.

Around town, the Thin Mint is proving to be the

Cookie History

- Juliette Gordon Low, who founded the Girl Scout organization in 1912, helped them make and sell cookies in the early 1920s. The simple sugar cookie was made at home by the Girl Scout and her mother, wrapped in wax paper bags and sold door-to-door for 25 to 35 cents per dozen.

- The first commercially-baked Girl Scout cookies were distributed in Philadelphia in 1934. The first nationally franchised cookie sale was in 1936 and included one variety - a shortbread cookie. During World War II, cookie sales were temporary discontinued because of the shortages of sugar, flour and butter.

- The most popular Girl Scout cookie is a chocolate mint known as Thin Mints, which accounts for over 25 percent of all cookies sold.

- The average customer purchases five boxes of cookies.

- Little Brownie Bakers in Kentucky and ABC Interbake in Virginia supply all the cookies. Eighty cents is paid to the baker for cookies, for delivery and for other costs of operating the sale.

most popular cookie, which concurs with national statistics. The most popular Girl Scout cookie, the Thin Mint accounts for over 25 percent of all Scout cookie sales.

Tim Kirk at Town and Country Eyecare in Novi said his favorite is the Thin Mint. Kirk grew up with three sisters who sold Girl Scout cookies and fig-

probably keep him in cookies for years to come.

Novi High School Principal Arthur Miller is a devoted cookie buyer. He said he loves anything with peanut butter inside.

The Rev. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville purchases between three and five boxes per year with his favorite variety being the Thin Mint.

"They've been sold in every congregation I've ever served," Rev. Vernon said of his 30 years in the ministry. "You can't say no to those little gals."

Milan Obrenovich was first introduced to the cookies when he had a Girl Scout growing up under his roof many years ago. Once she left the nest, his neighbors kept him in good supply. As the principal at Novi Middle School, student Scouts often hit him up for a sale.

"If nobody approaches me, I go out looking for them," he said. "I guess we've become addicted to them."

One way or another, Obrenovich said he usually gets his supply and last year bought about 12 boxes. The Thin Mint is his favorite.

"They do disappear awful quick," said Obrenovich who tries to freeze a few boxes to bring out later. His family, however, thinks Thin Mints are great straight from the freezer.

Story by Carol Workens • Photo by John Heider

Volunteer



Eileen Dunn is a mentor for the youth assistance program.

Mentoring program is perfect for Dunn

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Eileen Dunn recently became a mentor to a young single mother as part of the Northville Youth Assistance program.

Founded in 1987, NYA provides volunteer mentors to youths and their families so they can move toward positive changes in their lives.

"The bottom line is that they (the volunteers) care about kids and people and want to make a difference," NYA Director Mary Ellen King said.

Although Dunn had experience doing volunteer work she had never done anything quite like this.

"It was something completely different and new for me to do," the Northville resident said.

Dunn attended a training class in the fall with about 10 other volunteers including a retired couple, single men and women and a stay-at-home dad. Some

had full-time jobs while others worked part-time.

Volunteers do a lot of role playing in the class with one person playing the part of the child and another person as the mentor in both positive and negative scenarios.

"It's real good practical training," King said.

Volunteers learn very encouraging and non-threatening ways how to talk to children so that it is not intimidating, so that they are more relaxed and feel more freedom to talk and confide with the mentor. The training program teaches skills that can be adapted to both children and adults, who have recently been included in the program.

"Any emotion whether sad or angry is OK and it's OK to talk about it," Dunn said.

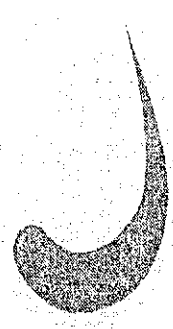
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Flowers, decorating at future Newcomers meetings

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The next general meeting of the Novi Newcomers and Friends will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Civic Center. Featured will be speaker Kathy VerMuelen, interior designer and owner of "Freelance Designs." She will give a presentation on fabrics, new colors, and accessorizing, with a question and answer period to follow. In addition, the evening will include a social time and refreshments. If you have never attended a meeting, plan now — contact president Diane Burek at 344-1147. The club's motto is "There are no strangers here, just friends who have never met." A flyer is available at the Novi Library with more details.

At the meeting, information will be available regarding the many interest groups. Meet some of the leaders of these groups in case you have questions.

The Civic Committee is looking for teams for the 15th annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon to be held on Saturday, March 15, from 1-4 p.m. Also, plans include "Flower Gardening" being presented by Brickscapes of Novi at the March 13 general meeting. Interest groups include baby sitting co-op, Bowling, Bridge, Bunco, Craft Cor-

ner, Evening Cafe, Euchre, a program called games, games, games, Men's Night Out, Mom's and To's, Morning Coffee with Kids, Out to Lunch, Pinocle and Play Group, A wine tasting event is set for March 1, call 344-1147 for information.

In the bowling interest group that meets Tuesday morning, two permanent bowlers are needed from 9-11:15 a.m. Once again, call 344-1147 if you are interested in membership and involvement in some of the activities.

NOVI CHARTER HOUSE

Recently the residents joined Activities Director Pat Gatzka in making baking powder biscuits for the Cook Club. Next week, Paul Kemp will be at the Charter House at 5:30 a.m., as the activities department is planning a pancake breakfast for both the midnight and those arriving for the day shift. Guests will include both nurses and aides, etc.

Later that same day, residents will be making special Valentine pins they will wear to the Valentine party on Feb. 14. The party will be held in the Rose Garden at which time all Valentines in the old fashioned Valentine box will be distributed. Throughout the month, the

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Community Council has made free Valentines for the residents in sending to each other and/or the staff. Entertainment that day will be provided by a four-piece band from Henry Ford College.

A new Bingo time will be at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and later that day, Daisy Troop No. 78 from Northville will be a part of the Kids and Kookies program. The troop and residents will decorate cookies together.

Special programs include the Pet-A-Pet group that comes in with their dogs, cats, etc. for the residents to enjoy. This program is held on the first two Saturdays of the month. On the third Saturday, members of the Community Council who volunteer come in at 10 a.m. and serve a mid morning snack of toast, jelly, jam, apple butter, etc.

A wine and cheese party with George House is being planned on Friday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. will be a floral demonstration by Bloom's of Novi. Families and friends are invited to come and participate with their resident. The monthly birthday party will be

held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, with entertainment by Cecelia Lee. One again friends and relatives are encouraged to come for the punch and dessert, and entertainment.

Novi Lions Club The Novi and Dearborn Lions Clubs will co-host the Michigan Eye Bank buffet dinner at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Park Place in Dearborn. This will mark the 7th annual Michigan Eye Bank buffet dinner. Those wishing to attend can contact "Doc" Barr or Stan Daniels.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Soup Troop will provide a meal at the Soup Kitchen located at St. Leo's Church on Saturday, Feb. 8. Last year they supplied 3,200 meals, Christmas gills, and prayer partners to those who come to St. Leo's. Several ways individuals can help is by volunteering to help prepare and serve the meal. More information can be obtained by calling the church at 349-8847.

Needed food and supplies include creamy peanut butter, Tang, grape jelly, napkins, paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and

coffee. Also needed are cookie makers and cupcake bakers. Anyone wanting to donate food or clothing can leave their donation in the church lobby. Men's clothes are especially in need.

The church is also involved in a project called "Interfaith Rotating Shelter," providing shelter to 60-100 homeless starting with the evening meal on Sunday, April 6, and ends with breakfast on Sunday, April 13. The Cass Methodist Homeless Drop-In Center in Detroit is coordinating this program which provides counseling for jobs, finances, and substance abuse as well as housing placement for homeless people.

The homeless will arrive by bus at the church about 4:30 p.m. during the week of April 6-13, enjoy a church dinner and an evening of programs for children and adults. In the morning, they will be given a bag lunch and transported downtown for jobs or spending the day at the Cass Center. If you not in to assist in this project, call Carol Ann Donnelly at 349-8553.

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

Dunn is finding volunteer work with family rewarding

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program in October, Dunn, the parent of two daughters 20 and 23, was paired with the mother of two young boys.

The mom is attending college full-time and has no relatives living nearby. Her two boys are also in the program and each have mentors.

"There was a lot that was overwhelming for her," Dunn said. "She is an excellent mom and doing an excellent job in school."

Although the mom sees Dunn one evening a week, she can reach her by telephone if necessary.

"I'm just someone that is there to listen to help out when it's necessary," she said. "It has been

beneficial for all of us. Her kids are wonderful."

In the few months that Dunn has been a mentor, she said she has noticed that the mom is calmer and feels more in charge of her life instead of allowing life to just happen to her.

"The children pick up on that too," Dunn said. "If you can help the parent, you help the family as a whole."

Volunteers commit to two hours a week for at least one year if possible.

"What goes on between you and the child, unless it is harmful, is confidential," she said.

"As much as I give to the family I am helping, I get back over and over again," she said. "It gives me

a wonderful feeling to know that the little bit I do makes a difference in their lives."

"You're not in it for yourself," Dunn said. "There's lots of support for you also."

Mentors have optional monthly meetings where they discuss problems and share experiences confidentially.

The next volunteer training session begins Wednesday, Feb. 26, and runs for five consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.

"If I can step in and make it a little bit easier then I've done what I set out to do," Dunn said.

Volunteers are needed so if you're interested, call King at (810) 344-1618.

Time to plan if you want to eat a Paczki on Tuesday

by CAHUL WUHNES
Staff Writer

There's plenty of time to start calculating how to cut back on calories over the next four days so that you can enjoy one of the 1,200 caloric Paczkis on Fat Tuesday.

Area bakeries and donut shops will have plenty of dough on hand for Paczki Day, Feb. 11.

Ann Quinn-Walling, the owner of Orphan Annes, will be up all night baking Paczkis for her Orphan Annes store, located at 24150 Novi Road in Novi. The

homemade strawberry, apple, raspberry and custard donuts will be available on Tuesday beginning at 5 a.m. and lasting until they are all purchased by customers.

"Sometimes they're gone by noon," Quinn-Walling said. "That's why it's important for people to order ahead of time."

Quinn-Walling anticipates baking 350 dozen of the authentic Polish donuts which have 1,200

calories a piece.

Special orders will be accepted. The cost is 95 cents apiece, \$5.40 a half dozen and \$10.80 a dozen. Call (810) 349-8890.

Farmer Jack at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road in Novi will have a large variety of Paczkis available, including cherry, apple, raspberry, prune and creme for \$5.98 a dozen beginning at 8 a.m. There is a 10 percent discount on orders of 10 dozen or more. Special orders are accepted. Call (810) 348-1750.

At Meljer, located at 20401 Hagerty Road, there will be plenty of Paczkis available although no special orders will be taken.

Shopping Center Market at 425 N. Center Street in Northville will be selling a variety of Paczkis for \$7.99 a dozen on Monday and Tuesday beginning 8 a.m.

At the Donut Scene there will be blueberry, prune, cherry, strawberry, jelly, custard and apple Paczkis, just to name a few. Paczkis are made at the Donut

Scene's bakery in Canton and will be available at the Northville store at 314 N. Center beginning at 8 a.m.

Special orders are recommended and the cost is \$6.25 per dozen. Call (810) 348-0006.

Dunkin' Donuts at 39415 Ten Mile Road in Novi will begin making Paczkis with all kinds of fillings on Monday. They will sell for \$7.99 a dozen. Call (810) 477-3978.

Heavenly Gourmet already has orders for 48 dozen of the fruit and creme filled pastries. Orders will be taken through about 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7. The two traditional Paczkis, custard and prune, as well as cherry, strawberry, raspberry, and blueberry, will be available. If ordered ahead of time the cost is 86 per dozen, otherwise it is \$7 per dozen or 70 cents a piece.

The store, located at 43053 Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, will open at 6 p.m. Call (810) 349-3566.

Scholarships are available for citizens

High school students who are U.S. citizens and have a grade point average of "B" or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship. To receive an application, send a request by March 15 to the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a

request to (847) 295-3972; or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecfll.com."

All requests for applications must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of high school, approximate grade point average, and year in school during

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As the Lenten Season brings with Ash Wednesday, there will be an Ash Wednesday Devotional/Communion Service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. "Music to My Ears: Using Your Voice for Successful Communication," with speaker Marketa Reigh, or an open forum on "Do We Really Want to Get Married Again? Part I" will be the topics for the Single Place meeting in Ball Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Sports events for the month include bowling on Feb. 14 and 28 and volleyball on Feb. 21. Bowling is at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$6 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Reverend Paul Clough will lead with Scripture messages relevant to single living.

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

On Feb. 11 Ted Rogowski will discuss co-dependency and relationship addictions from 7:30 until 10 p.m. in Knox Hall. Free child care is available.

On Feb. 18, a hayride has been planned beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$19.25 per person. Tickets are available at the Single Point office. For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

Each Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, pinocle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

Singles Night at Mt. Brighton Ski Area will be Saturday, Feb. 8, and include downhill skiing, partying and dancing.

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

The **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT** is for single Catholics 21 and older who have earned bachelors degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Indoor volleyball will be held on Feb. 11 and 25 from 7:30 until 9 p.m. at Birney Middle School, located on the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Evergreen.

Bowling begins at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road, one half mile west of Livernois in Troy. The cost is \$9 for three games and pizza. Shoes are extra.

The general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room at the Farmington Beehouse located at 28975 Grand River. Dinner can be purchased at 6 p.m. and taken to the banquet room.

For more information call (810) 271-4213.

U.S. SINGLETONS will meet at Merrivether's at 25491 Telegraph Road north of Ten Mile Road at 2 p.m. for cocktails followed by 3 p.m. for dinner on Sunday, Feb. 9.

For more information, write U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

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

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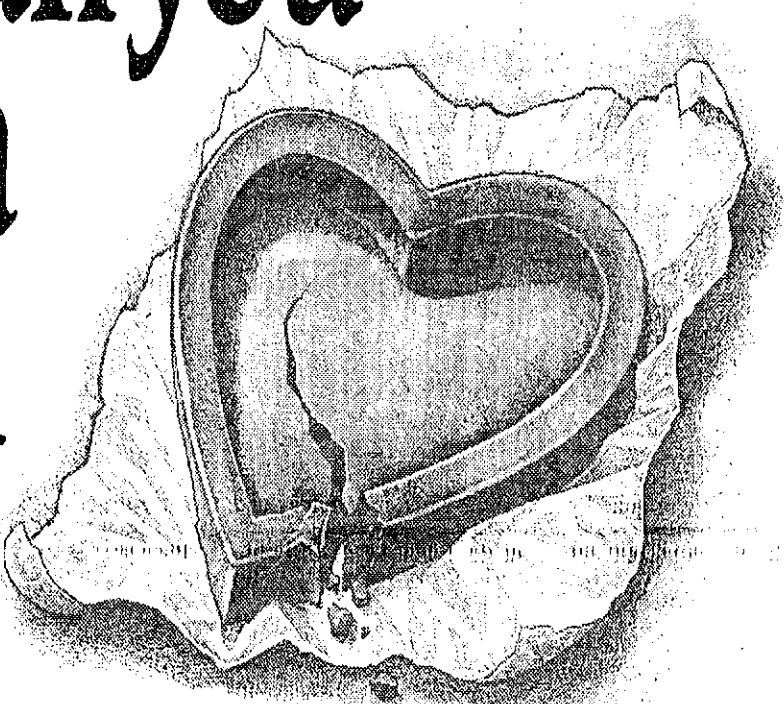
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Hello from Disney World

Disney's Dark Wing Duck welcomed Colleen Bulla of Novi when she was honored as "Sorcerer of the day" at Disney's Contemporary Resort in November in celebration of Walt Disney World's 25th anniversary. Bulla was accompanied on the trip by Gary Minck and Renee Blye from Dearborn. The Bulla family received a signed certificate

naming them as "Honorary Citizens" as well as a paver which will be engraved with their name and hometown. The paver will be placed in the Contemporary walkway. Other Disney characters also welcomed the family to the resort as well as a cheering crowd of cast members who presented them with balloons, pins and a commemorative coin.

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Pompon girls take advantage of trip

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of the nine Novi and Northville pompon girls who went to Washington in January.

All were members of Farmington's Mid-American Pompon All Star Team who performed during the 1.9 mile Inaugural Parade route in Washington, D.C., which took about 45 minutes to complete.

Northville residents and Northville High School students, Sara Conley, Natalie Dickinson, Andrea Hananka, Mercy High School student Kristen Winter, and Novi High School students Maria Hernandez, Kelly Harfoot, Jessie Hubel, Meghann Moose and Michelle Thompson practiced for the Inaugural Parade at one six-hour session on Sunday and another four-hour session on the Friday before the trip. The night before the parade, the girls practiced outside their hotel room.

For Kristen Winter, a junior, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. "It was fabulous," she said. "The best thing was to be in the atmosphere of it all."

"Everything was so official and orderly," Kristen said. "It was kind of neat to have the experience of performing for the president."

Kelly Harfoot had been to Washington before so the highlight of the trip for her was just performing for the president and getting to see him.

"It was hard and very fast-paced," she said of the performance.

manoe, "but it was fun."

Meghann Moose shared Kelly's excitement at seeing the president. "If they had been on the ground level I probably could have reached out and touched him," Meghann said. "They weren't that far away at all."

"He was a lot taller," said Meghann, who is on the All Star Team for the first time. "I knew he was tall but in person he was a lot taller."

While in Washington, the girls went to the Smithsonian National History Museum, the air and space museums, the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, and the Hard Rock Cafe. They also set aside some time for shopping in Georgetown.

The opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime event with her friends is what Michelle Thompson, also a first-time All Star Team member, will remember.

"I was warmer than in Northville," Michelle said, "but it really wasn't bad."

"My toes were pretty cold, but by the end of the parade we were all sweating," she said. "It's like doing aerobics the whole length of the parade."

"It was a neat feeling," Michelle added. "I'd never been in a place with so many military. Security was so tight. There was military everywhere that you looked."

Another first-year member of the All Star Team, Jessie Hubel, enjoyed all the sights like the monuments, shopping and the White House.

"I thought it was interesting walking by the president only a



Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi High School students (not in order) Maria Hernandez, Kelly Harfoot, Jessie Hubel, Meghann Moose and Michelle Thompson participated in the Presidential Inaugural Parade.

street length away," said Jessie, who also caught a glimpse of Al

Gore, and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton.

On Campus

Named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College for fall '96 quarter were Novi residents: CASEY J. BEAR, freshman; KELLY KEARNEY, freshman; MATTHEW PARGOFF, sophomore; and PETER A. WICKMAN, freshman. To receive recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Bear is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth James Bear; Kearney is the daughter of Myles P. and Patricia J. Kearney; Pargoff is the son of Chris and Louise Pargoff; and Wickman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Wickman.

Baylor University recently awarded degrees to students at the close of the '96 summer session. Among those graduating was LISA MARIE MOORE of Novi. Moore received a master's degree in business administration.

MICHELLE L. WALTER of Novi was named to the Dean's List at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake. Students who achieved a minimal grade point average of 3.5 during the fall 1996-97 term received this academic recognition.

Walter is a senior at St. Mary's College.

JACKIE GABRIEL of Novi was named to the Dean's List at Schoolcraft College. She is studying for an associate degree in computer graphics technology. Gabriel also works at Schoolcraft as a receptionist and switchboard operator.

Gabriel is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School.

MICHELLE L. WALTER of Novi will serve as an intern with Northwest Airlines in Tokyo, during the spring semester through DePaul's Center for Management and Entrepreneurship. Walter, a junior at DePaul, is a graduate of Detroit Country Day School and the daughter of Robert and Linda L. Walter of Novi.

JASON W. WENZEL, freshman, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester at Albion College, advancing his overall grade point average to 3.894.

Wenzel, son of William and Nancy Wenzel of Novi, is majoring in economic management/pre-law. He is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School.

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Life is topic at club's meeting

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Single-digit temperatures may have kept some members of the Northville Woman's Club away from the meeting on Jan. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville but those who were in attendance were given three pieces of advice for living a happy life.

"Live, Love and Laugh—Keys to Lifelong Wholeness" was the topic of Sandy Baumann at the meeting. Baumann is a former chemistry teacher who is now in the health care field working with the elderly.

LIVE

Live for today as if there's no tomorrow.

"Anxiety is living in tomorrow with your negative imagination," she said.

To live well you have to have dreams. Live those dreams.

"There are some times that you just have to celebrate life and say the money will work itself out," she said.

It is never too late to accomplish something you have always wanted to do such as learn a musical instrument, or finish a high school or college degree. Life does not end at 55.

"There are things we can do and choose to do at any stage in our lives," she said. "And that makes us alive."

Enjoy your money.

For every two gifts you buy for someone, buy one for yourself," she said. "Give yourself permission to put a little extravagance on yourself."

Take time to savor.

If it is a nice day outside, Baumann suggests taking advantage of it because in Michigan, who knows when the next one will come along.

Play first and don't feel guilty about taking some time to rest. It's better for your health.

Children growing up are told they can go out and play after the work is done, as an incentive. As an adult, there can always be work to be done, so play first.

If you play first, you will be able to work so much easier," she said.

Leave a bookmark for the next generation.

Whatever you can do, whether it is to keep a journal or write an autobiography of the family, leave something for the next generation that says you were here," she said.

Men's and women's journals are different. Women especially should

keep journals because their impressions are different than men's.

"When you write your life story for your family it captures things no one else knows."

Don't hide from the camera. Let yourself be photographed.

"When your loved ones look at the photographs, they're not thinking whether you had a bad hair day, they're thinking that's mom, that's uncle, that's grandma," Baumann said.

LOVE

"Loving people first puts you in control," she said. "Don't sit by the phone and wait for it to ring. When we find support it helps us live and grow healthy."

"People who volunteer are more calm, have a better sense of self worth, better health, have fewer colds, and less pain," she said.

Petting a cat or dog lowers your blood pressure, according to Baumann. Watching tropical fish calms your nerves.

"That's why you'll see fish in a lot of places where they have long lines," she said. "They figure if you're watching the fish you won't notice it's taking 30 minutes to serve you."

Gardening is horticultural therapy.

"When you grow things it connects you to an expectancy of the future," she said.

Compliments.

The best response to a compliment is a simple "thank you," according to Baumann. If you don't accept compliments graciously, you may stop receiving them.

Give back a portion of what has been given to you and two people win," she said. "People are hungry for compliments. They are hungry to be noticed."

Children.

"Children give us a sense of connection to the future. You never know what difference your action can make for one person," she said.

Higher power.

Studies have shown that people



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Livonia resident and lecturer Sandy Baumann talks to an interested attendee at a recent Northville Woman's Club meeting following her talk on 'Live, Love and Laugh.'

who are active in a church have less depression, more social contacts, and don't feel as helpless, according to Baumann.

Practice forgiveness of self and others. If you're juggling too many balls, tell yourself it's OK when one drops. No one's perfect.

"There's a lot of things in the world you can't change," she said. "You can't change people who treat you lousy. You can hold it all in your heart and get heart disease. If you practice forgiveness something (positive) happens to you."

Practice thanksgiving. Thank God for wonderful things that happen.

LAUGH

"A smile fuels your brain into thinking that you're happy," she said. "It releases pleasure chemicals in your brain."

A smile is contagious.

Church Notes

The United Methodist Men's Organization at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will host the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the congregation for a breakfast at 8 a.m. on Feb. 9 prior to the service to celebrate Scout Sunday.

For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

A prison ministry meeting will be held at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, on Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The guest speaker will be Florida M. Andres, consultant for criminal justice and human services. Andrews was featured this past fall on the television show *48 Hours* and was also interviewed on local radio. For further information call June Clark at (810) 926-6525.

For more information, call the church at (810) 626-0372.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. at the Northville High School Auditorium. The opening series for February and March, "What Is God Really Like?", will explore the character and relevance of God. On Feb. 9, the topic will be "Personal: He is our Confidant."

There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods.

There will also be children's programs for ages newborn through 11.

For more information, call Bob Shirock at (810) 626-0372.

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Air Force Staff Sgt. **KAREN M. ROOT** has earned an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. She is a medical laboratory specialist at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla.

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DOWN-TO-EARTH:
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FAMILY-ORIENTED:
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LOVES COUNTRY MUSIC:
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ROMANTIC:
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SHARE FUN TIMES:
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THIVING NEW THINGS:
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INTEREST YOU?
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LOOKING FOR YOU:
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QUIET TIMES AT HOME:
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LET'S MEET:
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BELIEVES IN GOD:
Baptist SWM, 38, friendly, sincere, happy-go-lucky, respectful, enjoys archery, building models, walks, seeks fun-loving, respectful, truthful SM. Ad# 4225

POSITIVE ATTITUDE:
Protestant, easygoing SWM, 37, 5'6", outgoing, enjoys reading, working out, dining, dancing, music, seeks communicative SM, to be friends first. Ad# 1276

DON'T HESITATE!
Fun-loving, humorous SWM, 29, Catholic, enjoys music, movies, golf, video games, seeks SF, who loves laughter. Ad# 3729

JOYOUS AND FREE:
SWM, 22, Christian, fun-loving, caring, respectful, likes motorcycles, poetry, art, seeks serious, fun-loving, marriage-minded, honest SM. Ad# 1221

MARRIAGE-MINDED:
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Easygoing, employed SWM, 28, Baptist, enjoys music, drums, singing, bowling, sports, seeking sensitive, goal-oriented, outgoing SM. Ad# 4224

FIT THE BILL?
Humorous SWM, 31, Baptist, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, seeks easygoing, good-humored SF, 18-38, who is tall & attractive. Ad# 8919

ROMANTIC, HUMOROUS:
Spontaneous, warm, loving, active, old-fashioned SWM, 44, tall, handsome, sports coach, music lover, seeks feminine, hardworking SM. Ad# 1534

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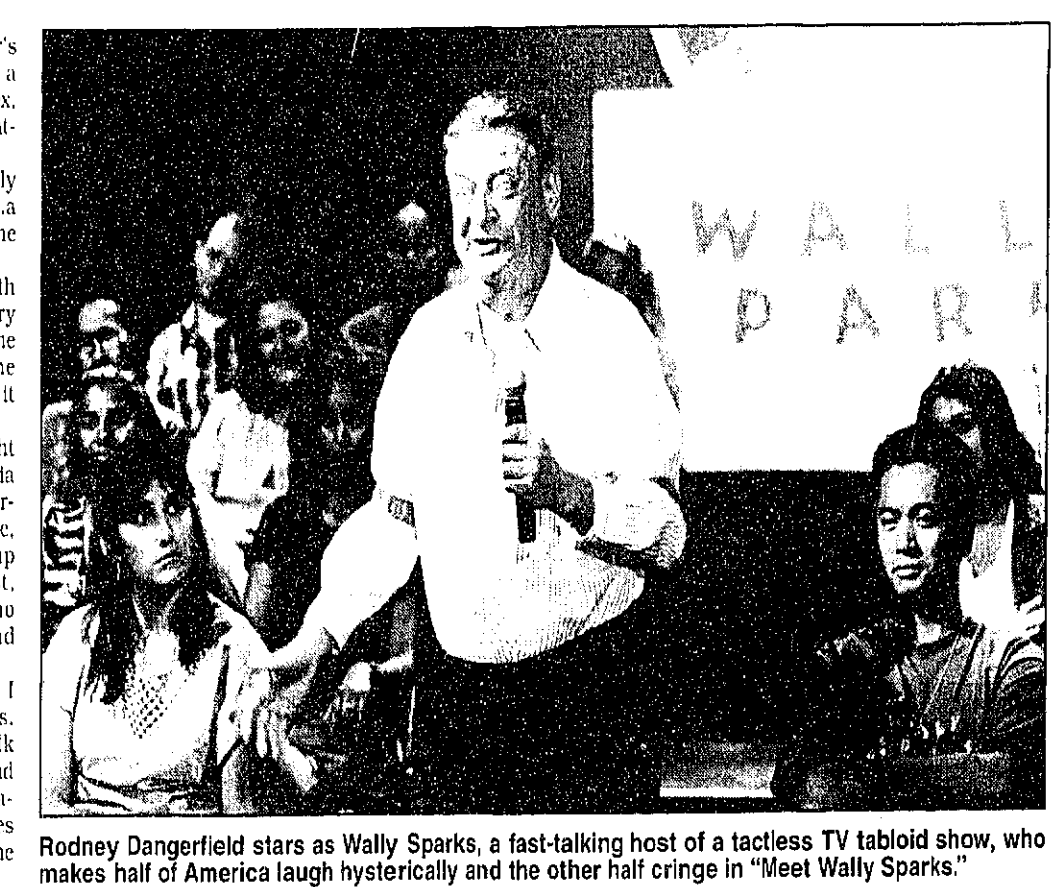
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Movies

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'Meet Wally Sparks' pokes fun at tabloid TV

Is America ready for Wally Sparks? Television viewers often accuse today's talk show hosts of crossing the line when it comes to good taste and wise judgment. Ladies and gentlemen...meet Wally Sparks (Rodney Dangerfield). A fast-talking host of a tactless, uncouth TV tabloid show, Wally makes half of America laugh hysterically and the other half cringe. Showcasing alien-lesbian Elvis impersonators and men in love with their wives' dogs, Wally's show doesn't just push the envelope of decency — it obliterated it. Starring Rodney Dangerfield, Bert Reynolds, Debi Mazar, David Ogden Stiers, and Cindy Williams, "Meet Wally Sparks" is a riotous comedy co-written by Dangerfield and produced by Leslie Greif ("Heaven's Prisoners"). The Trunknark Pictures release is directed by Emmy-winning Peter Baldwin ("The Wonder Years") and co-written by Harry Basil ("Ladybugs").



Rodney Dangerfield stars as Wally Sparks, a fast-talking host of a tactless TV tabloid show, who makes half of America laugh hysterically and the other half cringe in "Meet Wally Sparks."

'Scream' is best horror movie in years

SCREAM BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
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"Scream" might not have made any of the "Best Movies of 1996" lists due to its late release date, but it is definitely one of the best movies released in 1996...and the best horror movie released in a long time! Not since 1995's "Cape Fear" has a slasher movie been this creative and fun to watch. While "Scream" isn't as horrifying as Wes Craven's "Nightmare on Elm Street" movies, it is more, creative, suspenseful, funny, and overall, more enjoyable than any other horror movie released in the past six or seven years. Horror movies seemed to die after the death of its best villains: Chucky, the doll from the "Child's Play" movies, Jason, Michael Myers, and of course, Freddy Krueger. When "Copycat" came out, it looked like slasher movies were going to make a comeback. But with the lack of an audience, "Copycat" died just like the

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Theatre, comedy, music are all here

There's quite a variety of entertainment scheduled around town during the next couple of weekends.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE

Rumors. The Plymouth Theatre Guild's second production in its 50th anniversary season, has in its cast Northville resident Jerry Salas as Ernie Cusack and Novi resident Peter Hathaway as Glen Cooper. The Neil Simon play is co-directed by Karen Groves of Northville and Debbie Pletzer.

The play is set in the townhouse of a deputy mayor of New York City and his wife who plan to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. The party never gets off the ground because the host has shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing.

The deputy mayor's lawyer decides on a cover-up which gets progressively more difficult to sustain as the guests arrive and nobody can remember who doors slam and hilarity abounds as the couples get more and more crazed trying to sort things out.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on February 14, 15, 21, 22 and 28 and March 1, and at 6 p.m. on Feb. 23.

Shows will take place at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, one mile west of I-275.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door and are available at Sir Speedy Printing Center on South Main Street in Plymouth and Piccadilly Petal Flowers in the Canton Sears Center on Ford Road in Canton. Group rates are available.

For more information call (810) 349-7110.

GENITTI'S

Entertainment listing

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSE SOCIETY: On Thursday, Feb. 6, the Roses-West Society will feature rose expert Dick Schmidt in a program entitled "Marvelous Miniature Roses" at the Novi Community Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Admission will be free to guests. Call (810) 347-0400.

EASY GARDEN DESIGN: Janet Macunovich will present a one and a half hour free seminar at garden-viewers, 202 W. Main Street in Northville, on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. Macunovich is a newspaper columnist, radio talk show host, author and master gardener.

Reservations are recommended because of limited space availability. Call (810) 380-8881.

COOKING CLASSES: Kitchen Glamour continues its series of cooking classes with quick low-fat recipes with Weight Watchers' consultant Ruth Johnson.

February classes include author and television personality Jacquelyn Bowman Outright on cooking for the '90s on Feb. 11; Chef Larry Jones with homemade meatloaves with winter veggies on Feb. 18; and "Dolly Matolain with Armenian traditional Middle-Eastern flavors on Feb. 25.

The series of 13 classes is \$35 or \$3 per class per person. For details, call (810) 380-8600.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS:

Vic's World Class Market will host winemaker Tim Mondavi from the Robert Mondavi Winery Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Mondavi will be accompanied by his personal chef and will be conducting a cooking demonstration and signing bottles.

Vic's World Class Market is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi. Call (810) 305-7333.

MUSIC



Peter Hathaway (left) and Jerry Salas have been cast in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's play 'Rumors' which begins its three-week run Feb. 14 at the Water Tower in Northville.

It's soup during the seven-course dinner at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall and Soupy Sales afterwards on Feb. 13 through 16.

Soupy's return visit to the little theater at 108 E. Main Street will include a good dose of Soupy's vaudeville-style one-liners and audience members may also be asked to help set up his punch lines.

For more information, call (810) 349-0522.

RAVEN

On Feb. 8, the multi-talented percussionist and vocalist Lorenzo 'Spoons' Brown will perform at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Brown's self-taught array of instrumentation includes spoons, bones, bongos, congas, timbales, maracas, slapsticks and the tambourine, to name a few.

Brown has played all over the

world. In Michigan he has performed with jazz greats such as Ornette Coleman, Lenny White, Marcus Belgrave, Ty Cool and Harold McKenzie.

His mastery of rhythms can be heard on albums with Hamilton Bohannon, Alexander Zojnic, Anita Baker, The Four Tops and Gladys Knight.

Currently, Brown performs with the Earl Kitchell Quintet and with master guitarist, violinist and composer Don Bur at local jazz clubs, public schools and for senior citizens.

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

In observance of Black History Month, the Orchard Ridge Campus will host a series of eight discussions on racism. The panel group will meet Thursdays, Feb. 6 through March 27, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. in Room J-117 of OCC's Farmington Hills campus.

The sessions are free and open to the public. Preregistration is required.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 17055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 471-7593.

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE:

Schoolcraft College celebrates Valentine's Day with a dinner dance on Saturday, Feb. 15, beginning promptly with dinner at 7 p.m. The Johnny Trudell Orchestra will provide the romantic strains for dancing.

Tickets are \$37.50 per person and may be ordered by contacting the Department of Marketing and Development or by calling (313) 462-4417. Credit cards are accepted.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-175.

COMMON ROOM:

Trinity House Theatre presents a variety of home cooked acts including stand up, improv, modern dance, alternatives to classical music, drama, comedy, story telling and the somewhat indescribable in Common Room.

Performance dates are Feb. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, located on the northwest corner of Six Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia. Call (313) 464-6302.

WIXOM LIBRARY:

Author S. K. Wolf will discuss her latest book, *Mackinon's Machine*, at the Friends of the Wixom Library's luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 1:30 a.m. at the Wixom Community Center.

Tickets are \$12 per person and are available at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail until Feb. 8. Babysitting will be provided, courtesy of Friends. A 50/50 Raffle will also be held. Call (810) 624-2512.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY:

The Detroit-Barbershop Harmony Society will present its 57th Annual Parade of Harmony on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15, at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The chapter's 50-man Gentlemen Songsters chorus, along with three quartets, will sing selections utilizing a Valentine's Day theme "Heart to Heart."

Also appearing will be the Ohio-based comical quartet Cornerstone.

Tickets are \$12 and are available from chapter members or by calling (810) 543-7099.

MARDI GRAS: Schoolcraft College presents good food, hot jazz, dancing and revelry at the annual Mardi Gras celebration beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center on Feb. 7. Tom Saunders and the Detroit Jazz All-Stars provide the dance music and the School Jazz Singers will croon classic jazz tunes.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be ordered by contacting the Department of Marketing and Development in the school campus at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia or by calling (313) 462-4417.

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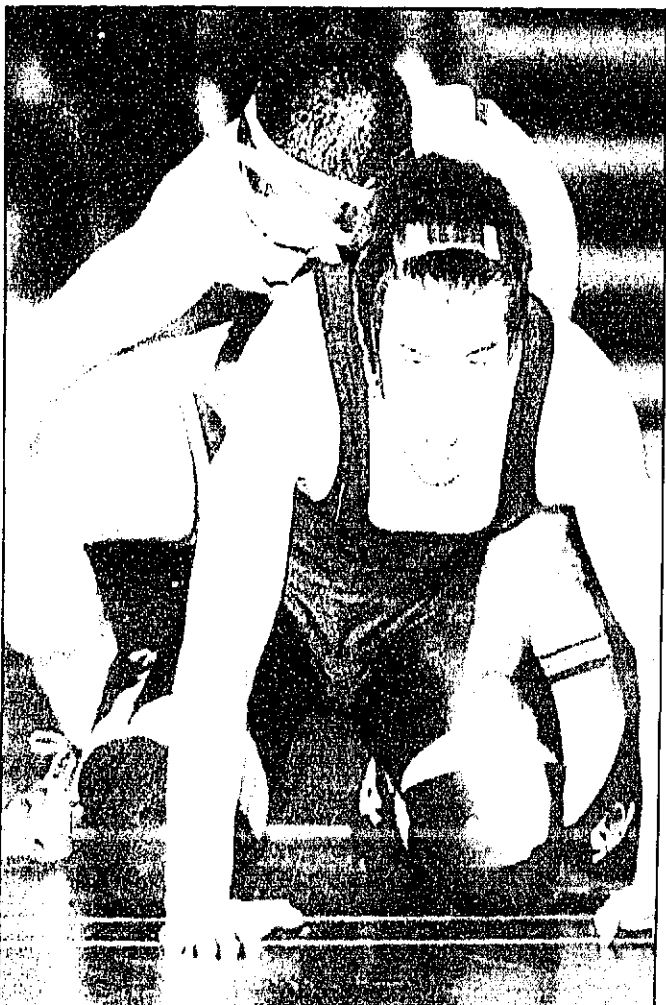
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Nick Simon (top) is Nov's 140-pound wrestler.

Grapplers keep pace in KVC race

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in the 103-pound match got Nov off to a 6-0 lead. But the Highlanders jumped right back to win at 112, 119 and 125.

Huss was upset at J. J. Balaghi's loss at 119 pounds. The Wildcat senior was beating Richard Blair when he was slammed into the mat late.

Huss felt the referee should've awarded Balaghi a penalty point and stopped the match for a moment for the wrestler to regain his senses.

"The only reason he lost was because he was out of it," the coach said. "He almost pinned the kid before."

Leamy Christoff, who is quietly having a fabulous season with a 25-2 record, beat Chris Triveller 4-2 at 130 pounds. Triveller came into the match at 22-4.

"It was a good win for Leamy," Huss said. Mark Churella fell by decision to Chris Mattie at 119 pounds. Nick Simon fell 5-2 to Craig Triveller at 140 pounds.

Taka Watanabe pinned Joe Avilla at 225 (140 pounds). Nick Wendt wrestled well against state qualifier Josh Dukes but lost 9-5.

"I love that kid," Huss said of Wendt. "He is so tough. He doesn't

"(Nick Wendt) is so tough. He doesn't care who he's wrestling."

BRAD HUSS

Nov High wrestling coach

rare who he's wrestling.

"We get everything he has to offer. He's all heart."

Jeff O'Sullivan took an 8-4 win at 160 pounds. Skip Becker won by forfeit at 171 pounds.

Huss took wins at 189 and 215 pounds to set up the heavyweight showdown with Faulkner and Shue.

NOVI 42 SOUTH LYON 30

The Wildcats started Friday's action by beating South Lyon.

Novi winners included: Jill (103), Balaghi (119), Ryan Reiter (125), Christoff (130), Simon (140), Watanabe (145), Becker (160) and Andy Kalik (171).

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Novi	7-0-3
Sayward	5-13-4
Brighon	4-37-6
Novi	4-35-8
Lakeland	2-5-7
South Lyon	1-51-8
Hartland	0-51-10

AREA LEADERS

Horizon (Brighon)	22.5
Hardin (Lakeland)	16.3
Terakade (Northville)	16.2
Dodge (Brighon)	15.2
Orion (Fowlerville)	15.0
White (South Lyon)	13.3
Demester (Milford)	12.9
Kors (Pinckney)	12.7
See (Howell)	11.9
Kearney (Novi)	11.9
See (Hartland)	11.4
Edmunds (Novi)	10.8
Nash (Milford)	10.5
Arroyo (Northville)	10.4
Blankenbaker (Brighon)	10.3
DeMaras (Fowlerville)	10.0
Porta (Hartland)	10.0

REBOUNDS

Hardin (Lakeland)	11.0
Edmunds (Novi)	8.3
King (Howell)	8.7
Henson (Brighon)	7.5
Lyskawa (Novi)	7.2
See (Hartland)	7.0
Martin (Lakeland)	6.0
Weichko (Hartland)	6.0
Nash (Milford)	5.8
Crawford (Pinckney)	5.8
Woodsum (Northville)	5.1

ASSISTS

Leppack (Hartland)	5.0
Fannon (Novi)	4.1
VanLoe (Fowlerville)	4.0
Nash (Milford)	3.8
South Lyon	3.4
Hille (Brighon)	3.3
Kardron (Northville)	3.3
Boss (Howell)	3.2
Kearney (Novi)	3.0
Hardin (Lakeland)	3.0
Leitham (Lakeland)	3.0
Buback (Hartland)	3.0
DeMaras (Fowlerville)	3.0
Demester (Milford)	2.9
Williams (Milford)	2.4
Phala (Howell)	2.3
Lakomagne (South Lyon)	2.0
Henry (Pinckney)	2.0
Henson (Brighon)	2.0
Rau (Pinckney)	2.0

STEALS

Sayward (Lakeland)	4.0
Fannon (Novi)	3.6
DeMaras (Fowlerville)	3.3
Hardin (Lakeland)	3.0
Arroyo (Northville)	2.8
Kearney (Novi)	2.8
Hille (Brighon)	2.5
Boss (Howell)	2.3
Nelson (South Lyon)	2.3
Nance (Pinckney)	2.3
South (Howell)	2.1
Henry (Pinckney)	2.1
Houck (Lakeland)	2.0
Bain (Lakeland)	2.0
Leitham (Lakeland)	2.0
Buback (Hartland)	2.0
Crawford (Pinckney)	2.0
Nash (Howell)	2.0
Porta (Hartland)	2.0
VanLoe (Fowlerville)	2.0

THREE-POINTERS

Terakade (Northville)	25
Demester (Milford)	21
Kors (Pinckney)	21
Hardin (Lakeland)	20
Williams (Milford)	19

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Weichko (Hartland)	65.0
Blankenbaker (Brighon)	62.0
Molander (South Lyon)	61.4
Hille (Brighon)	58.0
Manor (Hartland)	57.0
Seeth (Howell)	59.0
Lyskawa (Novi)	52.0
See (Hartland)	50.0
May (Howell)	50.0
White (South Lyon)	50.0
Henson (Brighon)	47.0
Dodge (Brighon)	47.0
King (Howell)	45.0
Rau (Howell)	45.0
Leppack (Hartland)	44.0
Nicholson (South Lyon)	44.0
Richards (Hartland)	44.0
Gray (Howell)	43.0
Nash (Howell)	42.0
Vaughn (Milford)	42.0
Cravens (Pinckney)	42.0
Orange (Pinckney)	42.0
Grande (Pinckney)	42.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Richardson (South Lyon)	100.0
Blankenbaker (Brighon)	93.0
Arroyo (Northville)	87.0
Cope (South Lyon)	83.3
Dodge (Brighon)	83.0
Phillips (Milford)	83.0
Orion (Fowlerville)	81.0
Woodsum (Northville)	79.0
Seeth (Howell)	78.0
DeMaras (Fowlerville)	77.0
Nash (Howell)	76.0
Phala (Howell)	75.0
Henry (Pinckney)	75.0
Henson (Brighon)	72.0
Martin (Lakeland)	71.0
May (Howell)	71.0
King (Howell)	71.0
Terakade (Northville)	71.0
Demester (Milford)	70.0
Nash (Milford)	70.0
Lyskawa (Novi)	70.0
Weichko (Hartland)	70.0
Kors (Pinckney)	70.0

TEAM OFFENSE

Brighon	65.0
Howell	60.8
Lakeland	55.5
Fowlerville	55.0
Milford	53.6
Hartland	52.0
South Lyon	50.1
Novi	47.0
Pinckney	44.8

TEAM DEFENSE

Novi	51.0
Pinckney	53.5
Fowlerville	56.0
Howell	57.5
Lakeland	58.6
Hartland	60.0
South Lyon	61.0
Brighon	64.0

WRESTLING

103 POUNDS	
Jill (Novi)	27-5
Arroyo (Northville)	15-7
Hill (South Lyon)	20-8
Bordenkrieger (Brighon)	17-8
Cozani (Howell)	6-3
112 POUNDS	
Torrence (Northville)	24-1
Nuwendt (Lakeland)	29-5
Wilson (South Lyon)	13-7

215 POUNDS

Koval (Hartland)	22-8
Lawrence (Milford)	17-15
Szatkowski (Fowlerville)	17-15
Christensen (Novi)	15-13
Reedy (Pinckney)	16-15
Secoo (Brighon)	10-3
Smith (Howell)	9-7

119 POUNDS

Williams (Fowlerville)	33-0
Srinaman (Northville)	20-1
Bar (Howell)	16-6
Cowan (Pinckney)	23-7
Amel (Milford)	23-7
Cushman (Brighon)	13-10
B. Dorezo (Hartland)	18-18

125 POUNDS

Monroe (Milford)	18-3
Trieneller (Howell)	20-4
Fench (Fowlerville)	27-6
Saran (Northville)	20-7
S. Dorezo (Hartland)	26-10
Tarot (Pinckney)	17-15

130 POUNDS

Christoff (Novi)	25-2
Mate (Howell)	18-7
Eman Long (Hartland)	19-9
Tanner (Hartland)	20-9
Gray (Howell)	21-12
P. Glyn (Brighon)	21-13
Scott Lambert (Brighon)	9-7
Wade Dana (Fowlerville)	8-7
Kath Wood (Brighon)	3-3

135 POUNDS

Seckthorn (Hartland)	25-4
Paul Gierapp (Brighon)	16-7
Long (Hartland)	15-7
Chavala (Novi)	19-8
Brown (South Lyon)	21-9
Scappato (Northville)	14-11
Chamberlain (Lakeland)	21-16

140 POUNDS

Lambert (Milford)	26-6
Simon (Novi)	23-6
Lusk (Hartland)	31-6
Jane Carl (Fowlerville)	17-15

145 POUNDS

Watanabe (Novi)	27-0
Graybeal (Hartland)	35-2
Marburger (Milford)	20-7
Anita (Howell)	17-7
Weisman (Fowlerville)	20-8
S. Kurkus (South Lyon)	17-12
Kearney (Brighon)	11-9

152 POUNDS

Selman (Fowlerville)	16-4
Dukes (Howell)	13-4
Kais (South Lyon)	21-9
Glyn (Hartland)	14-13

160 POUNDS

Frost (Hartland)	36-2
Webster (Novi)	31-2
Hicks (Fowlerville)	29-4
Kern (Lakeland)	29-7
Canady (Fowlerville)	13-7
Miler (Brighon)	8-5
McCaughan (Northville)	14-13

171 POUNDS

Rochowak (Pinckney)	30-2
Ondra (Northville)	21-4
Coker (Howell)	17-5
Ruesse (Lakeland)	24-8
Showerman (Fowlerville)	23-10
Craven (Hartland)	19-10
Ladew (Milford)	19-10
Kish (Hartland)	8-7
O'Sullivan (Novi)	7-7

189 POUNDS

Kuzinski (Hartland)	32-4
Arnold (Howell)	18-4
Weisman (Fowlerville)	18-6
Rean (Milford)	22-7
Shaner (Pinckney)	22-6
Plecia (Novi)	15-11
Blair (Fowlerville)	4-4

215 POUNDS

Novi	20-1
Evans (Brighon)	22-2
Wilson (South Lyon)	23-4
Schryk (Hartland)	27-7
Talbot (Novi)	19-13
Szym (Fowlerville)	15-13
Fortune (Lakeland)	19-14

HEAVYWEIGHT

Kerlor (Brighon)	22-2
J. Kurkus (South Lyon)	26-5
Pasay (Northville)	23-7
Shad (Howell)	15-9
Bowersox (Northville)	16-10
Faulkner (Novi)	15-11
Nelson (Fowlerville)	17-16

VOLLEYBALL

AREA LEADERS

KILLS	
Strazkowski (Fowlerville)	188
Mattman (Brighon)	141
Horgan (Brighon)	133
Ossola (Northville)	126
Dickson (Northville)	123
Jandasek (Brighon)	123
Daymon (Fowlerville)	120
Wolbrink (Pinckney)	96
Haver (South Lyon)	91
Drury (Novi)	91
Michaels (Pinckney)	91
Shaw (Brighon)	88
Kern (South Lyon)	85
Mata (Northville)	85
Giga (South Lyon)	84
McGinnis (Novi)	83
Derosa (Pinckney)	83
Hussey (Novi)	86
Aschenbrenner (Pinckney)	85
Kalto (Northville)	65
Masgale (Pinckney)	65

ACES

Patek (Brighon)	52
Qizkan (Brighon)	44
Horgan (Brighon)	43
Mallanor (Brighon)	42
Derosa (Pinckney)	42
Menghini (Northville)	29
Aschenbrenner (Pinckney)	27
Sammerio (South Lyon)	27
Discal (Northville)	25
Posner (Novi)	24
Giga (South Lyon)	24
Ossola (Northville)	23
Hesse (Novi)	21
Mata (Northville)	20
Kern (South Lyon)	19
Jaskot (Northville)	18
Roth (South Lyon)	18
Spirator (Novi)	17

DIGS

Discal (Northville)	163
Wolbrink (Novi)	154
Cook (Pinckney)	138
DeKoker (Northville)	136
Mata (Northville)	134
Jandasek (Brighon)	126
Osola (Northville)	124
Patek (Brighon)	105
Mattman (Brighon)	98
DeKoker (Brighon)	87
Kalto (Northville)	84

BLOCKS

Horgan (Brighon)	78
McGinnis (Novi)	69
Daymon (Fowlerville)	66
Strazkowski (Fowlerville)	57
Shaw (Brighon)	42
Patek (Northville)	37
Cook (Novi)	35
DeKoker (Northville)	34
Aschenbrenner (Pinckney)	33
Mallanor (Brighon)	29
Vesel (Pinckney)	26
Drury (Novi)	21
Jaskot (Northville)	20

Cagers edge Hartland 51-48

By SCOTT DANIEL

Sports Editor

Fate smiled on the Wildcat basketball team Friday.

Ahead by three points with just three seconds remaining, Hartland had a chance to tie the game. But an Eagle three-point attempt spun out of the basket as Novi scored with a 51-48 road victory.

"We knew Hartland wouldn't be an easy team to beat," coach Pat Schluter said.

Pat Lyskawa scored 14 points, Kyle Kearney 13 and Elliot Edmunds 12 to lead the Wildcats. It was Edmunds' second game back after suffering a month injury two weeks ago.

"He had a great game against Hartland," Schluter said of Edmunds, who sank 8 of 11 free throws.

Novi improved to 4-3 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The Wildcats host Milford tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

As for last week's game with the Eagles, the second quarter was key for Novi.

Trailing 15-14 at the end of the first period, the Wildcats took control in the second. Balanced scoring from Lyskawa, Kearney and Jeff Fannon allowed Novi to outscore the Eagles 15-6 in the period.

Hartland refused to quit in the second half, however. The Eagles cut Novi's lead to 39-33 by the end of the third quarter.

"The home team continued to whittle away in the fourth. The Wildcats hung on to a 50-48 lead with just 10 seconds to go.

Hartland then fouled Dan Colligan with three seconds remaining. The junior guard calmly sank the front end of a one on one free throw to put Novi up by three.

"The Eagles called time out, Hartland then got the ball in bounds and fired up a shot that just about went in at the buzzer."

Schluter said it was a big win for his team. Playing solid defense and offense was the key.

Fannon played well at point guard with seven steals, six assists and four points.



Brian Abbott scored 15 points in Novi's loss to South Lyon.

SOUTH LYON 63

NOVI 60

If the Wildcats get in the KVC race during the second half of the season this might be the game that comes back to haunt them.

Playing at home Jan. 28, Novi let an eight point lead slip away in the fourth quarter and eventually lost in double overtime.

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Elderly prefer assisted living

In the United States, more than 12 million people need assistance with everyday activities due to a chronic condition. About three-fifths of them are elderly - and that number could increase to 14 million by 2020, and 24 million by 2060.

When older adults can no longer manage in their homes, they must look to alternate settings. Until recently, these alternatives have been limited to living with relatives or friends, moving to an independent community, a board and care home, congregate care or a continuing care residential facility, or entering a nursing home.

These options, unfortunately, do not always meet an older person's needs or preferences. Most older adults want to live in their own homes, at least until they have no choice but to move to receive appropriate care. When they must

move, they usually want to avoid living in a nursing home.

For the past 10 years, providers have been developing assisted living in response to consumers' difficulty and/or dissatisfaction with the residential and institutional options for alternative, innovative health care.

Assisted living communities represent the fastest growing segment of the senior housing industry. Assisted living's philosophy is to provide physically and mentally impaired older adults the personal and health related services they need to age in a homelike environment, which maximizes their dignity, privacy, independence, and autonomy. They accomplish this by providing a range of personal and health related services designed to fit the needs and preferences of tenants in private residential units.

Some common services which assisted living communities offer include 24-hour oversight and emergency response systems, three meals a day in a group dining room, personal care, coordination of social services, social and religious activities, exercise and recreational activities, transportation, laundry, and housekeeping. Assisted living may include supervision and assistance with scheduled and unscheduled needs on a 24-hour basis.

Assisted living emphasizes an individual's right to decide his or her own care. Most residents leave assisted living communities because they need a higher level of medical care.

Before making the decision for an assisted living facility, check for:

- Location and appearance of the residence.

- Is the community well designed for resident needs? Check on lighting, easy-to-follow floor plans, elevators.

- Is there a procedure for assessing a potential resident's need for services?

- Cost and additional fees.
- Who coordinates home care visits?

- Features of individual units?
- Social and recreational services.

- Food service.

With the many alternatives available, taking time to fully understand personal needs and preferences is important.

Written by Linda S. Mlynarek. Mlynarek is president of Botsford Continuing Care Corp., which operates Botsford Commons, an independent living retirement community.

Tooth decay most widespread dental disease among American children

Tooth decay is the most widespread dental disease among children. However, sealants applied to a child's teeth can help prevent or reduce the incidence of decay.

Decay is caused by dental plaque, a thin, sticky, colorless deposit of bacteria that constantly forms on everyone's teeth. When sugar or foods containing sugar are eaten, the bacteria in the plaque produce acids that attack the tooth enamel. After repeated acid attacks, the enamel breaks down, and a cavity (hole) is formed.

The key to sealants is to prevent the decay before it gets a chance to start. Sealants are either clear or tooth-colored plastic material applied (bonded) to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where decay most often occurs. The sealants act as a barrier, protecting the teeth

from plaque and acid.

Why are sealants necessary? When the back teeth are developing, depressions and grooves form in the chewing surfaces of the enamel. These irregular areas, called pits and fissures, are impossible to keep clean because the bristles of a toothbrush cannot reach into them. Therefore, pits and fissures are excellent places for plaque and food particles to hide. By forming a thin covering over these areas with sealants, the plaque and food are kept out and dental decay is reduced or eliminated.

Both children and adults can benefit from having sealants applied to their teeth. But children with newly erupted permanent teeth receive the greatest benefit. Sealants are recommended for all children, even those who receive fluoride at the dental office or in their drinking water. Remember that fluoride fights tooth decay on the smooth surfaces of the teeth, where sealants work best in the pits and fissures of the teeth.

Sealants are easy to apply, with each tooth taking only a few minutes to seal. First, the teeth must be cleaned (polished), and etched (roughened) with a weak acidic solution to help

the sealant stick to the teeth. Finally, the sealant is brushed or painted on the tooth enamel and is hardened with a bonding light.

When the sealant is applied, finger-like strands penetrate into the enamel of the tooth. Although these strands cannot be seen with the naked eye, their protective effect continues even if the visible portion of the sealant is lost. As a result, it may be several years before another application of sealant is needed.

Sealants play an important role in the prevention of tooth decay. When properly applied and maintained, they can successfully protect the chewing surfaces of the teeth.

A total prevention program includes regular dental visits, the use of fluoride toothpaste, daily brushing and flossing and limiting the number of times sugar-rich foods are eaten. If these measures are followed and sealants are used on decay-prone teeth, the risk of decay can be reduced or even eliminated.

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Health Notes

Parenting for Dads

The Detroit Medical Center Health Care Centers-Nowi will offer "Fathers Who Care," an eight-week program on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m. in its second floor auditorium.

This parenting group specifically designed for fathers provides information, support and insight from other fathers and professionals.

Topics include how to be a dad, showing your child you care, talking and bonding with your child, seeing yourself as a family and more.

To register for this free program, call toll-free 1-888-362-2500.

The program will meet on Tuesdays, Feb. 18-April 18, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the DMC Health Care Centers on Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

Infant/Pediatric CPR

Providence is offering a course for those over 12 years old who are interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children 1 to 8 years old.

This course includes: lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video review. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask highly-skilled medical professionals questions throughout the course. The series will take place at the following locations on the following dates. There will be a charge for participants. For further information call 1-800-968-5595.

- Feb. 10 - Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi.
- Feb. 13 - Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills, 3005 Northwestern Highway.
- Feb. 18 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield.
- Feb. 24 - Providence Women's and Children's Center, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Nutrition Labels

A lecture entitled "Reading Labels for Your Child's Health" is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, Novi. The lecture is designed to help parents learn to read food labels and understand how to provide properly balanced, nutritious meals for their children.

David Segaloff M.D., a specialist in pediatrics, will teach parents how to "decode" the nutritional information provided on food labels and how to provide a balanced diet for the family. Dr. Segaloff will answer questions on current trends in eating and keeping healthy and how these trends specifically affect children.

There is no charge to attend but advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595.

Baby Basics

Providence is offering a workshop entitled "Baby Care Basics." The lecture is designed to help parents understand the changes that occur when a new baby is brought home.

Participants will discuss concerns about how to adapt to life with a new baby and the class will provide practical information about bathing, feeding, safety and health care. Time will be made available for participants to get answers to specific questions.

The workshop is scheduled at the following locations on the following dates:

- March 1 - Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi
- There is a charge of \$20 per couple to attend and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595.

Breastfeeding Prep Class

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a breastfeeding preparation class to expectant mothers who plan to or are considering breastfeeding their babies. This two-hour class provides information and encouragement to participants and will provide a forum to have specific questions answered by medical professionals.

Classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the following locations and on the following dates:

- Feb. 13 - Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi
 - Feb. 25 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield
- A small fee is charged for this class. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information.

Sibling Class

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a sibling class from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 8, in the miracle of life maternity center postpartum lounge on the third floor of the main hospital.

Cost of the class is \$10 per family. Registration is required. For more information, call (313) 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Prostate Screening Day

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free prostate screening day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the St. Mary Hospital pavilion. This free program includes a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational material.

Advance registration for this important health screening for men is requested by calling (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering 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.

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.

Prostate cancer support

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, the prostate cancer support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for additional information.

Pager rentals

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

Rentals are available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. in Novi.



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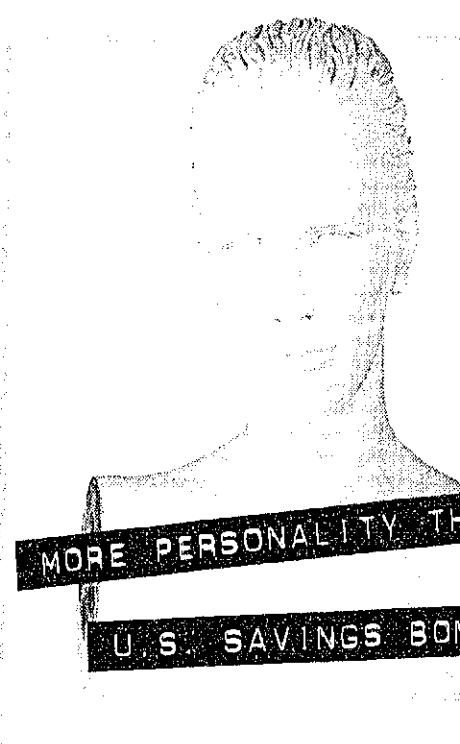
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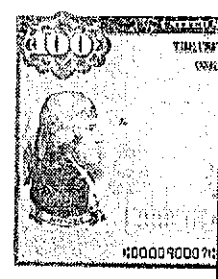
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