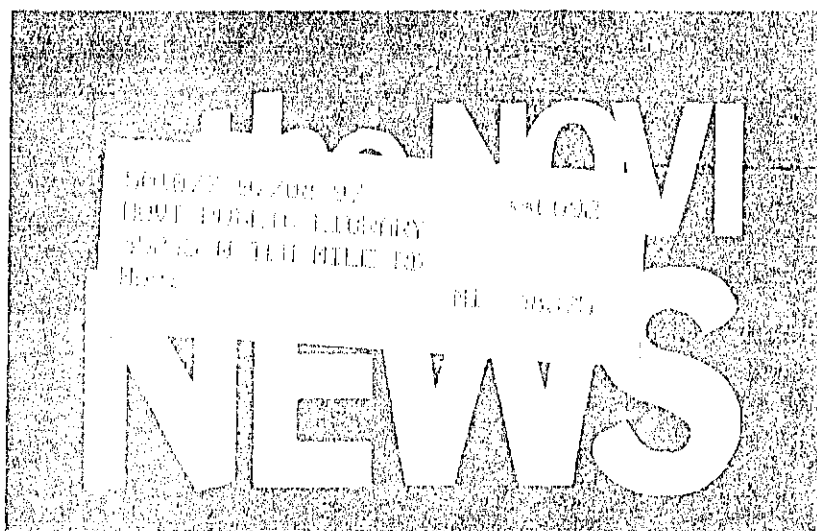


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Council gives thumbs up to city ice arena

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi skaters can begin sharpening their blades.

On Monday night, the Novi City Council unanimously approved a contract authorizing the local Building Authority to sell bonds for the \$8.5 million project. The council also agreed to use state shared revenue money and money from a local road fund to build a \$850,000 road to access the 15-acre arena site at Ten Mile and Novi roads.

While Council Members Bob Schmid, Richard Clark and Kathy Mutch expressed reservations about the project, all three voted in favor of moving ahead. At a March 3 meeting they balked at giving their approval, holding out for more information.

"This may be the most scary project that I have ever had the privilege to vote for," Schmid said. "I'm concerned for five years from now. I'm going to take the position that the experts know what they're talking about."

A preliminary site plan for the arena is scheduled to be before the Novi Planning Commission on April 2. With a target of opening this fall, the facility will be 77,000 square feet and offer two sheets of ice, each built to National Hockey League specifications.

Novi skaters may be excited about the idea of a new ice arena, but the general manager of the Farmington Hills Ice Arena says he believes the market is saturated. The story appears on page 16A.

Mutch said she found the additional data "reassuring," but she still had some questions.

"There are people who have worked on this for about five years. There are previous councils who have in good faith pursued this. I'm willing at this point to defer to their judgment," she said.

"I have some concern but I'm not sure there is anything I can do at this point."

Clark said that if the bond repayments of an estimated \$650,000 to \$700,000 are not met annually for the next 25 years, taxpayers will be liable to make up the shortfall.

"I think the projected figures are exceedingly rosy... Maybe private enterprise knows something the rest of haven't given that much thought to, they're not a great money-maker," Clark said.

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Chamber auction set for Saturday night

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is busy with the final preparations for "A Night to Remember," the chamber's annual charity auction and dinner dance held at the Novi Hilton Saturday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by the chamber, the night of auctions, raffles, dinner and dancing is a chance for the community to put on their finest cocktail attire and mingle.

"The public is invited. In fact we encourage them to come," said Diane Risko, chairman of the board.

Last year, 450 guests showed up to dine, clicker and dance the night away.

"It's a fun filled evening until the very end," said Risko.

Proceeds from the live and silent auctions as well as the raffle will benefit the Michigan Alternative Living Inc., a non-profit agency that is a leader in the mental health field. ACL offers programming in the vocational field, employment, supported housing, crisis residential, homeless shelter, residential care and

"We have getaway packages from Hilton Head to Orlando to Lake Tahoe to Las Vegas,"

Diane Risko
Chamber Board Chair

transportation in Oakland, Bay, Macomb and Genesee counties.

The auctions will follow a dinner of sliced tenderloin of beef and shrimp. After the auction guests can dance to the six-piece band White Lace, featuring Top 40 music.

The guest host for the night is Alex Delvecchio, former Detroit Red Wings hockey player.

It's all for a good cause and is tax deductible for a portion above face value.

Auction and raffle items for this year include an autographed bow and arrow from Ted Nugent, an Irish crystal Waterford Vase from Heslop's and a two carat diamond

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LIGHTS OUT



Norm Lampl knocks ice off and right a 25-year-old birch tree Friday in the Orchard Hills subdivision. The tree was covered in so much ice that its branches bent over to reach the ground.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Half of city lost lights due to ice

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
and JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writers

March let out a lion's roar last week, leaving about half of Novi without power.

Some 12,000 homes and businesses were in the dark following the March 14 ice storm. For homeowners on wells, that often meant they were without water as well as lights and heat.

Reminiscent of the blizzard on the first day of spring last year, many residents were neither happy nor prepared for the cold breath of winter.

By Monday morning, as many as 450 customers remained without electricity, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said. As of that night, the number had gone down to 75. Power was expected to be restored citywide by Tuesday, he added.

The ice and wind were predicted earlier in the day, but the elements wreaked havoc on trees and power lines. Unlike a tornado, the storm didn't follow a path through Novi; all areas of the city were hit.

For members of the Novi Fire Department, it was a wild and rugged 23 hours. The department had 74 runs from 12:39 a.m. to 10:43 p.m. that day, most of them storm related, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said. Forty-nine of the calls concerned possible downed electrical lines.

Calls of wires arcing, transformer fires and downed wires began to really pick up at about 3:30 a.m. and were at their heaviest between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.

The fire department asked several neighboring communities for mutual aid but only the City of Northville was able to respond.

"Every vehicle we had was in service. Cars, pick-up trucks, vans," Lenaghan said.

Firefighters or Detroit Edison officials guarded all electrified downed wires, he added.

"Edison was out here very quickly," Lenaghan said.

Some fallen lines were for cable TV or telephones and not hazardous.

Possibly the areas that suffered the most damage were in the vicinity of East Lake, South Lake

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Residents empower each other

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Bonnie Myers got a shop vac for her birthday.

It wasn't her first choice, but with inches of water rising in her basement and power out at her Orchard Hills house, she had to prioritize.

After a night filled with icy rain and high winds, many Novi residents found themselves with downed trees, flooded basements and no heat or electricity March 14.

Myers and her fellow neighbors banded together Friday morning and throughout the day to keep power running to sump pumps in an effort to combat the rising basement tides.

The pavement along Sycamore Street was strewn with bright orange power cords strung from the south side of the street to the north, where residents found sump pumps no longer working because of the lack of electricity.

"This is standard operating procedure," said Jacqui Schaefer. "The inside circle (of the subdivision) always goes out."

As neighbors walked back and forth to keep watch over each other, the icy trees rained down ice shards from above.

"This is ridiculous," said Gretchen Hedstrom, who has lived in her home for 15 years. "It's bad enough having the power go out, let alone having the sump pump quit."

Yet, across the street a neighbor with a bad case of the flu came to her rescue, as well as



Sycamore resident Elena Teran shared electricity with her neighbors during Friday's outage.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Bonnie Myers' rescue, providing plugs so the two homes could supply power to their pumps.

It's a familiar gesture that's been done more than once in the past. The north side residents discovered power was out about 4 a.m. but waited until they saw their friends across the street

were awake.

"This morning about 7 a.m. (our neighbor) came knocking on our door," said Elena Teran. "He was waiting for our light to come on."

"I think we have a unique neighborhood," Schaefer said. "We get so much cooperation between

neighbors. It's heart warming."

Schaefer was able to provide some help to a friend across Sycamore, and was one of the five or so homes that connected by power cord throughout the day.

"Peggy (Hoffman) and I are very close neighbors. This is about the

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 20

American Business Women's Association

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association celebrates "The Woman You Can Be" at its network mingle from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Dr. off Fourteen Mile Road between Haggerty and Decker roads. For information, call 348-2000 (days) and 486-0577 (evenings).

Optimist Club

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

Novi Board of Education

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

Walled Lake Board of Education

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

Saturday, March 22

Dinner Dance and Auction

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual dinner dance and charity auction at the Novi Hilton Hotel. The silent auction and raffles begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m., live auction at 8:05 p.m. followed by dancing to music by White Lace. Tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations are required. Call 349-3743 for reservations and additional information.

Monday, March 24

TOPS

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

Tuesday, March 25

ZONTA

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

Sixgate Composite Squadron

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

Youth Assistance

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

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W.

Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call (810) 476-5934.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School.

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

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

Wednesday, March 26

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

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

Business Network International

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

Sunday, March 30

Country Breakfast

The Sons of American Legion Post 224 are having a country breakfast from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 2552 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The public is welcome. For more information, call 624-9742.

Tuesday, April 1

Civil Air Patrol

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

Raising money for school computers

St. William School of Walled Lake will hold a live/silent auction to benefit "21st Century Computer Technology" on Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center. The event will also feature live music, a cash raffle and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For information, call (810) 926-9043.

We are very grateful for the generosity and support from the business community. All proceeds from the auction will be used to improve and upgrade our computer technology department. Our goal is to offer the best education to the students and future students of St. William. Staff event co-chair Christy Brown-Ambrose.

St. William School is a private parochial school, offering classes for students kindergarten through eighth grade. It is located off Pontiac Trail at 135 O'Flaherty St. in downtown Walled Lake.

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 Wayne Community Center
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 Unlimited \$69
 Non-Res./Non-Mem. 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 STEPS available on-site
 MW 7:15 P.M. STEP Circuit April 7 L. Prevost
 TH 6:30 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 L. Prevost
 Sat 8:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 12 L. Prevost

12-WESTLAND
 St. Theodore's Catholic Church
 (2700 Wayne, bet. Warren & Joy Rds.)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 D. Sheehan
 TH 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 D. Sheehan
SPONSORED BY: Parks & Recreation Department
 Bailey Recreation Center
 (3655 Ford Rd., E. of Newburg, behind City Hall)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 ** \$100 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
 MW 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 C. DeLuca
 MW 5:55 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 C. DeLuca
 MW 7:05 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 C. DeLuca
 TH 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 L. Prevost
 TH 5:55 P.M. STEP April 8 T. Barackman
 TH 7:05 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 T. Barackman
 Babysitting available \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family

14-PLYMOUTH
 Julian's Dance Extension
 (Plymouth Trade Center, 5282 General Dr., Suite 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 C. VanHoeft
 TH 6:30 A.M. Step Circuit April 8 L. Prevost
 Babysitting available \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family
SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation
 Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 M. Hopson
 TH 9:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 L. Prevost
 Sat 8:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 12 L. Prevost
 Babysitting available \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family

15-LIVONIA
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 (3050 Six Mile Rd., E. of Merriman)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 ** \$100 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
 MW 9:20 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 P. Peitz
 MW 5:50 P.M. Low Impact April 7 K. Kaley
 MW 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 K. Teasdale/Smith
 MW 8:10 P.M. STEP April 7 K. Teasdale/Smith
 TH 9:10 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 T. Brandon
 TH 10:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 8 T. Brandon
 Babysitting available \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family
 Faith Lutheran Church (30000 5 Mile Rd., W. of Middlebelt)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 7 T. Brandon
 Babysitting available \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family

16-SOUTHFIELD
SPONSORED BY: Southfield Public Schools - Community Ed.
 (Register through Southfield Community Ed. - 810-746-8700)
 1 day per wk \$32 2 days \$44
 Unlimited \$56
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 Brass/Lederle Comm. Ed. Bldg.
 (1875 W. 9 Mile Rd., bet. Southfield & Evergreen)
 MW 5:45 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 S. Reynolds
 MW 7:00 P.M. Low Impact April 7 J. Bovee
 TH 5:45 P.M. Low Impact April 8 L. Mackie
 TH 7:00 P.M. STEP April 8 T. Ristau
 Student must provide own STEP

17-FARMINGTON
 Pieminster (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 ** \$100 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
 MW 6:00 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 9 K. Blazek
 MW 8:20 A.M. Low Impact April 7 S. Kambooris
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 ** MW 9:35 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 L. Pierce
 MW 6:00 P.M. STEP I April 7 P. Kerwan
 MW 7:10 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 H. Jones
 MW 8:15 P.M. STEP II April 7 M. B. Bloom
 W 8:20 A.M. Aerobic Circuit April 9 S. Kambooris
 TH 8:30 A.M. Low Impact April 8 J. T. Vudja
 TH 9:35 A.M. STEP I April 8 P. Kerwan
 TH 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 8 L. Loxar
 TH 7:05 P.M. STEP II April 8 L. Gignac
 Sat 8:30 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 12 L. Burke
 Babysitting \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family
 Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile & Drake)
 (Call 810-563-9191 for more information)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 ** MW 9:20 A.M. Low/Hi Impact March 24 P. Carlson
 TH 9:45 A.M. Sculpt & Tone March 25 K. Harrison
 TH 7:40 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 25 K. Harrison
 Babysitting \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family
 Children's World (on Haggerty, bet. 12 & 13 Mile Rds.)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 NOTE: Class size limited to 15 registrations
 TH 6:30 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 25 D. Ljwiski
 Babysitting \$2.00 per child
SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center
 Farmington Hills Activities Center
 (28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C)
 1 day per wk \$43 2 days \$57
 Unlimited \$72
 NO CLASSES: March 29th
 ** \$100 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
 ** MW/TH 9:30 A.M. Aerobic Rotation March 24 Stok/Male
 MW 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact March 24 S. Williams
 TH 6:30 P.M. Step II March 25 P. Kerwan
 Sat 9:00 A.M. Low/Hi Impact April 5 K. Teasdale/Smith
 Babysitting \$1.50 per child \$3.00 per family
 ** Classes alternate between aerobics & Sculpt & Tone-check with instructors for specifics.

18-NOVI
 Novi Civic Center
 (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 810-347-6400)
 Non-Resident fee 20%
 Please bring a mat or towel to class
 1 day per wk \$43 2 days \$57
 Unlimited \$72
 ** \$100 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step
 NO CLASSES: April 8th or 9th, May 10th, or May 20th
 MW 9:05 A.M. Low Impact April 7 S. Brown
 MW 10:15 A.M. STEP II April 7 L. Gignac
 MW 6:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 L. Burke
 MW 7:10 P.M. STEP II April 7 B. Kabadian
 TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt & Tone April 10 S. Flanagan
 TH 10:15 A.M. Low Impact April 10 A. Wertheim
 F 9:05 A.M. Low Impact April 11 A. Wertheim
 Sat 8:00 A.M. STEP II April 12 B. Kabadian
 Babysitting \$1.50 per child
 Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)
 (Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 810-449-1208)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 Unlimited \$69
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 6:00 P.M. Low Impact April 7 T. Smiga
 MW/TH 7:00 P.M. Low/Hi Impact April 7 T. Smiga

19-SOUTHLYON
SPONSORED BY: South Lyon Community Education
 (Register thru S. Lyon - 810-437-8105)
 STEP aerobics: \$1.00 per week step rental payable to instructor
 Dolson Elementary School
 (56775 Rice St., S. of Gr. River, E. of Midland Rd.)
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 STEP aerobics: \$1.00 per week step rental
 MW 6:15 P.M. STEP April 7 P. Mason
 MW 7:30 P.M. Low Impact April 7 J. LaGriff
 1 day per wk \$19 2 days \$38 7 weeks
 TH 8:00 P.M. Water Aerobics April 29 A. Parsons

20-BRIGHTON
SPONSORED BY: Brighton Comm. Education
 (Register through Brighton Comm. Ed. - 810-229-1419)
 Lindholm Elementary (1010 State St., W. of Main, off of 5th St.)
 1 day per wk \$40 2 days \$54
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 MW 6:00 P.M. Low Impact April 7 A. Parsons
 B.E.C. (125 S. Church St.)
 1 day per wk \$32 2 days \$44
 \$100 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class
 TH 9:30 A.M. Low Impact April 8 C. Thomas
 TH 1:00 P.M. Low Impact April 8 C. Thomas

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Downtown plans 'will deliver' Evergreen readies for construction

By JAN JEFFREY
 Staff Writer

Look out, Royal Oak.

What was a glimmer in Novi officials' eyes some ten years ago, is now a preliminary site plan with official approval from the Novi City Council. And in the near future, westsiders may not have to trek to hip Royal Oak to browse trendy shops, coffee shops and eateries in an urban environment.

"Three years ago, Evergreen III came in. We are very proud of saying we are going to deliver what we promised, which is a downtown," said James Chen, representing developers Evergreen III.

"We believe this project is going to be very successful and an asset for the people of Novi."

Chen said the developers are eager to begin constructing Building Number 200-300, which will be on Main Street west of Vic's World Class Market, and a second building, Main Street Court, which will front on Novi Road in the space formerly occupied by the old Novi town hall. The two are part of an 10-building, mostly brick downtown with 495,000 square feet of offices and commercial space on 25 acres. Count in Vic's and the new brewery building and that number shoots up to 620,000 square feet.

"If you ask Vic (Ventimiglia) how fast we move, he'll tell you too slow. He needs a neighbor, he's lonely there," Chen said.

Construction is already proceeding on a microbrewery and Asian grocery store complex to the east of Vic's. The brewery is expected to open this summer. A Nevada Bob's golf store will also be in this building.

Here's how the new commercial and business heart of Novi's will look in the next century.

Main Street market:
 • Total value of the development is expected to be \$19-\$50 million.
 • Tax dollars to the tune of \$254,000 are expected to roll into the City of Novi's coffers from Main Street.

Main Street land:
 • 10.8 acres on the north side.
 • 14 acres on the south side.
 • A 0.12-acre city park for a landmark for the Michigan '50s Festival, near the pond.

Main Street buildings, at present and in the near future:
 • Vic's World Class Market: Already up and very much open, at 78,000 square feet.
 • Novi Tavern and retail: 46,000-square-foot building, including just under 6,000 square feet of retail space, a 4,600-square-foot brewpub, 7,200-square-foot brewery restaurant and a 11,400-square-foot Asian grocery. This is the building under construction to the east of Vic's Market.

Main Street Court: Fronting on Novi Road, a 23,000-square-foot building with a 21,000 square feet of restaurant space and 2,480 square feet of retail space. Restaurants to include Fifth Avenue Billiards and a barbecue diner.

Main Street Court will go up as soon as possible, giving the development its Nord Road presence.

Buildings 200 and 300: 147,000 square feet, to be located west of Vic's, this is another ASAP project for Main Street. This complex will include 49,000 square feet of office space, available for businesses, doctors and lawyers. Also, 73,500 of retail space and 24,400 for a variety of restaurants.

Buildings 400 through 1,000: In the more distant future, 325,000 square feet in area.

Another planning commission reason for not approving the preliminary site plan was that the unapproved Sixth Gate Drive will serve as an access to Main Street.

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total, including 107,800 square feet of office, 106,400 square feet of retail and 51,400 square feet dedicated to dining.

Main Street People:
 • Some 1,200 people are expected to work on Main Street, if the project has a 95 percent occupancy rate when completed. Because many of the businesses will be restaurants and shops, many of these employees will be working different shifts.

• The boys and girls (and adults) next door will live at Main Street Village. Main Street's residents will live in a luxury, 243-unit apartment complex to the south and east of the downtown area. Built by Singh Development Company, the project is expected to be completed this summer.

Main Street parking:
 • 2,207 regular parking spaces, including land leased from the Novi Fire Department's Station One.

Of these 410 will be underground, mostly for employees of the various office-based businesses on Main Street.
 • 51 handicapped parking spaces.

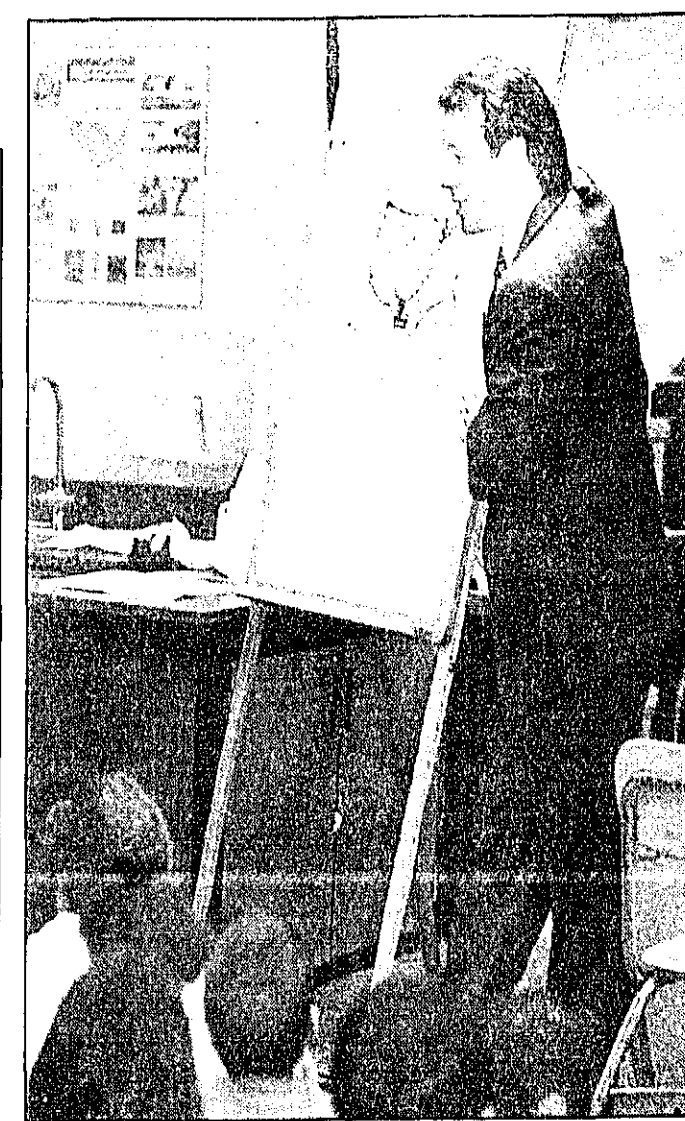


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Weather watch at the Woods

Detroit's Channel 7 meteorologist Chad Myers visits Novi Woods Elementary school students last week and explains - with the help of maps and charts - the difference between low and high pressure systems. Myers also predicted that there would be a five-inch snowfall later in the week, which brought smiles to the faces of the elementary school students.

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Man nabbed for fleeing, drunk driving

A 39-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving and fleeing and eluding police March 13, and had to have his clothing taken from him after he tried several times to choke himself with it while in the jail cell.

Police said the man was spotted by an off-duty Highland officer coming out of the Library Pub about 2 a.m. and getting into his vehicle possibly intoxicated. Novi Police caught up to the man at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile Road and observed the truck driving erratically southbound.

According to the report, the officer attempted a traffic stop on Ten Mile Road, however, the truck sped up and turned onto Riple Creek while shooting off its headlights. The officer observed the truck driving 60 mph in the 25 mph zone and called for back-up.

As the other officers arrived, the man pulled into the driveway of his home and got out of the vehicle. He threw what is believed to be the keys over the fence and insisted he had not been driving. He said he was fine and made it home.

He was asked to perform several sobriety tests and failed. He refused a preliminary breath test and was taken to the station for drunk driving, fleeing and eluding police and driving on a revoked license.

Police records show the man was restricted to driving only to work, probation meetings and to alcohol treatment. He was arrested in 1985 for driving while impaired, and in 1988 and in 1995 for drunk

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driving. A third drunk driving offense is a felony.

While at the station the man performed a breath test, registering 0.19 and began to have mood swings, telling police his life was over. Police said he attempted to choke himself with a jail blanket and his shirt and had to have his clothing taken from him for his own protection until he sobered up.

CAT ON A HOT ENGINE BLOCK

Novi Police removed a slightly injured cat from the engine of a homeowner's car on Arizona, March 12. Apparently trying to keep warm, police said the cat "seemed to have only minor injuries (lost fur)." The cat was returned to its owner. The car received damage to the fan belt.

BAD BEHAVIOR BARRED

Two young men were barred from entering Twelve Oaks Mall property for the next six months after they caused a commotion and were taken to the station for drunk driving, fleeing and eluding police and driving on a revoked license.

Police records show the man was restricted to driving only to work, probation meetings and to alcohol treatment. He was arrested in 1985 for driving while impaired, and in 1988 and in 1995 for drunk

have problems the police department needs to respond to those problems."

He said safeguards are now in place to prevent the instance from occurring again. Shaeffer was not hired as chief until 1991. A case management system now tracks the cases assigned to detectives.

Shaeffer said the department did not send the case to Tums with a request for a specific charge. The investigation has not directly tied the cases to any particular detective, said Shaeffer. He said he hasn't head anything from the office and is unsure what if any action will be taken.

In addition, police were able to bring to court, last week, two of the bad check cases from 1991 found in the file cabinet.

Remak Porozom, 34, of Wilcom, pled guilty to a reduced charge of

tured onto mall grounds during the next six months.

The men told the officer they felt mistreated and were told to take it up with mall security management by phone.

LAUNDRY ISSUES

Two Westgate VI apartment residents got into an altercation over use of the building laundry room. March 10, after one woman accused the other of using the dryer all day. The complainant began to remove the other woman's clothing from the dryer and the two exchanged words, the report stated. Later that day, the complainant called police to report someone put feces in her clothes in the laundry room. She was returned to its owner. The car received damage to the fan belt.

APPLIANCE FETISH

Unknown suspects took off with two kitchen stoves, two washers and two dryers March 13 after breaking into a Portsmouth apartment building under construction.

According to police, the incident occurred overnight and many people had access to the building.

STEREOS STOLEN

Stereo systems from two rented Chevy Lumina's were stolen from the cars while parked in the Hotel Baronette parking lot, March 12. Police said the door locks on each

net was discovered by an officer who was organizing the evidence room. The cabinet was tucked away behind boxes of old dead records and piles of dilapidated furniture.

Seeing the cabinet was locked, police pried it open shortly thereafter and found the cases.

Although police are unsure who the cases were assigned to, the department contacted several retired police detectives to ask about the file. Five detectives retired in January of 1996.

One of the retirees, Det. Max Roder, was in charge of the evidence room where the cabinet was found. However, that particular section of the room was accessible to all department employees.

The cases were left in various stages of completion. The file cabi-

of the cars were pried open overnight. There were no witnesses.

MOOP

Unknown suspects tossed patio furniture into the clubhouse pool March 8 at the Novi Ridge Apartment complex.

Police said the damage, near \$1,000, was caused overnight by suspects who threw the furniture into the pool and a wooden sign at a clubhouse window.

VAN RECOVERED

Novi Police recovered a stolen Dodge van belonging to a Birmingham man, however the inside of the vehicle was completely burned. Police said a Novi resident called to report an abandoned van in a field at Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, March 11. Police records showed the van stolen out of Hazel Park.

GUARD DOG

Man's best friend may have frightened off a would-be burglar at a home on Chestnut Tree, March 11.

Police said the homeowner left the home at 1 p.m. and returned an hour later to find a window open. Nothing was taken from the home, but the family dog may have thwarted the burglars efforts.

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

Novi Briefs

Landmark

Novi firefighter Ann Mikolajczak's sixth anniversary with the department is this month. She is the only fire department staffer to celebrate a March anniversary date.

Dancing daddies and daughters

Last Valentine's Day Daddy-Daughter dance, sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, was a smash success, with 255 tickets sold for the Friday night dance and 276 for the Saturday night swing. So popular was it that disappointed papas and their princesses were turned away.

Next year, the department is considering the addition of a third dance, to meet the demand, Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis noted in his monthly report submitted to the Novi City Council this week.

Playscape Progress

Organization Day

This Friday, March 21, is Organization Day for the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

This event is a milestone in the total planning process, as Leather's & Associates will be sending a representative to check our progress and to "map out a strategy for the final stages of our project."

Leather's will spend the day reviewing the site and final design, will meet individually with all the sub-committees, and help coordinate schedules, plans, responsibilities, and other details for construction.

The entire Playscape Committee will be meeting with Leather's Friday evening.

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INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS: Robert Knight, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bulger, Michele LaFleur, Isabel C. Collins, Mark Yergin, and Philomen and Nelson Abernethy.

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The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee would like to thank each donor for their very generous gift.

Children writers

The following article was written by two children (Lindsay Leinweber and Katie Soltysiak) who attended the Children's Committee Meeting held on Feb. 6. Anne Hartland chairs this committee and had both children, and their parents, attend. During this meeting, Anne had the children write news articles, make paper chains, etc. All intended to keep the children actively participating in this project. The Playscape Committee feels it is extremely important to keep the children involved, as (1) this usually brings their parents, and (2) this is showing them the "spirit" and importance of community involvement.

Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure

By LINDSAY LEINWEBER (age 10) and KATIE SOLTYSIAK (age 10)

The Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure was designed with the ideas from children. Children contributed their ideas and time to help create a playstructure for other children all over the community to play on. John Dean from New York came and turned all these children's ideas into real life. His final design was a child's wonderland. It has everything from slides to mazes. Plans can be viewed at the Novi Civic Center.

(On Feb. 6) the children helped again by making posters, a paper chain to go around the structure on opening day, thank you cards, and newspaper articles for the playstructure. You can come help build the design June 11-June 15, 1997.

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Files case sent to prosecutor

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi Police have completed a review of more than 120 old files found in a locked cabinet in October and have turned the information over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

"We're willing to see what happens," said Lt. David Butler.

Assistant Prosecutor Gary Tums confirmed that the case has been submitted for review, but refused to comment further.

Completing the investigation and taking it to the next step is a relief, said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

"We are very disappointed the organization didn't deal with the cases as they came in," Shaeffer explained. "We have a very strong commitment to the community and a responsibility when people

Grief support program set to help parents

New grief support program for parents who have lost an adult child begins Thursday, April 3.

This seven-week support and educational group is open to any parent who has experienced the death of an adult child regardless of whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago.

The classes will meet at Arbor Hospice, 2300 Parkland, Suite 200 on Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A minimal donation will be requested. For more information or to register, call Pat Bauer at Arbor Hospice (313) 677-0500.

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REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

By John DiMora

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 16. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 7:11 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 2.

Medical, 40233 Jefferson, 7:23 a.m., Squad 1.

Stair by Country Place, 10:54 a.m., Response 510.

Medical, 20931 W. Glen Haven, 11:26 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 11:49 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, noon, Squad 1.

Rubbish fire, 114 Parklawn, 12:11 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 30750 Grand River, 1:16 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25510 Fountain Park, 1:32 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41310 Bridge St., 1:34 p.m., Engine 1, Squad 2.

Medical, 44000 Twelve One-Half Mile Road, 1:54 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41800 Ten Mile Road, 4:06 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 43492 West Oaks, 5:22 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 6:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 21420 Novi Road, 9:12 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Twelve Mile and Donelson, 10:20 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:11 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 43550 West Oaks, 8:06 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Rubbish fire, Taft and Nine Mile Road, 9:40 a.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 24230 Karim, 3:18 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 22655 Heslip, 11:04 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 3:38 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 29701 Carousell, 5:22 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 24303 Knollwood, 10:48 a.m., Squad 1.

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 2:02 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 39502 Kartar, 2:15 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:50 p.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 25345 Taft Road, 10:44 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 11:20 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Service, 25667 Lincoln, 12:21 a.m., Squad 1.

Exchange program seeks for volunteers

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

WARM UP, COOL DOWN

One of the best ways to avert injury is to warm up properly before exercise and cool down correctly afterward. This means investing at least five to ten minutes in stretching and loosening muscles before taking the court or field. Doing so increases blood flow to reduce tension in the muscles, improve their range of motion, and may ultimately serve to increase performance. At the same time, the likelihood of muscle pulls, strains, and other injuries occurring is significantly reduced. Maybe even more importantly, muscles should be stretched after a workout because they have contracted during exercise. In fact, most repetitive activities can cause them to become permanently shortened. To restore balance to muscles, a session of stretching is critical. Otherwise, they are more likely to sustain pulls, strains, and spasms.

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Service, 39584 Blakeston, 3:48 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 6:03 a.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 10:09 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1-96 and Novi Road, 2:28 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:25 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 23890 Meadowbrook, 11:08 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 12:39 a.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 2:12 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Transformer fire, Woodingham and Echo Valley, 3:21 a.m., Engine 4.

Transformer fire, 30302 Montmorency, 3:34 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 20842 E. Glen Haven, 3:56 a.m., Engine 3.

Transformer fire, 40920 Malot, 3:50 a.m., Engine 1.

Pole fire, 1153 East Lake, 4:13 a.m., Response 507.

Wires down, Beachwalk-Building Seven, 4:14 a.m., Squad 2.

Tree burning, 42184 La Roi, 4:30 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires burning, 46120 Eight Mile Road, 4:42 a.m., Squad 4.

Wires down, 43443 Fonda, 4:56 a.m., Tanker 1.

Electrical fire, 29420 Meadowbrook, 5:04 a.m., Engine 5.

Wires down, 23201 Balcombe, 5:05 a.m., Squad 3.

Tree hit house, 43545 Serenity, 5:12 a.m., Response 507.

Fire alarm, 41671 Ten Mile Road, 5:36 a.m., Engine 1.

Wires arcing, Gilbar and Chattman, 5:38 a.m., Engine 3.

Tree burning, 1485 Paramount, 5:53 a.m., Engine 2.

Transformer fire, 44919 Steeple Path, 5:59 a.m., Squad 3.

Wires burning, 40009 Washington, 5:59 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 45046 Mayo Drive, 6:01 a.m., Engine 1.

Wires arcing, 24031 Glen Ridge, 6:02 a.m., Response 515.

Wires burning, 1513 East Lake, 6:08 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, Buckingham Court, 6:13 a.m., Response 505.

Wires down, South Lake and Henning, 6:16 a.m., Engine 4.

Transformer fire, West Lake and Rexion, 6:19 a.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, 21280 Coral Lane, 6:23 a.m., Response 506.

Wires down, 23729 East Leboist, 6:24 a.m., Response 508.

Wires down, South Lake and Elm Court, 6:26 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, Clark and Grand River, 6:30 a.m., Squad 4.

Wires down, 2283 Austin, 6:35 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 42170 Pelston, 6:37 a.m., Response 545.

Wires down, 41150 Twelve Mile Road, 6:39 a.m., Response 507.

Wires down, 44140 Marlson, 6:39 a.m., Engine 3.

Wires arcing, 134 Wainwright, 6:47 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 45046 Mayo Drive, 9:53 a.m., Engine 3.

Wires down, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 6:50 a.m., Engine 1.

Wires down, 23860 East LeBoist, 6:53 a.m., Response 508.

Wires down, 24340 Willow Lane, 7:05 a.m., Engine 1.

Wires down, 28665 Summit Court, 7:06 a.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, 1325 East Lake, 7:10 a.m., Response 507.

Wires down, 25610 Clark, 7:36 a.m., Squad 4.

Wires down, 1750 Paramount, 7:41 a.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, 1153 East Lake, 7:44 a.m., Engine 5.

Wires down, South Lake and Novi Road, 7:41 a.m., Squad 1.

Wires down, 21875 Novi Road, 7:48 a.m., Engine 4.

Fire alarm, 46845 Twelve Mile Road, 7:54 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 45146 Byrne Court, 7:56 a.m., Squad 3.

Wires down, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 8:12 a.m., Northville.

Wires down, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 8:17 a.m., Engine 5.

Wires down, 45045 Nine Mile Road, 8:21 a.m., Northville.

Wires down, 131 Rexton, 8:25 a.m., Engine 5.

Wires down, 204 Faywood, 8:49 a.m., Engine 1.

Wires down, 1K08 Monticello, 9:33 a.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, 44275 Twelve Mile Road, 9:48 a.m., Engine 2.

Wires down, 45046 Mayo Drive, 9:53 a.m., Engine 3.

Wires down, 23757 Maude-Lea, 9:55 a.m., Engine 5.

Wires down, Wixom and Grand River, 10:01 a.m., Northville.

Wires down, 48762 Nine Mile Road, 10:03 a.m., Response 519.

Medical, 21634 Taft Road, 10:21 a.m., Squad 3.

Wires down, 44200 Twelve Mile Road, 10:51 a.m., Response 505.

Wires down, Pleasant Cove and Novi, 10:51 a.m., Response 506.

Wires down, 25455 Clark, 11:28 a.m., Engine 3.

Wires down, 43573 Galloway, 1:14 p.m., Squad 3.

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Fundraising for baby proves successful

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Two women's campaign for the health of a baby boy as well as others afflicted with Histiocytosis, a rare blood disease, is proving that the community really does care.

"We've got a good response," said Debbie Marcum, a Novi resident, who along with Barb Cavallio is hoping to raise money for The Histiocytosis Association of America. "There's a jar at the (Lakeview Market) party store and we've got \$200 in donations."

"People have been most generous around here. It's just wonderful," said Marcum.

The women are publicizing the organization, which is in jeopardy of running out of money for research and member programs that provide support to children. They've sent out information to talk show hosts and national television programs. They are also asking friends and local residents for help.

That organization is essential to helping Cavallio's nephew, 15-month-old Jacob Dinkins of Willed Lake, overcome Histiocytosis.

Cavallio's brother Jim Dinkins and his wife Michelle, of Willed Lake, learned two months after their baby boy was born that the rash all over his body was a sign of Histiocytosis. It not only affected



Jacob Dinkins

the skin of his head, hands and feet. It was found in his bone marrow, in his lungs and in his bones.

In his short lifetime, Jacob has encountered countless chemotherapy sessions, the only known treatment for the disease, and taken many painkilling drugs including morphine for his pain from complications of the disease and treatment.

"He's doing better but he still has his good days and his bad days," said Marcum.

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Cutting the rug

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Dance at the Novi Civic Center. The dance was sponsored through Novi Parks and Rec.

Chinese eatery gets the nod for liquor license transfer

By JAN JEFFRIES

If you're not in the mood for Chinese food at the new China Cafe in Pine Ridge Plaza, you can order from the Korean menu.

And you'll be able to wash that down with a full line of alcoholic beverages, including Chinese Tsing Tao beer and exotic mixed drinks such as the lychee, with layers of plum colada and orange juice and the Hong Kong Donut, with cranberry and pineapple juices, creme de banana and rum.

Monday, the Novi City Council approved the transfer of a liquor license to the eatery. New owners

Susana and Kelly Chang have taken over the former Cicerio's restaurant and needed city approval to have the liquor license transferred to their name.

The Changs, both ethnic Chinese from Korea now living in West Bloomfield, are hoping Asian food will fill a niche at the shopping center that Italian food apparently didn't. Prior to Cicerio's, the 104-seat restaurant was Salvatore Scalapino's.

The China Cafe is expected to open within the next two weeks, Kelly Chang said.

Korean cuisine includes, along with beef and chicken dishes, Hai

San Tang or stir-fried sea cucumber, Nan Ja Wan Sea or Korean meat balls, and Pacific squid.

"I think that's something different from other Chinese restaurants in Novi," Susana Chang told the council.

Susana Chang is a past owner and manager of the New Mandarin Chinese in Farmington Hills where her husband, Kelly Chang, worked as a chef.

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An AARP Tax Aide workshop is scheduled for April 7, 1997. Representatives will be at the Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to assist with tax form preparation. Pre-registration is required, so call (810) 349-0720 to sign up.

Book talk

The next subject for the book discussion group will be *Moving Violations* by John Heckenberry. The group will meet on April 7 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. For more information, call (810) 349-0720.

Focus on the Family

The Novi Library will have representatives at the "Focus on the Family" workshop on March 22 at the Novi Instructional Technology center. Staff members will have books on parenting available for checkout.

National Library Week, 1997

National Library Week runs April 13-19 this year. The theme is "Kids Connect @ the Library". The goal is to encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers to bring children to libraries to help connect them with books, computers and other resources that will help them learn and grow throughout their lives. Activities will include:

Kids Connect Bulletin Board - Tell us your top five reasons for using the library and we will post your answers in the "real" library and in the virtual library (on our Web page, that is.)
Log-on at the Library Day - Wednesday, April 16. We will be offering two Internet demonstrations for "Log-on at the Library Day" at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Kids and parents or caregivers are encouraged to attend together. We will give some hints for how to search the Internet, and how to use it effectively. Sessions will be a little over 1 hour. Priority will go to Novi residents and card holders. Call the library at (810) 349-0720 to register.

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OCC Orchard Ridge campus needs update, not buildings

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

It's like a 1967 Mercedes car that needs valve and paint jobs but is still an marvel, said Dr. George Keith.

It is the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. Keith is president of the 13-building, 147-acre showplace campus at 1-606 and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Keith said 30-year-old campus, like the Mercedes, needs modernization and renovation to make user-friendly not only to the handicapped but to make a more "college" setting for older students and faculty members.

New buildings are not required. Keith told the OCC Board of Trustees at the March 17 meeting. But a lot of concrete has been and is being laid in drive-ways, parking lots, pedestrian walks and bridges, and a lot of climate control work must be done.

Keith said the major criticism of Orchard Ridge is that "it tends to be isolationist. We'd like to be more collegial." Student services (admissions, financial aid) should be grouped for "one-stop shopping"; two-person faculty offices would promote collegiality; each building should have individual and group study space, faculty meeting space and student lounge space.

Board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield asked Keith to present ideas for promoting non-student visits to OCC's most famous campus. "It's one thing to improve it, but let's let people know. That campus has had a big drop in enrollment," Wiser said.

With 7,000 students, Orchard Ridge houses OCC's Business Technology Center, English as a second language, Computer Information Systems, Hospitality-Food Service, Graphic and Commercial Art, Legal Assistant and Management Development programs.

The California-style campus has more students planning to go onto four-year universities than any of OCC's other centers - Highland Lakes, Auburn Hills, Royal Oak and Southfield plus the Pontiac Center.

Trustee Anne Scott of Royal Oak asked if Keith's group is considering changes in programs as it plans facilities.

"I'd like to say yes, but the answer is in-between," replied Keith. He said changes in programs will be designed into the buildings in projects scheduled for 2000 to 2002.

Oakland voters in 1995 approved \$35 million a year in new property taxes for seven years that are allowing OCC to renovate all campuses.

Keith broke down Orchard Ridge improvements into these groups:

- Pre-millage, \$4.6 million - plaza resurfacing, \$2.6 million; J Building, \$1.7 million; swimming pool, \$122,000. These were paid for from existing revenues.

- Millage projects accomplished, \$1.6 million - resurfacing of Oakland Drive, parking lot 2 and tennis courts, \$1.2 million; bridge, \$320,000; N Building roof, \$27,000.

- Board approved projects, \$4 million - H Building modernization, mechanical equipment replacement and doors, \$1.5 million; E Building cooling and heating, \$2.5 million.

- Projects awaiting board approval, \$3.3 million - I Building ventilation, \$300,000; resurfacing parking lots 1 and 3-6, \$2.5 million (see below); millwork, \$100,000; flashing and caulking, \$75,000; and unpried door replacement and A and C Buildings modernization.

- Under discussion - modernization of six academic buildings; electronic markers, repaving sidewalks, upgrading electrical work, domestic hot water units.

CONTRACTS LET

The board granted its construction manager, George W. Auch Co., authority to enter into design and construction contracts for projects on two campuses.

- Orchard Ridge - phase two parking lot work, estimated at \$1.16 million. It will cover the west parking lot, described as "badly deteriorated" with "inadequate" lighting. This will cover lots 3-6, listed in "projects awaiting board approval," above.

- Auburn Hills - site engineering for parking lot G and loop road, \$1.34 million. The north lot is described as "badly deteriorated" and "unsuitable in wet conditions."

The board authorized the college administration to enter into design and construction contracts for asbestos abatement on E Building and tunnel at an estimated cost of \$129,000.

IN THE BLACK

Chancellor Richard T. Thompson reported that \$22.7 million in projects have been contracted out for \$22.4 million, or \$311,000 under estimate.

"We're in the black," he said.

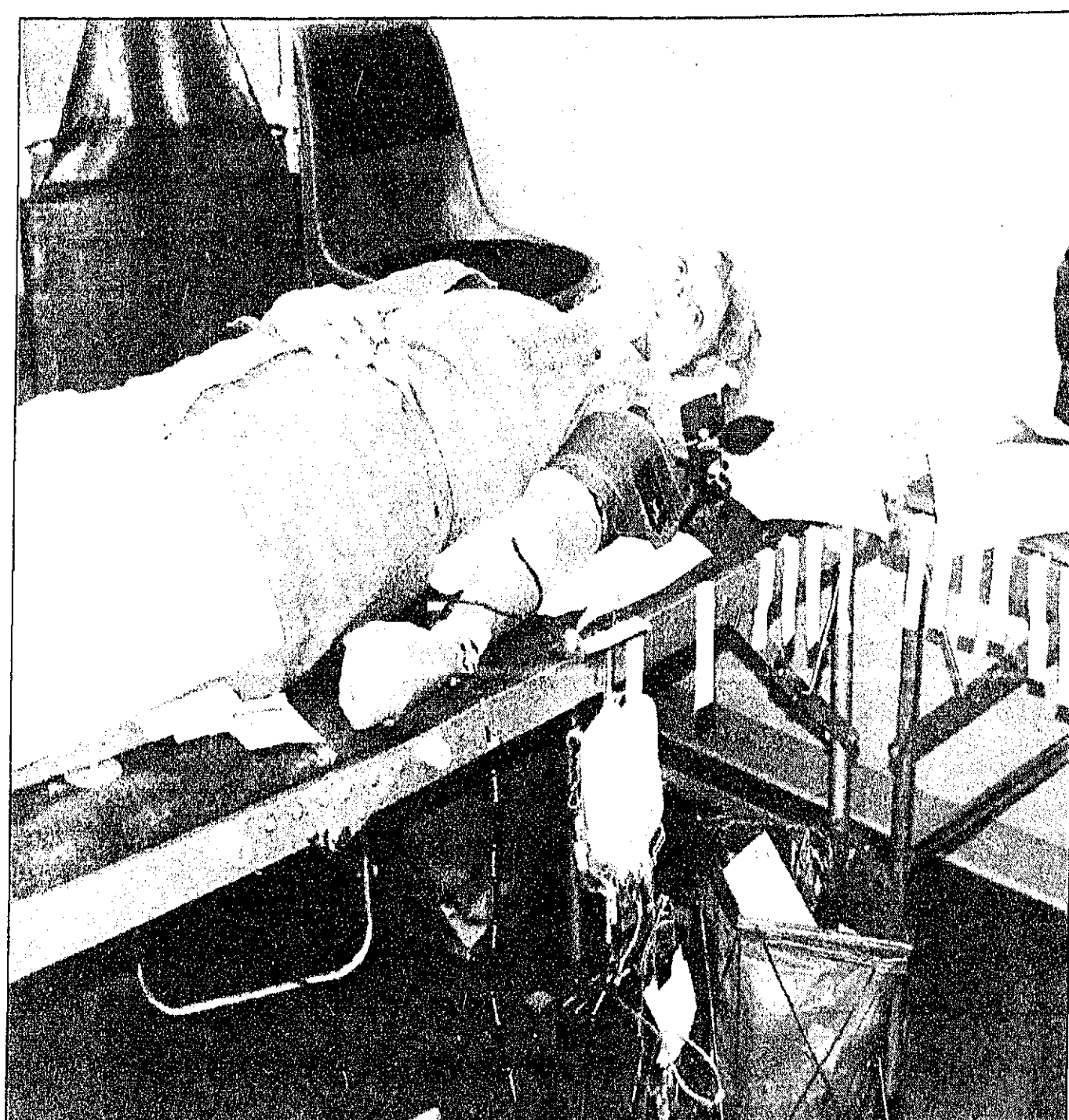


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Donating blood

Last week's Red Cross blood drive found a couple of veterans donating a pint at the Novi Civic Center: Marlene Fluharty, left,

who has donated about 26 times in the past, and Gerry Stipp who is the blood drive coordinator for the Novi area.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Coming down

Novi's old city hall was demolished last week to make room for new downtown development in the Novi Main Street area. The building, originally constructed in the 1950s, once contained

Novi's police and fire departments, and at other times city offices as well. In recent years, the building has served as a training center for Novi firefighters.

Capital Capsules

The House passed a state income tax break for child care expenses with hopes of good publicity but little hope it will survive in the Senate.

"This legislation addresses the realities faced by many working families in Michigan," said House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit. "The reality is that child care expenses keep many parents from working when they need a second income."

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burlington, provides an income tax credit of up to \$5,000 per child for working parents who pay for day care. It's part of the House Democrats' 12-proposal package of targeted tax breaks.

The House passed House Bill 4180 by a vote of 78-26 on March 4.

Republicans outnumbered 58-52, cast all 26 no votes. Among those voting no were Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, Tom Middleton, R-Orionville, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Whyman protested: "I believe this tax cut is too narrow. It is a tax cut for working moms, subsidized by work of at-home moms."

Numerous attempts were made to include work-at-home moms and expand the tax cut to include a broader base of beneficiaries," she said, referring to her own amendment which was shot down on a 55-52 party-line vote.

Middleton added: "The bill passed was an underhanded political trick."

Cropsey, joined by several other Republicans, objected that the House Democrats "perverted" House rules and limited the bill to a very select constituency, those families who chose to place their children in day care in order to

earn a second income."

Rep. Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee, placed the cost of the bill at \$16.5 million, "equal to nearly 100 percent of the general fund increase for the Department of Environmental Quality ... This is a very selective and discriminatory tax policy."

One Republican supporting the bill was Rep. Nancy Cassis of Novi. "As a school psychologist with the Novi school district for many years, I understand the importance the family plays in the emotional health and development of young children," But Cassis, too, said the bill "devalues the important role of parents who stay at home with their children."

LOTTERY PAYBACK

The Senate routinely advanced a bill to require Michigan Lottery winners to reimburse the state for welfare benefits they may have received.

"Why pick out the weakest in society to be the strictest with?" objected Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, minority floor leader. "This is a vindictive approach."

"Ludicrous," added Sen. George Z. Hart, D-DeWitt. "A businessman gets loans and grants, can win \$100 million from the lottery, and not have to pay it back."

When Smith said the bill would punish women and poor children, Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, replied, "A whole lot of people are taking food out of children's mouths to buy losing tickets. It is wrong to incentivize gambling."

APPOINTMENTS

Cov. John Engler has appointed: Dr. Rosalind Griffin of Bloomfield Hills to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. She replaces former state Sen. Anthony Derezinski for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2004. A psychiatrist in private practice, Griffin is a clinical assistant professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine and medical director for Sinai Hospitals' hearing impaired professional services in Detroit.

- John Kulhavi of White Lake to the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Commission. Kulhavi is first vice president and financial consultant for Merrill Lynch's office in Farmington Hills and a brigadier general in the U.S. Army Reserve. Released from active duty in 1969, Kulhavi is a life member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association.

- Barry Walter of Novi to the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument Commission. Walter is state adjutant and quartermaster for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and editor of its newspaper. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-74.

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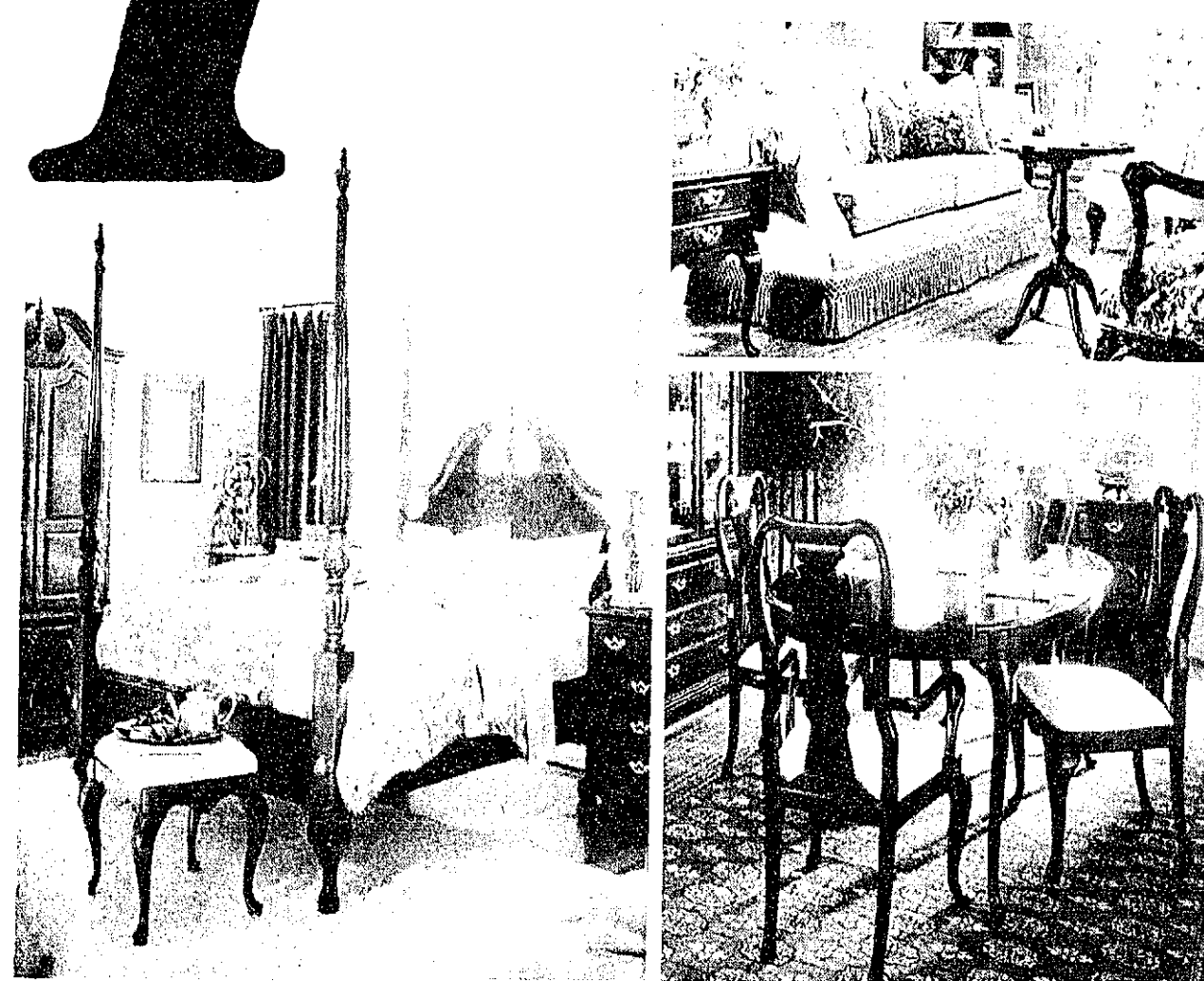
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Water skiing on dry land

Mary Bortz, a member of the Whitmore Lake Water Ski Club, practices with other members of the acrobatic club during Friday evening's Novi Boating Show at the Novi Expo Center.

Teams were to compete on Saturday in dry-land water ski acrobatic skills as part of that show. The annual Novi boat spectacular is regularly being combined now with ski competition.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Tickets go on sale for author Judith Guest appearance

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
Staff Writer

Tickets are on sale for the annual Observer-HomeTown Newspapers and Friends of the Libraries Book and Author Luncheon that will feature Ordinary People author Judith Guest.

The well-known author will speak at noon, Thursday, April 17, at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial Road. Tickets are \$18 each. Tables at the luncheon seat nine. A cash bar will be available.

The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library groups at the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi public libraries.

Proceeds from the luncheon are distributed between the four Friends groups for their specific projects.

The Plymouth group uses proceeds to support children's and adult programming. In Canton, the money is used to support the page program, while in Novi it is used to support the nature literacy program and Northville to buy

enhancements for the library. Guest is well-known for her Ordinary People novel, which was made into a movie directed by Robert Redford and featuring Mary Tyler Moore and Donald Sutherland.

Guest, who has ties to Michigan — her brother lives in Farmington Hills and her parents in Fenton — has a new book out, *Brands*.

Her new novel takes place in Michigan — in Ann Arbor, near Huron Lake, north of Bay City. The novel is about ordinary people, a family whose husband and father dies of cancer, leaving his wife and children to carry on as a family.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth District Library, 705 South Main; Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; and Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile.

Tickets will not be sold at the door or after April 5. Guest's novels, *Ordinary People* and *Brands* will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Avagian trial delayed again due to illness

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Court proceedings in the jury trial case against former Novi resident Harry Avagian have been postponed for the fourth time this year, at the request of Avagian who is reportedly suffering from medical problems.

Avagian is charged with two counts of attempting to obtain money, under \$100, under false pretenses. He is accused of falsifying census data taken during last year's collection for the City of Novi.

Avagian was first set for trial in January, but the date was adjourned until February, then March 6 and now until April 3 in 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Avagian's attorney did not return phone calls, however in August, Paul Sowerby said: "Mr. Avagian is confident he has done no wrong and that it will be proven that he's done no wrong."

Avagian was hired by the city to collect census data but was in-

vestigated by Novi Police after mid-decade census Chief Enumerator Pat Lader suspected him of falsifying census documents in an attempt to earn additional money.

Police contend that Avagian, while working as a mid-decade census enumerator for the City of Novi, turned in a count of several hundred extra people. Census workers are paid fifty cents per person submitted.

Avagian served as president of the Lakes Area Resident Association and was instrumental in the installation of a Novi police mini-station at Lakeshore Park, donating several hundred dollars of his own money to the project.

Avagian stepped down as president of the Lakes Area Residents Association in August of 1996 after 4 1/2 years on the job and a total of nine years serving as an officer of the north end community group. Avagian said he resigned because he has changed his residency from Novi to Farmington Hills.

Incentives

Renaissance offers rewards to students, teachers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi High School students leading the Renaissance program say the incentive and reward program for academics is indeed proving successful.

"We've turned it into something we really believe in," said senior Mike DiClaudio, one of the original leaders of the program.

"I really gives us all a sense of pride in our school and to know we're making a difference in helping kids prepare for college," said senior Jennifer Buckman, another of the founders of Novi's Renaissance.

Renaissance was a new program implemented in the fall at Novi High whereby students receive rewards such as gift certificates for good attendance and discounts at local merchants for getting high marks.

"We feel with Renaissance we can motivate students to do better and to excel in the classroom," said Buckman, a senior at Novi High.

According to DiClaudio, it's working. Student response has been high, he said. The number of students eligible to receive a red, blue or gold card is substantial.

At the beginning of the school year, 800 students were eligible for one of the cards. That increased to 1,000 eligible students for the first marking period and fell slightly to 930 for the second marking period students. Each time, 95 percent of students picked up their cards, DiClaudio said.

Assistant Principal Tom Evans said the Renaissance leaders believe the program is just one factor helping to improve attendance and academic performance. Along with the Renaissance Program, the school switched this year to a new block schedule also aimed at improving performance and attendance.

"You can never really say it's totally a Renaissance factor," Evans explained. "It's a combination of a number of factors that impact the school and the kids."

Novi High Principal Arthur Miller said the Renaissance goal is to recognize outstanding performance but not to reward students for normal behavior. He said he doesn't believe in a "stintulus/response" method.

"This school is about getting good grades," said Miller.

Miller said criticism about the program was in one way good for the program because it made the students really think about the goals and methods used in helping students to attaining higher grades.

The leaders have found new ways to promote the program and lift student spirit. Among the initiatives is a series of banners hanging in the school cafeteria with the name of each student with a card.

But the mainstay of the program is the card, which features discounts on fast food, or make-up or hair cuts from local merchants based on which card a student holds.

"I think it's great because you get discounts and pay less at places you go to a lot," said Annie Girard, a freshman at Novi High. She said she has used her red card at Fuddrucker's more than once and her mother uses the card at the pet store.

She said she and her friends think the program works to improve student grades. "Right now I'm trying to get a gold card," she said.

But sophomore Jon Townsley said he rarely uses his card and that the program hasn't affected him. He said occasionally the school gives out a dollar to the first student who can pull out their card.

"It's not motivating for people, I



Members of the original Novi High School Renaissance Program include, from left, Derrick Ho, Scott Shepley, Mike DiClaudio and Jenny Buckman. The banners behind these students list all the other Novi High pupils that have qualified for the benefit-rewards program.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

don't think," he explained.

The Renaissance leaders also put together a special breakfast each year for the first hour class with the best attendance for a chosen month. Last year it was May, it may be again this year.

"It gets tough at the end of the year to keep kids focused," said Evans.

In addition, the Renaissance leaders put out the weekly Renaissance Reporter to the staff and students. It focuses on three business partners updates on program.

The Renaissance leaders themselves are gaining valuable skills in developing and promoting the program.

"Overall their ability to organize has grown significantly," said Evans. "They've had to accept their limitations and make priorities."

He said the students understand now that being a leader means listening to student and public demands as well as critics.

"They've gained a real strong background in how to interact with the community and listen to their peers," said Evans. "Sometimes it's kind. Sometimes it's not."

He said the demands on their time from other schools interested in Renaissance are putting a lot of pressure on the students.

On January 27, the committee

Program thrives on support

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Renaissance Program couldn't function if local businesses and the teaching staff weren't supportive, say Renaissance leaders.

The program has drawn wide support from the business community. There were 70 incentive partners on the cards this year and 130 business partners total who gave additional awards and funding.

"They're all partners who work behind the scenes," said Assistant Principal Tom Evans. "We couldn't run the program without their contributions."

For instance, students who hold a gold card through the entire four years of high school can take advantage of a \$2,000 scholarship at Eastern Michigan University.

ERA Rymal Synes donates \$50 for every Renaissance Home sold in Novi.

"ERA came through really well and provided over \$1,000 in funding so far," said Evans. "That's been real significant in terms of developing the program."

A local industrial company supplies the helium for the birthday balloons, given to Renaissance students on their birthdays. And Kinko's prints window decals for the businesses who take part.

The Renaissance Program has also evolved to focus on staff recognition. Every two weeks, a staff member and a teacher receive a Fall of Pride full of candy, which they pass on to the staff member of their choice in recognition of hard work when their two weeks is over. In addition, the Renaissance group held a teacher barbecue at the beginning of the school year.

"It was a chance for us to do something for the staff," said Mike DiClaudio, a Renaissance founder. Just this week, the students presented fruit, cheese and bagel trays to the high school's five hall monitors and two parking attendants to show student appreciation for what they do.

Bill would supplement millages

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

Taxpayers could get more bang for their street repair buck if state lawmakers approve proposed street funding legislation.

The proposal, forwarded by Lincoln Park Mayor Frank Sall, calls for local communities to receive matching funds for streets, sewers and other high priority programs.

According to Northville City Manager Gary Word.

According to Word, the measure has the support of Gov. John Engler.

Gov. Engler is reported to support this proposal because it encourages and rewards local governments who, through voter approved street millages, take the necessary action to fund local

street repair and replacement problems," Word said.

"Matching these dollars by the state could provide funding for miscellaneous extras not included in the current street improvement plan," he explained. "Matching dollars could also allow those planned improvements to be done at a faster rate, or even permit the city council to reduce the approved

millage amount.

"Clearly a governor supported program that matches local voter approved street millages would have a positive impact on our community, so it is in the city's best interest to officially support such a program," Word said.

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State GOP splits over state board

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Republican lines broke in the House but held firm in the Senate behind Gov. John Engler's executive order stripping power from the State Board of Education.

Democrats blasted Engler for issuing the orders after the GOP lost control of the State Board in 1996. They roared Republican senators, who voted 22-15 along straight party lines against taking up a resolution to overturn Engler's action.

"Some may view this as a political battle between the State Board and the executive branch," said Sen. Ken DelCaussault, D-Muskegon County, "but it's important that to remember we have a dog in that fight, too." Democrats complained that Engler in effect junked 139 statutes in making the power transfer.

Engler took from the elected board and gave to the appointive superintendent "procedures for financial takeover of districts, the power to suspend charter school authorizing bodies, to receive or reject school contracts, the power to delay state aid ... development of school accreditation, the power to determine teachers' certification, and on," said Sen. Dianne Hyman, D-Grand Rapids.

Engler's foes on the State Board now must go to court if they have any hope of overturning the order. Democrats also have the option of turning it into a 1998 election issue.

The House on Feb. 20 voted 70 to 36 to overturn Engler's executive order. Democrats and 15 Republicans voted to overturn. Republican Nancy Cassis of Novi voted no.

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, a freshman who supported overturning the order, said, "If a board can't have the last say on rules, you might as well not have a board. As a former member of a school board, I know how important it is to have that vote."

Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, who will leave the House at the end of 1998 under term limits, usually supports public schools but voted with Engler this time. "I have bigger fish to fry," said Bankes.

"The governor sent me a letter thanking me for my vote. It's not often he sends letters like that. I told my secretary, 'File that. We're going to need it,'" said Bankes, who plans to run for Wayne County commissioner in 1998.

Generally, however, Republicans said little while senior Democrats launched a barrage.

"The people elected this State Board in a clear rejection of the governor's agenda," said Sen. Joe Conroy, D-Flint. "They did not elect this superintendent (Art Ellis, Engler's former Commerce director). Giving him control over the Department of Education virtually assures the enactment of policies the public is against."

"This is an unprecedented power grab," said Rep. Laura Baird, D-Oakman, sponsor of the resolution. "People want moderation."

Refer to House Concurrent Resolution 5 and Executive Order 1996-12 when writing to your state legislator.

Obituaries

LUCILLE J. (PRATT) TRAVALINI

Lucille J. (Pratt) Travalini died March 15 in Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born Aug. 23, 1919.

Mrs. Travalini was an active parishioner at Holy Redeemer, St. Francis DeSales, and Holy Family Church.

She is survived by son, Paul (Maureen) daughter, Diane (Terence) Jolly; sister, Alice Jourdan; and grandchildren, Jennifer and Terrence.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 18, at Holy Family Catholic Church.

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

Memorials to Focus Hope Food for Seniors would be appreciated. MARY E. KENNEDY Mary Ellen (Ryan) Kennedy of Northville died Feb. 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 63. Mrs. Kennedy was born April 27, 1933, in Detroit.

Surviving Mrs. Kennedy are: sons, Edward and James; daughter, Sheila Knapp; sister, Dolores Leeweke; and grandchild, Edward Michael.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward.

Services were held Feb. 28, at St. Colette Church, Livonia.

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

Community Education

Parenting Education Fair

The Novi Community School District, including school PTO's, and businesses, are sponsoring a family-oriented parenting workshop on Saturday, March 22, at the Instructional Technology Center. Free babysitting.

In addition to a keynote speaker, there will be small group presenters. The scheduled issues include: parenting/discipline, social/relationships, family structure, developmental issues, and character/ethics.

For complete details, registration information and fees, please watch for flyers to be distributed, or an upcoming edition of the Novi School District's "Focus" newsletter.

Clay, Color and Creativity

Create pottery pieces and other art forms using clay and other mediums.

In order to make this class available to as many children as possible, each child may register for only one session. Those who are interested in more than one session may place their name on a waiting list and they will be called if space becomes available.

Session 3: April 7-28 (four weeks), Middle School Room 411, Monday, 3:45-5 p.m. Fee: \$32.

Spring Break Science Camp

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Tuesday: The Environment - Help clean up and make a better world with good environmental techniques.

Wednesday: Science and Magic - Is it magic or science? Learn to do magic tricks that are also science oriented.

Thursday: Physics - Find out how physics works in our everyday life, including electricity and electronics.

Friday: Light Show - Practical demonstrations on what light really is about, including holograms and lasers.

Registrations are taken for the full week only. One-day classes are not available. Students will need to bring a lunch and beverage each day, and a clean sock (any color) to the Monday class.

Novi Meadows Cafeteria, March 31-April 4, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$90.

Co-ed Baseball Camp

This camp provides instruction in all phases of baseball. Batting machines and individual instruction will be included. Weather permitting, outdoor scrimmage is scheduled daily. Participants will be grouped by age and ability.

Bring a ball glove and wear gym clothes and tennis shoes. All participants will receive a T-shirt, waterbottle and prizes.

Novi Meadows Gym, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon, March 31-April 3. Fee: \$68 no discount.

Telescopes and Binoculars

Learn how to take photos of the night sky and moon. Bring your telescopes, binoculars, and 35mm cameras (if you have them). This workshop will make you a pro.

Middle School Media Center, Monday, April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. Fee for the evening: \$10 per person; \$14 parent with one child; \$8 for each additional family member.

Aerobic Exercise and Muscle Toning

This aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. Classes vary from low impact/no bounce to a high energy combination. The instructor will help you adjust the routine to fit your needs.

A \$3 Fitness Factory administration fee will be charged each session. This fee is paid to the instructor.

Novi Meadows Gym, Monday-Thursday, Session 2: April 7-June 12, 10 weeks. Classes on April 15, 17, 28 and 29 will meet in the Middle School Gym. No class on May 26.

Fees: Session 2 - One day, \$40; two days, \$56; unlimited, \$69. No discount.

Education Notes

Writers at Work

The Writers at Work Committee of Oakland Community College will host a coffee house and reading Friday, April 11, at the college's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford. The program is from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Arena and features poet David James. Admission to the coffee house is \$3 and includes dessert and coffee. For more information call (810) 360-3186.

Women's Conference

On Saturday, March 22, women will have the opportunity to enjoy a day of information, education, empowerment and networking at a day-long conference at Oakland Community College. Held at the college's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford, "Women Together" begins at 8:30 a.m. with keynote speaker Susan Watson, co-editor of the Detroit Sunday Journal. The registration fee is \$35 and includes lunch. For further information or to receive a brochure call (810) 360-3186.



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Novi Winter Drumline season rolls strong

Step by step, the Novi Wildcat Percussion Ensemble is proving its way to another acclaimed season.

Novi already holds the back-to-back State Championship crown for the 1995 and 1996 seasons. If the nineteen members of this year's unit have one goal, it is to "three-peat" the MGC (Michigan Color Guard Circuit) percussion championship this weekend at Saginaw Valley State College.

Before charging down the road to a "three-peat" of the state title, Novi registered an important performance this past weekend (March 15).

The Novi Wildcat Drumline competed in The Winter Guard International Mid-East regional championship in Dayton, Ohio. Against a field of nine other contenders from Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, and Illinois, Novi delivered a strong second place finish in the Scholastic A division.

The Wildcat program scored a 72.9, just one-half point behind the first place finish from New Philadelphia High School. Novi Drumline instructor Joe Kuzel is very proud of the ensemble's finish this weekend. "Our students delivered their best performance of the season so far. The judges agreed by giving us the caption awards for Performance Quality and Musical Effectiveness."

The theme of this year's Novi Winter Drumline program is "Saturday Morning Cartoons." Drumline students star as percussionists who costume themselves as cartoon characters, injecting some very entertaining and visual theatrics. The show scene opens as the kids are waking up to discover it is not a school day, but rather Saturday morning and time for cartoons.

The percussionists then scatter to oversize cartoon-like set elements, such as the huge breakfast table. They then assemble in front of a mammoth 64 square foot television set to watch their cartoon fare. When the TV doesn't work, the drumline decides to make their

own cartoon fun. The music set begins in earnest with skilled percussion performances from the featured snare and tenor drum sections. Popular music themes from the famous Looney Tunes series are featured, including the rousing opener, "On With The Show, This is It!"

The drumline competition season is a tour of sorts, for these musicians who represent the best of a different drummer. Earlier, in the first competition of the season, Novi traveled to Clinton, Michigan. The Wildcat drumline earned first place with a score of 64.6 against a field of ten competitors.

Next, on March 2, the Novi drumline went international, with a meet in Windsor, Ontario. The Wildcats met a formidable competitor from Manner, Ohio in their Percussion Scholastic World Class. Novi took second place to Manner High School, with a score of 71.0. This year, Novi performs in a special category, Percussion Scholastic World Class, due in part to its record of multiple state championships and national caliber performance level. No other percussion line in the state performs in this category.

During its March 9th visit to western Michigan, Novi posted a first place finish of 72.5 in another MGC competition in Allegan, Michigan.

Now, just one event remains: the MGC State Championship competition at Saginaw Valley State College on March 23. Drumlines from around the state follow Novi's record of success. The competition will be focused to challenge Novi's hold on the state title. Fans and supporters of the drumline says this year's program has the right stuff. "Novi has the best blend of music performance and entertainment in its Saturday Morning Cartoon program," according to Larry Crepeau, parent coordinator for the drumline tour.

Judges give the Novi Drumline show strong points for general effect, a signature quality of Novi performances for the last three



Some of the members of the Novi High School Michigan Color Guard squad, from left, Tom Adams, Chip Lind and James Morris, practice their drumming last week after school for last weekend's percussion show competition in Dayton, OH.

seasons. Under the direction of Novi Director of Bands Scott Ilerma, the Winter Percussion ensemble is instructed by Joe Kuzel. The Novi Winter Drumline members are: Chip Lind, Tom Adams, James Morris, Josh Humphrey, Matt Crepeau, Ryan Schram, Andy Christofferson, Michelle Blumer, Justin Moses, Mark Hoffman, Chris Burck, Brenna Wheeler, Sara Holer, Ellen Paulk, Ken Peavey, Eve Schell, Jon Shaw, Mike Kujawa and Megan Martin.



The Wildcat Percussion Ensemble (l-r, back row) Ken Peavey, Andrew Christofferson, Eve Schell, Marc Hoffmann, Chris Burck, Josh Humphrey, Thomas Admas, Ellen Paulk, Brenna Wheeler, Ryan Schram, Michelle Blumer, Justin Moses, Meagan Martin, Jonathon Shaw, (front row) Matt Crepeau, Michael Kujawa, Chip Lind and Sara Holer. Not pictured: James Morris.

Photo by ROBIN PEAHEY

Take care on spring lake ice

Michigan's 2-million-plus ice fishermen can ensure they won't find themselves on potentially thin ice this season by following some common precautions, says AAA Michigan.

That even goes for experts like Ron Spitzer, Department of Natural Resources Urban Fisheries biologist with more than 30 years of professional fishing knowledge, who learned first-hand about ice fishing safety a few seasons ago.

During a walleye fishing trip on the Clinton River Spillway in Macomb County, Spitzer found himself waist deep in water after stepping through a hidden air pocket in the ice. Fortunately, his friend was nearby to rescue him from the river's numbing current. "It happened so quickly, especially when we thought we were on good, solid ice," he recalled. "Had the hole been bigger, I might have gone under."

Unfortunately, many Michigan ice fishermen and snowmobilers are unprepared for such incidents.

"That's why if you plan to ice fish, the best rule of thumb is that no ice is totally safe," says AAA Michigan community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "The old saying that fishing is best on first ice and last ice may be true, but it doesn't pay to risk your life."

Some Michigan ice anglers have found that out. Recent incidents in Southeast Michigan include snowmobilers and anglers rescued after falling through ice or becoming marooned. As spring approaches, anglers should be even more cautious.

"Nearly every year, anglers are stranded when winds shift and create ice floes, especially on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay," Basch added.

He offers common sense reminders for anglers to follow:

- Never cross unfamiliar ice without testing it. Use an ice spud to chop into the ice. If it goes through easily, stay off. Check conditions locally before heading onto any lake ice.

- Avoid alcohol, which lowers body temperature and impairs judgment.

- Never cross ice-covered rivers on a snowmobile and be wary of fishing at river mouths. Currents often cause ice thicknesses to vary greatly.

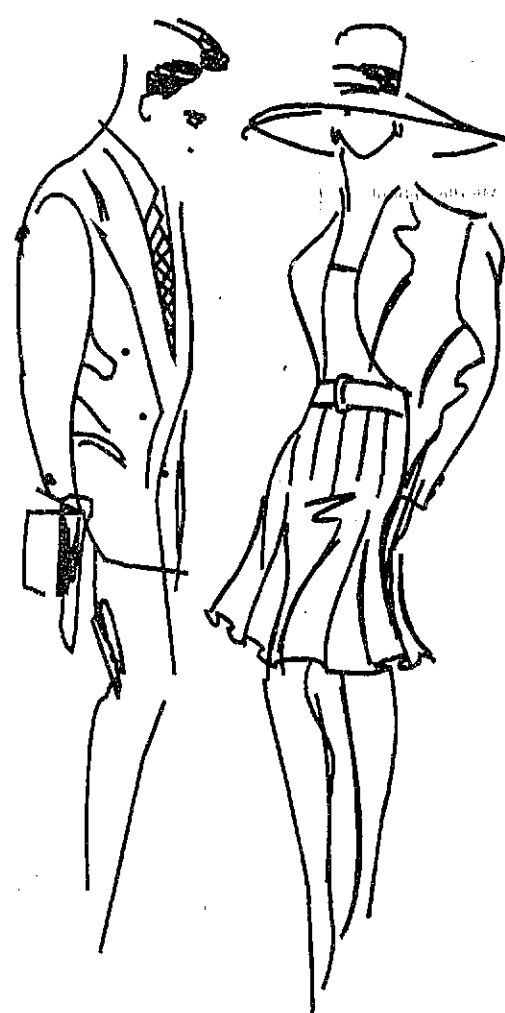
- On lakes, follow paths used by other anglers. Stay away from frozen-over holes cut for ice shanties.

- Use caution on ice with heavy, insulating snow cover. Thickness may vary greatly.
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Is ice arena market saturated?

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Novi skaters may be excited about the idea of a new ice arena here, but Gerald Nelson, general manager of the City of Farmington Hills Founders Park Ice Arena doesn't share that enthusiasm.

"Ask me if I think they should build it. No. I just think this is an oversaturated market," Nelson said.

On the other hand, a feasibility study prepared by Center Ice Management Inc. for Novi argues that there's simply not enough ice time available in this region.

"Right now, it's kind of an ice arena market there. There is demand for ice time, the prime time in the late afternoon, evenings and weekends," Nelson said.

No ice time is available then during the winter months.

The Farmington Hills ice arena,

PROJECTED ICE ARENA PROFITS			
	NOVI	FARMINGTON HILLS	FOR '96-'97
REVENUES:	\$1,979,100	\$2,103,500	
EXPENSES:	\$1,247,700	\$1,349,900	
GROSS PROFIT:	\$731,400	\$753,600	
DEBT SERVICE:	\$598,536 to \$700,000	\$373,000	
NET PROFIT:	\$31,000 to \$132,864	\$380,600	

after paying off expenses and interest on bonds issued to build the facility, made a clear \$31,000 in fiscal year 1995-96. For the first two years of operation, the water-approved facility does not have to make payments on the bond principal, just on the interest.

Nelson estimates that at the

sions are from Farmington Hills, as are about 60 percent in the farm-to-skate program.

With a new Novi arena at Ten Mile and Novi roads, Nelson said it may reduce the Farmington Hills rink's non-resident participant base. On the other hand, Novi most likely won't be able to draw on the larger Farmington/Farmington Hills residential area for its own operations, he added.

On the other hand, skating shuns in the spring and summer. Only in the past 18 months has the Farmington Hills rink begun to cultivate a figure skating program. By offering more classes to teach basic skating skills, the idea is to increase the number of people who pay to get on the ice.

Nelson said he isn't eager to share that potential market with new arenas in neighboring communities. "We want all the business. We're selfish," he said.

Arena feasibility study handed over to Novi City Council

The feasibility study for the Novi ice arena, prepared by Center Ice Management Inc., was updated to compare the Novi facility's projected revenues with those actually experienced by the City of Farmington Hills two-rink ice arena on Eight Mile Road.

In the Novi report, expenses were not provided for Farmington

Hills for the fiscal year 1995-96, but Farmington Hills projections were given for fiscal year 1996-97. The Novi report listed 1995-96 revenues for Farmington Hills at \$1,685 million.

However, Farmington Hills Ice Arena General Manager Gerald Nelson said in fiscal year 1995-96, the arena actually had a gross revenue of \$1,638 million, \$50,000 less than in the Novi report.

In Farmington Hills, total operating expenses, including debt retirement, were \$1,607 million for 1995-96. That left Farmington Hills with a net profit of \$31,000 in

that fiscal year, the first year the arena operated.

Novi's bonding attorney Dennis Nieman told the Novi City Council the bond repayments for the Novi ice arena will be in the \$650,000 to \$700,000 range for 25 years.

Council gives go-ahead for ice arena development

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"I have some serious reservations that this project will be able to pay for itself without direct subsidies from each and every taxpayer in this community."

"We can't always have everything that we want and pay for it because if we do in five years down the road we're going to be in the same mess Washington, D.C. is."

The bonds are issued through the Novi Building Authority, originally set up to provide senior citizen housing. The payments are backed with the city's credit, which means taxpayers must put up the money if Novi's revenues are insufficient to pay off the bonds.

Financial projections offered in a feasibility study for the project estimate that the Novi arena will make a \$731,000 profit in fiscal year 1996-97, enough to meet the bond payment estimated by city attorneys at \$650,000 to \$700,000.

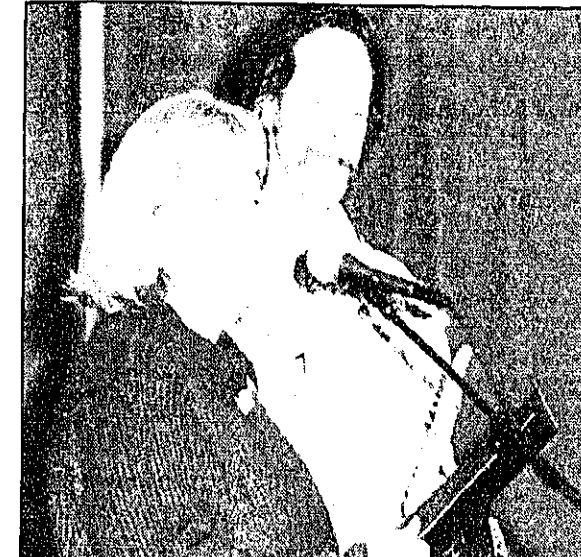
to \$700,000.

"The city's assuming the financial risk of the facility to lower the costs and lower the risks. The benefit is for the community," Council Member Ed Kramer said. "The assumptions that were made were conservative. We have controls in place to assure good oversight and good operations."

The way the process will work is that the Building Authority will issue the bonds and lease the arena to Novi, as well as oversee the construction of the project and watch how the money is spent. Community Clubs of Novi will focus on the programs and allocating ice time. Center Ice Management Inc. will serve as the construction manager and then run the arena's day-to-day operations.

Mayor Kathleen McCallen said she expected the new arena will be an asset to the community.

"You are under a microscope but we are confident it will be a success," she added.



Gonzo rocker Ted Nugent was in town recently, and while he met with Mayor Kathleen McCallen, he also autographed a bow and arrow to be auctioned off by the Chamber Saturday night.

Chamber readies auction items for Saturday night

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tennis bracelet from Diamond Castle Jewellers.

Other hot tickets items include trips and overnight stays at local hotels.

"We have getaway packages from Hilton Head to Orlando to Lake Tahoe to Las Vegas," said Risko.

Other auction and radio items include sports memorabilia and pampering packages from salons. Visions is offering a \$400 day at the spa and products package.

Also up for grabs are gift certificates from furniture stores like Scott Shuprine, a \$500 shopping spree at Twelve Oaks, televisions, stereos and other electronics and "of course a ton of gold packages."

Risko said.

Risko expects one of the night's highlights to be the race between John and Tom Heslop, of Heslop's and Vic Venturaglia of Vic's Market for their name on the sign in front of City Hall. Last year the sign went to the Heslop brothers for \$4,500.

"We said last year the sign is his this year," said Risko.

However, she said a third party may enter into the bidding to stir things up a little.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are still available. For more information or tickets, contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 349-3743.

Half of city lost power in storm

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drives and at Nine Mile Road and Center Street, the fire chief added.

For Novi kids, it was a surprise vacation. Novi Community Schools closed Friday, leaving parents to find child care and teenagers free to roam area malls, go bowling or hang out with friends.

Police Lt. Tim McNamara said the department was ready for the storm but saw only a slight increase in calls than a regular day. There were no major accidents, injuries or incidents.

"When it gets that drastic people stay home," he explained.

While police officers spent most of Thursday night and Friday morning responding to downed trees and road closures, the weekend was spent patrolling neighborhoods without power so intruders would not be tempted to take advantage of the situation.

Officers also stood by as Detroit Edison struck power lines and protected motorists stranded on icy roads awaiting tow trucks.

In Willowbrook subdivision, six to seven major trees collapsed across a drainage ditch near Coral Street.

"The tree trimmers said it was the worst they'd seen," said Willowbrook resident Roland Heaton. While Heaton and his wife Betty didn't lose power, many of their neighbors did. The couple had several in for coffee and snacks — and to warm up.

Our group both Leighton and McNamara said really met the challenge were the dispatchers.

who take both police and fire calls.

"That's a tremendous amount of work," said McNamara.

"They did an outstanding job," added Joe Barthelette, police communications manager.

On shift early Friday morning was Barb Dombrowski and Paul Harding. They were joined a short time later by Donna Cerretani, Chris Regent, Pam Diller and Janet Hottum. Cindy Redding and Barb Hare finished off the day.

Outage ranks as third largest in the metro area

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back in service.

In Novi, some 12,000 homes lost power due to the ice storm, but only about 75 were still off-line Tuesday and all were expected to be restored by midnight Tuesday.

The outage ranks as the worst ever power loss due to an ice storm in the Detroit area. The previous record was held by a March 1976 ice storm, which left 375,000 in the dark.

The worst power outage ever occurred in July 1991, when thunderstorms knocked out electrical service to 684,000 homes and businesses in the Detroit area. The second largest was in July 1995, when 450,000 lost power due to thunderstorms and extreme heat.

After the ice storm struck Friday morning, Edison put the number of those without power at 380,000, but ice laden branches continued to snap and pull down power lines with them throughout the weekend.

That meant homes and businesses were losing power faster than Edison's 7,000 workers, including 500 brought in from other utilities, could put them

Residents share electricity with those less fortunate

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only thing I can do for her because she always does so much for me," she explained.

But even with the cooperation and attempts to keep spirits up, residents said they were frustrated.

"It makes me mad because we just had new carpeting in and it's all ruined now," said Myers. She said since the problem with the power outages are a consistent occurrence, the power company should do something to fix it.

"If the wind blows the wrong way, the power goes out," she said. "We spent the last hour and a half boiling out the basement."

John Hedstrom said that afternoon. "We got most of it out ... No damage. We've had flooding in the basement before so we put everything up."

"The blower on the heat is not working either so we've got a fire going," he added.

Other residents seemed to take the bad weather in stride. Sycamore resident Ken Golla works on the East side afternoons. He left work for home at 11:30 p.m. the night of the storm.

"I took Ten Mile home and didn't have any problems," he said. "I spent 15 minutes getting the ice off my car. It took about an hour and a half to get home."

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As We See It

Values taught by prizes still has us worried

The Novi News took a lot of heat last year for calling out some questions we had with the Renaissance Program at Novi High School.

We wondered about the necessity, legitimacy and successful outcome of this program that rewards students with business discounts according to color-coded grade point cards and raffle drawings for getting good grades and coming to school.

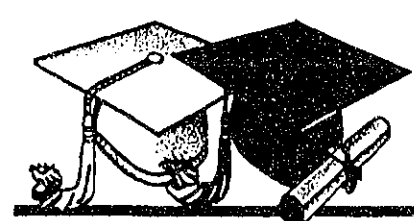
We weren't the only ones.

Some parents and students had the same concerns about kids being rewarded for coming to school when they should be anyway. They also expressed the fear of creating a group of people who expect rewards for fulfilling their academic duty. But they didn't say anything publicly.

Now that the program has had a chance to take root and evolve, we have some positive things to say about it.

The enthusiasm and organization of the Renaissance leaders is exceptional and commendable. They've put forth a lot of effort to design something that will work for Novi High and seem to be making a splash with businesses and students alike.

Some students are really energized by the prospect of getting good grades in return for something tangible. There are students striving as never before to get good grades. That's great. If the result is students who are learning



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and performing better, than the program is successful and deserves applause.

But are we sorry for "picking" on these students and future leaders. Not in the least. As Tom Evans, assistant principal at Novi High said, the students leading the program learned that being a leader means being second guessed and criticized.

We do have some concerns about the program going overboard, at least one student said rewarding students with money for carrying their cards was a little much.

Rewards are effective, however, overdoing it can create a monster. Just how much gratification do the students need?

We still worry a little about the entitlement issue, that some students will move through life feeling they deserve extra incentives to do their jobs or be good citizens.

We hope, and suspect, the students at Novi High are smarter than that.

Is technology isolating us?



Lee Snider

We're becoming more and more dependent on machines and less and less involved with real-life, warm-blooded, oxygen-breathing human beings.

But there are obvious dangers.

As long as the power's working in the house, there's almost no need to go anywhere or communicate with anyone anymore. Our refrigerators, stoves and microwaves — unimpressive technology to us now — enable us to store and prepare sustenance for ourselves and our families for weeks at a time.

We're learning to get our intellectual (and even emotional) needs from the cable, the VCR or the CD player, and we can do our banking and shopping over "interactive" computers. Many people even earn their living by staying home and transmitting their contributions to civilization via fax or modem.

If, to keep our sanity, we have to hear someone's voice, there's always the telephone.

Whereas only a generation ago people openly socialized with their neighbors and kept an eye on each other's kids, today many people pass their days hardly knowing the names of the people living right next door.

But is it really true that we're just a large collection of singular, self-sufficient living units and no longer a community in the real sense of the word?

Consider the case of Kathleen Sprenger. As many of our readers know, Miss Sprenger spent most of

her life in her home over here on Wing Street in Northville. Completely alone towards the end, she lived a virtually unseen existence.

One day this winter the letter carrier noticed that the woman's mail was piling up. He alerted the authorities, and eventually the woman's body was discovered inside the home. It was determined she had died several weeks before.

We had a brief write-up on Miss Sprenger in last week's paper.

While there may be worse things than dying quietly in your own home, no one wants to go before their time either.

This sad situation reminds me of an experience from my own life that happened back in 1988. My aunt, who lived in Birmingham, was not responding to telephone calls from her neighbor. Concerned, the man called me and tipped me off that something might be wrong.

I drove to the house and used my key to let myself in. Once inside, I found my aunt prostrate on the couch, unable to lift herself up.

Doctors later told us she had experienced shock due to diabetes onset. A few more days of neglect and she would have fallen comatose.

My aunt lived for more than three years after that in a convalescent center before she died. I'm very grateful for those years and very thankful for the actions of the thoughtful neighbor. My aunt was my late father's only sibling.

No one enjoys the solitude of his cave more than I do, but nothing is truer than this idea that no one is an island.

Heaven help us if we ever pretend otherwise.

Lee Snider is the editor of The Northville Record.

In Focus

By John Heider



A Novi High School gymnast leaps into the air on the balance beam during state finals competition at Rockford.

in focus

Nature played a nasty trick



Wendy P. Mitzel

Mother Nature pulled a nasty little trick on me last week.

After listening all Thursday night to the sounds of ice and tree branches battering the roof of my home, I kept my fingers crossed the power would be on when I woke the next morning.

It was and I went on my merry little way to work to interview other less fortunate souls whose power went by the wayside. No I have power.

I told people, I'll be alright.

Little did I know the power outage had waited until I left that morning, leaving my poor little puppy to shiver in the cold while the temperature in the house plummeted.

Okay, so it wasn't quite that dramatic, but still. We take for granted all the modern conveniences that heat our homes and run our toasters.

When the power shuts down and the heat doesn't kick on any more, it really throws you for a loop in

this day and age. It made me feel like a real wimp when I thought about how the Ingalls' family lived in a sod house on the prairie.

So I returned home to find a chilly home with no lights and decided to rough it. (I have a fireplace, but unfortunately no clue as to how to actually build a fire in it.)

After letting her take a quick romp in the back yard filled with gigantic "sticks," Boise (the dog) and I huddled up in a blanket, lit some candles and waited for my husband to come home.

By then I decided I'd had enough of the romanticism of snuggling with the dog in the candlelight. Besides I was hungry. And how would the pizza guy find our house without the front porch light on?

Thank goodness for family, with whom we moved in for a brief two nights until Edison flipped the switch on our power and restored the world to its proper place.

Despite losing a fridge full of food, it wasn't too traumatic. While waiting out the chaos, we had good company, a warm place to sleep and light to read by. But it still didn't stop us from getting pizza.

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

Dems line up to run for governor



Phil Power

flashes, they include:

• **Jim Agee**, state representative from Muskegon. A former school superintendent, Agee is widely regarded as an expert on schools and financing. For his position as chair of the House Education Committee, he has not been afraid to take on the right wing on a whole range of school issues.

• **Jim Berryman**, state senator from Adrian. Although handicapped in the hunt for name ID by being a minority member of the Senate, Berryman was the first Democrat to announce his candidacy for governor and has been out on the hustings ever since.

• **Larry Owen**, lawyer from East Lansing who ran third in the 1994 Democratic gubernatorial primary. A former mayor of East Lansing and Michigan State University trustee, Owen is running from the "sensible center," whatever that means. His wife, Faylene, is a big-time Democratic fund-raiser. Owen is reputedly close to the UAW, especially to President Steve Yokich.

• **Doug Ross**, who returned to Michigan last year after serving as assistant secretary of labor for employment and training.

Don't look back, but that funny rumble in the distance is the sound of a bunch of Democratic would-be governors jostling each other in preparation for next year's primary election.

In alphabetical order and minus late-breaking news

• **Karen Willard**, a state representative from St. Clair County who is able but little known outside of her district.

For those interested in probing below the usual media preoccupation with who's ahead in the horse race, I'd advise looking carefully at one of the most interesting phenomena undergirding the contest: the current clout of organized labor in Democratic Party primaries.

Time was when a nod from labor, especially the UAW, was all that a candidate needed to win a Democratic primary. Indeed, Owen's standing with party insiders is in large part based on the presumption that at the end of the day, the UAW will come down on his side.

But Ross disputes the conventional wisdom. "As a party, we ought to recreate the days when Neil Staebler, G. Mennen Williams and Walter Reuther were remaking the Michigan Democratic Party along the lines of broad-based citizen participation," he argues.

"A broadly-based party, not dominated by one interest group, avoids the dilemma labor has faced in recent years," Ross continues. "Either they've anointed a candi-

diate early on, which may win a Democratic primary but is the kiss of death in a general election, or they've got into a fight and wasted enormous sums in the primary and been tapped out by the time of the general."

Ross is referring to the dispute between the Michigan Education Association, which spent millions backing Owen in 1994 only to lose to the UAW-endorsed Howard Wolpe, who went on to be crushed by incumbent Gov. John Engler in November.

And Ross cites a couple of other examples to sustain his argument that things are different these days in Democratic Party politics. Ed McNamara is hardly regarded as a bosom buddy of the UAW, but he won his 1986 executive primary in labor-dominated Wayne County and has won overwhelmingly margins each time since. And Dennis Archer, the very popular mayor of Detroit, took on parts of the UAW and the remains of the Coleman Young machine when he defeated Sharon McPhail in 1993.

Ross is tearing around the state, trying to attract the same kind of citizen-based, policy-driven reformers that were so important in building the party back in the 1950s and, at the same time, arguing that it's in organized labor's best interest to take a hands-off position in the primary. His success (or lack of it) will reveal a lot about the inner workings of an important part of Michigan politics.

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

Appalled by ice arena opposition

To Mayor Kathleen McCallen and Novi City Council Members (Richard) Clark, (Ed) Kramer, (Rob) Mitzel, (Kathy) Mutch and (Robert) Schmid.

We are writing to the council in regards to the Novi Ice Arena. As parents of two school aged children, ages 10 and 7, we are very annoyed at the constant delays and excuses this council uses to move forward on the ice arena project. We presently travel to Farmington Hills for hockey (which has a long waiting list) and Livonia for a swim club. Novi doesn't offer their youth much recreational opportunities.

It appalled us when we read in The Novi News on March 6, that council members Robert Schmid and Richard Clark have once again voiced some opposition.

We remember speaking to council members during their elections about this issue and they agreed

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with us that we need the ice arena. We sure hope it wasn't a tactic just to get our votes.

We ask that council members please move forward and stop procrastinating so our children, not grandchildren, can use this facility. If we see a city golf course go up before an ice arena we will have to believe that this council places their adult desires before the needs of our children.

Sue and Laurie Dufek

Thankful to live in city of Wixom

To the Editor:
As I sat huddled under blankets,

because I had no heat or electricity at my home at Leisure Coop Apartments, the phone rang. A pleasant voice said "Bring your pillow, a blanket and anything else you'll need and come to the Senior Center. It will be open around the clock until this emergency is over." It was NaDean Sellman calling, she is liaison between Leisure Coop and Wixom City Hall. Once again Mayor Michael McDonald and City Manager J. Michael Doran acted expeditiously for the citizens they govern.

The folks, all over 50 in the coop, were notified by phone or by door to door calls. By 6 p.m. the center was geared up by staff members headed by Carol Kehoe and Linda Hinkly to feed, house

and generally bring comfort to any who wished to avail themselves of the services.

The seniors found a warm hearted atmosphere with personal visits by the mayor, city manager, department heads and staff people at every level. There was a constant flow of people, some stayed the whole time, others only to eat, have coffee or warm themselves. I stayed overnight.

When the power was restored to the co-op at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, we found ourselves cleaning and restoring the Senior Center with zest and wonderful memories of a day and a half of governance at its best.

I'm so thankful to live in Wixom where we take the American's creed seriously — "A government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Phyllis G. Fenske

Lost two members of our family



Mary Linda Calderone

We're sad at info tv-12 and with good reason. We've lost two valuable members of our community access family, namely Shirley Cash and Victor Smalls.

Shirley Cash passed away March 6. By profession, Shirley was a real estate agent with almost 40 years experience in the field. She was the

first woman to own and operate an all-woman brokerage office in the state of Michigan.

Shirley was a bundle of energy. It was our good fortune that she took this energy and positively channeled it into completing our TV workshops and going on to produce her very own TV show, Cash Talks. Since 1993, Shirley

produced nearly 200 shows.

The studio was always a hotbed of television excitement when Cash Talks was taping. The caliber of guests were quite impressive: Gov. Engler, former U.S. Senate candidate Romney, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist Dr. Paul Donahue and the renowned

Soupy Sales all schmoozed with Shirley on air. She was just a natural, what else can we say?

Shirley was just as active in the community and she used the medium of info tv-12 to get the message out for many groups, including the Rotary Club, Novi Chamber of Commerce, and the Shriners. Shirley was an inspiration to us all.

Our friend, Victor Smalls, passed away on Feb. 1. We had the pleasure of knowing Vic for ten years. When Vic came to Community TV, he was already retired from his electrician job at Ford. Vic was a decorated war vet, an avid roller skater and an amateur ham radio operator. He made his mark at info tv-12 as an excellent camera man.

He was the kind of guy who volunteered to help out anyone who called him. Remember, TV production requires team work and Vic just seemed a part of everybody's team. Some of the info tv-12 shows he crewed on include Adventures of Pirate Pete, Cash Talks, Wise Guys, Bagels and Talk and The Elegant Life.

We'll really miss Vic's sense of humor. He was always clowning around. In fact, when we taped a Halloween program for kids one year, he came dressed up as a witch to operate the camera.

We pay high tribute to these two people. Their contribution to Community TV will always be remembered.

The next cac meeting is Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at swocc. The next swocc meeting is Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall. Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

Will we get real charter school law



Tim Richard

Republicans in the state Senate had it wrong. My brethren in the media also had it wrong in their reporting of President Bill Clinton's March 6 address to the Michigan Legislature.

They had Democrat Clinton sounding like a Republican with his advocacy of charter academies. Not so. The words were the same, but the ideas

are far different.

At least 23 of the 50 states have adopted some kind of charter school law. The laws have a general pattern: A public authority grants a group of educators a charter to set up a group of look-step rules to experiment with new methods. The methods that work would be adopted elsewhere.

Clinton talked of "education excellence" and "high standards." He said too few high school graduates are "equipped for the new world of work." He talked of the capacity of a child's brain. He talked of reasoning and analysis. He talked of the need for hundreds of thousands of "board-certified master teachers."

It was far different from the Republican senators' rhetoric.

So now the parents' rights zealots are dress-

ing it up in the sheep's clothing of "parental choice," and Michigan Senate Republicans are buying it.

Despite the fake cheers they gave Clinton, Senate GOP leaders are desperate. The state Court of Appeals already has said Michigan's charter school law is constitutionally defective because public officials don't control the charter academies. One day before Clinton's visit, the case was argued before the Michigan Supreme Court.

An attorney supporting the charter school law resorted to what lawyers call "the thief's defense" — declaring the charter law unconstitutional would be "catastrophic," he said, because 12,000 kids are going to charter schools.

Senate Republican leaders tried to strengthen the thief's defense by taking the numerical cap off charter schools. They rammed the bill through the day before Clinton's visit. The goal is to have so many charter piggybacks at the trough that the Supreme Court wouldn't dare declare the law unconstitutional.

My guess is they will fail. The House won't fall for it. The Supreme Court will either strike down the charter school law on a 4-2 vote or, on a 3-3 vote, uphold the court of Appeals decision.

If so, we might get a real charter school law, and not this "parents, parents, parents" propaganda.

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

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Public Access

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Salvation
11:30 a.m. — Options for Living a Balanced Life: Teen Alcohol and Drug Abuse
12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Cash talks
2:00 p.m. — On Target: Michigan Gun Owners
2:30 p.m. — (con't)
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Inside Novi City Hall: Fire Bond Issue
6:00 p.m. — Who Do You Look Like?
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Robert Ch-

avavalli

8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Robert Chiavavalli
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Critter Connection
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Vince Wade
6:00 p.m. — Out in the Open
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
7:30 p.m. — Novi Valentine's Dance: Daddy Daughter Dance
8:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey: Mini Mites Teir 2 Blaze versus Red Wings
8:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Lou Kasischke

9:30 p.m. — (con't)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route
11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — Inside Novi City Hall: Fire Bond Issue
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — City of Novi Year in Review
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — Out in the Open
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — The Best of Dr. Success
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Salvation
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Vince Wade
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y

9:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
9:30 p.m. — Inside Novi City Hall: Fire Bond Issue
THURSDAY, MARCH 27
10:00 a.m. — The Job show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Vince Wade
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Who Do You Look Like?
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — the Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Robert Chiavavalli
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills

Hockey
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — (con't)
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey: Mini Mites Teir 1 Fireflies versus Penguins
9:00 p.m. — (con't)
9:30 p.m. — (con't)
FRIDAY, MARCH 28
10:00 a.m. — Law Talk
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
1:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
1:30 p.m. — Groove Session
2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
3:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
3:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
4:00-9:30 p.m. — Viewer Request Day, call (810) 553-7303, extensions 251, 252, 253 and 254.

Northville's got taste this weekend

"Northville's Got Taste" is the theme for the 1997 Taste of Northville Business Showcase.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main. The fee is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children 12 and under.

"There's going to be something for everyone at this year's showcase," said Laurie Marrs, the Executive Director of the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of the event.

"People can expect a lot of children's games, in addition to the usual feast of food samples and informative displays from businesses and non-profit groups."

The purpose of the Taste of Northville Business Showcase is to bring together many of the area's premier businesses and give them a chance to highlight their products and services. The showcase will feature 70 exhibitors from the retail, service and professional business sectors.

For more information about the showcase, call the Northville Chamber at 349-7640.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 97-008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Providence Hospital is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of tents at Providence Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue, on July 27, 1997. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 2, 1997.
(3-20-97 NR, NN 18352)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 97-010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Expo Center is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow an outdoor amusement fair at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, from May 21, 1997 through May 26, 1997. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 2, 1997.
(3-20-97 NR, NN 18346)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF PROPERTY NINE MILE/BECK ROAD

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the sale of a .58 acre parcel of land on the Southeast corner of Nine Mile Road and Beck Road.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, April 30, 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 "Sale of Property — Nine Mile/Beck Road" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals, 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,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(810) 347-0446

(3-20-97 NR, NN 18347)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 97-18.129

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 17, 1997 the Novi City Council adopted Ordinance No. 97-18.129, an ordinance to amend Sections 1902 and 1903 of Ordinance No. 84-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, to add definitions of "Park," "Parkway" and "Recreational Facility" to Section 201 Definitions; O-R of said ordinance and to add Subsection 1901.3 to said ordinance, to modify the standards for Recreational Facilities within the I-1 Light Industrial District.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall become effective immediately. 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.
(3-20-97 NR, NN 18350) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS ONE (1) SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for One (1) Single Axle Dump Truck according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, April 10, 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.
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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF PROPERTY NINE MILE/BECK ROAD

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the sale of a .58 acre parcel of land on the Southeast corner of Nine Mile Road and Beck Road.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, April 30, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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Novi, MI 48375-3024

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Easter Eggcitement

Customs abound for the celebration of Easter.
Here are some ways the holiday is observed around the world.

Customs for Easter celebrations which include coloring, hunting, and rolling eggs vary around the world.

Vicky Bershaj, who came to this country two years ago and now works at Joseph's Coney Island in Northville, said Easter celebrations last for three days in Albania. Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are spent attending church and visiting with family and friends.

Red is an important color for decorating Easter eggs in Albania and is symbolic of good luck.

Egg-cracking games are still customary, according to Bershaj. Younger friends or relatives will play the games with older people. They offer their partner an egg with the pointed end up. The older person strikes the egg with his or her own egg, saying "Christ is risen." The reply is, "He is risen indeed." In pre-Communist Albania both Moslems and Christians played the egg-cracking game.

Customs from other countries include:

Belgium —

Holy Saturday, not Easter Sunday, is the day for hunting eggs, colored or otherwise. The boys proceed from house to house demanding a fee for chasing Lent away. The fee comes usually in the form of eggs, preferably a quarter-dozen from each householder.

Much to the dismay of the clergy, the egg fee is being replaced by a payment in money. The simplicity of a medieval, tension-release festival is turning into a for-profit event, in their view.

Around 1910, children were told the church bells didn't ring on Good Friday because they had gone to Rome and would return the next morning.

ing with the Easter eggs. The children awoke early on Saturday morning and made little nests of hay which they hid about the garden between bushes and in the flower beds.

While the children were having breakfast, their mothers or fathers would go into the garden and put colored, chocolate and sugar eggs in the nests. At 8 a.m. the church bells would ring.

After the children found their nests, they would show them to their friends in the neighborhood. The richer people gave their children big chocolate eggs filled with smaller sugar eggs while the poorer citizens gave hens' eggs which the mothers had colored gold and red.

In times past, the most beautiful egg painted by a boy or girl was saved for a special, best-loved person. It was very often a pre-engagement symbol. Young people on the farm carried their eggs in baskets, delivering them from farm house to farm house. Trees in yards or gardens were sometimes decorated.

Villages had egg artists, usually older people who used many designs and taught them to others. Moravians placed pebbles or beads inside dried eggshells to make rattles for children. Long ago such rattles were believed to drive evil spirits away. Only recently have they become simply toys for children.

Inscribed eggs, a rarity in egg decorating, were fashioned by Moravians and Slovaks. Moravians threaded eggs with ribbons and displayed them on a traditional Easter egg tree.

One custom was to adorn the tree with colored egg shells and flowers, and then have young girls parade them from house to house in the village.

In another Moravian technique, cut-out straw pieces were glued to the eggshells to make beautiful designs or patterns. The straw pieces were either dyed or of natural color.

According to custom, either the cockerel, the fox, the cuckoo, or the crane brings the eggs, depending on the region. If the first egg found is blue, it is considered unlucky. If it is red, three days of good luck will follow.

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Story by Carol Workens

Holiday happenings in the area

Decorate Easter Cookies

Vic's World Class Market

42875 Grand River in Novi

Saturday, March 22; Noon until 4 p.m.

Decorate Easter cookies with pastel colored frostings; \$1.95 per person (810) 305-7333

Spring stories and songs

Twelve Oaks Mall

Saturday, March 22; 1 and 3 p.m.

Center Court in the Peter Rabbit display. Peter Rabbit is available daily for photos.

Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Shawood Homeowners Association

Lake Shore Park

Sunday, March 23; Rain or shine

1 p.m. Easter egg hunt with a special guest and Barney the Purple Dinosaur

Open to residents in and around the Walled Lake Area

Donations will be accepted

Attendees are encouraged to call Diane Stopinski at (810) 624-0108

Easter Egg-Strone

Novi Jaycees and the Novi Parks and Recreation Department

Power Park softball complex

Saturday, March 29

1 p.m. Easter bunny look-alike contest for children

Easter bonnet contest - Adults are encouraged to create their own one-of-a-kind hats

2 p.m. Easter egg hunt - Registration is requested and can be made at the Parks and Recreation office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi

Registration fee is \$4 for the first

child/member with special discount for each additional child/member.

(810) 347-0400

Easter Egg Hunt

Northville Parks and Recreation

Northville Community Park on Beck between Five and Six Mile roads

Saturday, March 29; There is no charge

9:30 a.m. petting farm

10 a.m. Easter egg hunt with the Easter bunny for children 12 and under

Easter Egg Hunt

Grand Court of Novi

45182 West Road in Novi

Saturday, March 29; There is no charge

2 p.m. Easter egg hunt for children 10 and under

Pictures with the Easter bunny are available for \$1. Refreshments will be served (810) 669-5330

Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Volunteer Penny Junk (left) delivers an informational packet to Main Street merchant Leza Gjonaj of Goldsmith Galleries, regarding the opening of a hospice in Northville and the fundraiser being undertaken to help it.

Junk is in training for Arbor Center

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Penny Junk and Carol Van Soest will be among the volunteers at the new Arbor Center - Bereavement Services for Children, Teens and Adults when it opens in Northville March 31.

Junk has been a volunteer with Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor for five years doing respite care and public relations.

"The people, the nurses, the support staff ... everybody is so caring for the patients and the patients' families. I think that is one of the things that has always impressed me about hospice," said Junk, a Northville resident for over seven years.

Junk is also a volunteer at Crossroad, an ecumenical social service agency in downtown Detroit, and with the probate court system in Oakland County as a Court Appointment Special Advocate (CASA). She works on guardianship issues with the

court.

In addition, she is a board member of Seedlings, a non-profit group which transcribes children's books into Braille.

"I'm what you call a professional volunteer," Junk said.

VanSoest, a former resident of Northville for 22 years, will begin bereavement support training on April 11 in preparation for her volunteer work with the Arbor Center.

VanSoest was personally touched by hospice when a family member died four years ago and she attended the bereavement program offered by the hospice.

VanSoest also teaches morning kindergarten at Winchester Elementary School in Northville.

Arbor Center is an outreach of Arbor Hospice, a non-profit hospice agency serving Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Lenawee and Washtenaw counties for the

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The
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gallons of
treated water
per year.

Church has plenty planned in coming weeks

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

This year's Easter Cantata, a dramatic musical entitled "The Choice," will be presented at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 23. The church is located on Ten Mile Road between Novi and Fairfax roads—all visitors are welcome. There is no charge for the program, however, a free will offering will be taken.

The program will feature the sanctuary and youth choirs, orchestra and drama team. The cantata will present in drama and song the life of a Roman centurion, Marcus, who must make a decision as he weighs the words and example of Christ against the wealth and power of the world.

The church will be involved in the community Good Friday service from noon to 1 p.m. at Holy Family Church, located at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile Road. This special service is sponsored by the Novi Ministers Association. Faith Community will be open from 1-3 p.m. for anyone who wishes to come in for a period of personal meditation. Recorded music will be played and crucifixion scriptures read will be at intervals during those hours.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served by the Fellowship Committee from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken. Easter worship services will be conducted at regular times, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

On Thursday, March 27, there will be a Maundy-Thursdays Seder

meal service at 7 p.m. at the church. On Palm Sunday, morning services will include the "giving of the Palms." In addition, the One Great Hour of Sharing will be received both Palm Sunday and Easter.

A Euchre tournament will be included in "Game Night for Adults" on Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. Other games will be available for those who do not participate in the Euchre tournament. A \$2.50 per person donation is requested.

Also, the church's annual rummage sale will be held April 17, 18 and 19. Donations will be accepted after April 14.

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

Recently, over 40 adults attended the volunteer appreciation breakfast of the Novi Girl Scouts held at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Also included was celebration of the 85th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts in 1912.

Following the buffet breakfast, a short program was held to hand out several honors. Those receiving the Green Angel Award presented by Janice Church, Neighborhood Director, were: Lynn Buccella, Parkview School; Anne Wuerth, Village Oaks; Jill Baty, Cadet Troop; and Denise Buckley, Village Oaks. Receiving "year" pins were: Susan McDougall, 16 years; Chrys Kohl and Lorriann Zoroya, 15 years each; and Anne Wuerth, 10 years. Those receiving five-year pins included: Lynn Buce, Debbie

Novi Highlights

Kovacinski, Cindi Vockler, Genie Dupell, Noreen Samples, Cathy Terrell, Amy Abboud, Mary Platt and Anna Lisa Lolsle.

The next leader's meeting will be held Saturday, April 12. Cadet scout Jessie Hokett reminded everyone about the second annual Old Nov Girl Scout Road Rally on Sunday, April 20, from 2-6 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 6.

Plans were discussed for the 1998 Encampment to be held in the fall at Camp Metamora. More than 400 attended last year's encampment.

Project sales managers needed for next year are: cookie manager, calendar manager and nut manager. Parents can act as managers, but not necessarily have to be a scout leader. These are short-term positions and training is available. Jeri Sunisole, NSU Event Coordinator, presented the Golden Angel Award to Janice Church for her work and many hours of time volunteering for the Girl Scouts.

The scouts will again dress bears for the Salvation Army as they did last year. The scouts dressed 120 bears for the Salvation Army last year. Discussion was held regarding Scout participation in collecting pennies for the Tim Pope playstructure. Thirty-five scouts were present at Scout Sunday at Faith Presbyterian Church with Janice Church, lay reader for the

children's sermon. Her 8-year-old son, Jeremy, also present with the Boy Scouts, was presented the God and Country Award.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19

The American Legion Post No. 19 is again sponsoring two young men from Novi High School for the American Legion Boys State program in Lansing, at a cost of \$195. The young men will be getting a week of "on the job" education on how politics and government function at the city, county and state levels. The Auxiliary is also looking for individuals or organizations who would be interested in helping send girls to the Girls State program, where they will participate in a similar program.

For more information on how to get involved in these programs, call Commander Jerry Lisowsky or President Carolyn Pohlman. Information is also available at meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 8 p.m., in the Novi Expo Center. Donations can be sent to Novi Post No. 19, 41119 N. McMahon Circle, Novi, MI 48375.

The Post is on a drive to increase membership from 78 to 100. Membership requirements are service in World War I or II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama or the Persian Gulf. Information regarding services can be obtained from service officer Bob Sale at the meet-

ings. In addition to regular meetings, "social nights" are held. The next potluck meal is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the VFW Hall, Livonia Post No. 3941, 29155 Seven Mile just east of Middlebelt.

The annual Poppy Sale will be held in May. Two thousand poppies have been ordered. Selling dates are scheduled for May 15, 16 and 17. All proceeds go to the welfare fund to help less fortunate veterans and their families.

Also in May will be the Memorial Day parade, May 26, with the Post being the host organizer for the group. Groups and organizations wishing to participate can call the Novi Parks and Recreation for more information.

The Auxiliary continues to collect canceled stamps for World Relief and Christmas card fronts for St. Jude.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Special programs during this month have included Lenten services every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The last Lenten service will be held March 24. The Women's Service Club held its annual salad luncheon last week, followed by a short devotional service.

A special worship service will be given on Palm Sunday, followed by the annual pancake breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, coffee cake, fruit, juice and coffee at a charge of \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 years of age. John and

Bonnie Hyde are directing breakfast preparations. Call the church office for further information. On Thursday, March 27, will be a Maundy-Thursdays celebration to include the traditional calder dinner. A communion worship service will follow the dinner.

The church will celebrate Easter Sunday with two services: one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. A nursery will be provided at each service.

New officers elected to lead the congregation at the annual meeting are: moderator, Bob Bates; vice moderator, Charlie Hokett; secretary, Bonnie Hyde; co-treasurers, Rob Downie and Diane Chambers; historian, Barbara Miller; and parliamentarian, Mike Garvey.

The church continues to grow with 16 new members joining the fellowship.

Coming up is the second annual writing contest open to children, preschool through eighth grade. The topic this year centers on "The Lord's Prayer, why do we say it and what does it mean to you?" Contest will be divided into three age group categories. The deadline will be March 23. First place winners in each category will receive a gift certificate at Borders Book Store.

A rummage sale is scheduled for Friday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Women's Service Club.

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

Health is topic at next OWL meeting

Guest speaker at the Farmington Older Women's League (OWL) meeting on Monday, April 7 will be Joyce Hunt, director of Access and Benefits Services of the Area on Aging 1-B.

Hunt will discuss the latest information about health insurance, including new HMO's for Medicare subscribers being offered in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee and Washtenaw counties.

Hunt has a bachelor of science degree in gerontology from Madonna University and a master's degree in social work from the

University of Michigan. She conducts educational seminars on Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, and long-term care insurance for seniors, service providers, financial planners and certified public accountants throughout southeast Michigan.

The public is invited to the meeting which begins at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Library located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. There is no charge. Refreshments will be provided. For additional information, call (810) 348-8012.

Volunteer training is scheduled for new Arbor Center

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past 13 years. The new Arbor Center will offer bereavement services for grieving family, friends and neighbors. Residents can call for information about grief support groups and individual counseling. A volunteer training day is

scheduled for April 11.

The Arbor Center is located at 200 N. Center Street in Northville. Office hours will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until noon and 1 until 4 p.m. For more information or to register for training, call (810) 348-4980.

Church Notes

The annual Youth Musical at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, will be held on Palm Sunday, March 23, at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. The worship experience will include contemporary sacred music, dance and narration illustrating the important of Jesus Christ in our lives today. For more information, call the church at (810) 349-1144.

The First Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present "God With Us," beginning at 6 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 23, at **DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, 21260 Haggerty Road in Northville. This special musical performance will feature Dan Evans as guest soloist and narrator. Free child care services will be provided. Ample parking is available but attendees are advised to arrive early for "God With Us" to get good seats. For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra of **WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, will present the full musical drama, "The Life of Christ" on March 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and March 23 at 7 p.m.

The music department, under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith, will bring the glory and honor of Our Lord through this moving contemporary performance with words and music by David Clydesdale. Usher in the Holy Season with this very special celebration. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available in the church office. For more information, call (313) 422-1899.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, continues its Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent. A free will offering will be accepted with all the money going to the Soup Kitchen at St. Leo's Parish.

Attendees should meet in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will follow at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE is located at 200 East Main Street.

The Adult Education of Adult Life is hosting a class on "Our Faith and Other Faiths." The six-week class on Monday evenings began March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Library/Lounge. A donation of \$10 is requested and child care is provided at \$2 per child per week.

Perspectives on the Presbyterian, Mormon, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish and Buddhist religions will be included. This workshop will have a host lecturer for one hour followed by a question-and-answer time. The work-

shop is designed for all who want to look at the Christian faith through being a Presbyterian and encounters with other faiths. For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

The **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present the Spring Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will also be food, beverages, a bake sale and door prizes. For more information, call the church office at 349-2652.

OKA POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium. The series for March, "What Is God Really Like?", explores the character and relevancy of God. On March 23 the topic will be "Loving: He is Our Savior." 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 the church office at (810) 926-0372.

The spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road every week at 10:30 a.m. during March, is "The Church You Have Always Longed For." The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome. For more information, call the church office at (810) 926-1512.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 42290 Five Mile Road in Novi, is looking for singers and musicians to participate in Sunday morning services from 10 until 11 a.m. If you are interested, call music director Don Austin at (313) 823-7700 or (313) 451-0710. For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 391 Maple St., Wall Lake, MI 48884 (810) 349-2481 (Behind First of America Bank off Pontiac Trail Rd.) West 1000 a.m. Women's Bible Study Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 3700 W. Walled Lake Farmington Rd. Nursery Available All Welcome	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1100 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Bible Study & Children's Choir 3:30 p.m. Worship Service 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. 3700 W. Walled Lake Farmington Rd. Nursery Available All Welcome
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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. J. L. Scott	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSION SYNOD 41671 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240 Church 349-3146 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.
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Customs include egg decorating, games

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Crafted eggs with messages inside, such as promises to perform a service such as washing dishes or polishing shoes, may be given to parents.

Eggs are decorated and hung on forsythia branches or a small Easter tree. They can also be attached to sticks, decorated with ribbons and arranged in a vase with an Easter bird made of an eggshell and paper as a centerpiece. They may also be strung in chains and hung from branches.

GREAT BRITAIN

Egg rolling is most popular in northern Britain. Hard-boiled eggs

are rolled down a hill. Customs differ: the winner's egg may be the one that rolls the farthest, survives the most rolls, or is rolled between two pegs. In several places egg rolling is an Easter Monday sport.

Eggs may be dyed with onion skins (golden brown), fuzzebliss (yellow), pasqueflower (bright green), cochineal (red), or with colored cloth.

IRELAND

Eggs used for egg rolling were colored by first boiling them with within blossom before faces were painted on them.

SCOTLAND

Some egg rolling events are organized by communities, but in other places children go to grassy hills to stage their own egg-rolling contests. Dried eggs are rolled down the hill until they break. The last egg to break is the winner. Then the broken eggs are eaten.

UKRAINE

The intricate designs on eggs were created by applying beeswax to the eggs with a hair brush. The eggs were then dipped in dye. After each dipping, wax was added to protect the dyed area from further dripping. Geometric designs and symbols of spring and good luck

decorated the eggs. These "pysanky" eggs might have been blessed by the priest before they were given away. They were kept for years as works of folk art.

YUGOSLAVIA

Grandmother and grandchildren dyed the Easter eggs on Good Friday. Colors were made from huckleberry juice, boiled onion skins, and boiled walnut shells. Rubbing the eggs with a rag dipped in lard gave them a sheen.

Compiled by Carol Workens from the folklore of World Holidays.

Do you look like your mother or daughter?

Calling all moms and daughters.

Mother's Day is really just around the corner. This newspaper is planning to feature a mother and daughter look-alike story.

Submit a picture either with mother and daughter or a separate picture of each to Carol Workens, Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main Street,

Northville, MI 48167 by Friday, April 4.

Include your name, address and phone number. Our staff photographer will take a professional black and white picture of the three mothers and daughters who are selected to be featured in the story.

The photograph will be theirs to keep after the publication of the story.



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Students' spring break is longer than expected

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

When two Northville residents left college for spring break a couple of weeks ago, they got a little more than they bargained for.

Cassandra, 21, and Carl Zaas, 21, were among hundreds of students who flew to Cancun, Mexico. The pair left on March 1 for what they thought would be a relaxing seven-day vacation.

Upon arrival at the hotel in Cancun, the Zaases and their party of 15 students were pressured into accepting cheaper rooms in another hotel by the tour company, Take A Break Student Travel.

"I don't think they knew they were dealing with law students," Cassandra said. "We weren't going to settle for less."

Two hours before their flight back to Detroit was scheduled to depart on Saturday, March 8, Cassandra and Carl were told their plane had been grounded because of airline violations and they would not be leaving on time.

"A fax came to on Friday that the FAA had grounded the planes but the kids didn't find out until just a couple hours before departure," Cassandra said. "It's a good thing we may have lost them because there were other people coming in."

The students were allowed to

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stay in their hotel rooms but did not receive any vouchers for meals.

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Saturday and Sunday the group waited in the lobby because they were told they had to be on call if one of the limited number of flights became available. Finally on Sunday they were told they could go out.

Munday, March 10, they were free to leave the hotel, but with no money they just laid out on the beach.

Then Tuesday morning, at long last, they were booked on a flight and returned to Detroit.

"We were really ready to go (back) after seven days. If we hadn't had work and school it would have been more tolerable,"

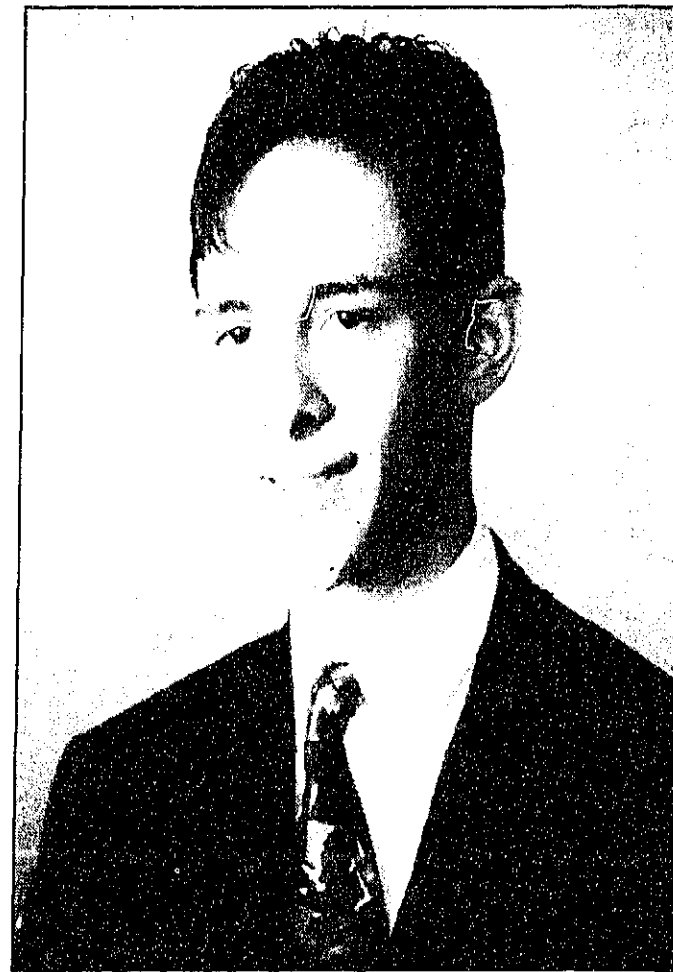


Cassandra Zaas is home from her extended spring break.

she said. Cassandra graduated from Northville High School in 1990 and from Michigan State University in 1994. She is currently attending Detroit College of Law and anticipates graduating and taking the bar exam in February 1998. Carl is attending Michigan State University. Cassandra missed several shifts

at her part-time jobs with a doctor who diagnosed her illness as a contagious virus with symptoms including fever, headache, sore throat, persistent cough and an ear ache, according to Cassandra's mother Robin Zaas. She was given a couple of prescriptions.

"As soon as they got home they made big salads and hamburger helpers," Robin said of the five stu-



Carl Zaas is back at Michigan State attending classes.

dents she picked up at the airport. "I didn't think they were going to stop eating."

This was Cassandra's second trip to Mexico and Carl's first.

"I certainly will not take a charter travel trip again with all the problems that it caused," said Cassandra, whose 1995 trip to Cancun went much smoother.

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Editor likes news readers can use

By CAROL WORKENS
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"Magazine staffs are a lot like their magazines," she said. "The Woman's Day staff tends to be an early-rising, let's-get-it-done type of staff."

The behind-the-scenes look gave listeners not just an idea of how a magazine read by 20 million people works but why it is so popular.

"A magazine such as Woman's Day has the potential to be enormously influential to affect people's lives in very substantive ways," Chestnut said.

"Woman's Day is not the most glamorous magazine around, as you know," she said. "I can't tell you first-hand stories of celebrities storming off of cover shoots because they don't like the clothes you want to put them in. So far we haven't had a strawberry shortcake walk off the set really big deal. It didn't like the plate we put it in."

The oldest of five children, Chestnut brings to Woman's Day her influence of being raised with a small-town Texas upbringing by a school teacher mother after her father's death when she was 12-years-old.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas, she headed north to New York with a friend for the summer and landed a job as a receptionist with a publishing company.

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years."

The staff at Woman's Day has regular brainstorming sessions for the publication's 17 issues a year. After an idea has been approved, there is the article side and the service side of development. Article editors are usually found at their desks while service editors are out shooting pictures or shopping for props.

Most stories that are published go through two or three revisions. "It is a very time- and labor-intensive process," she said.

The service editors have to produce objects, whether food, crafts or fashions. They have to visualize how colors will look on the page. Food people have to keep in mind that, although something may taste great, it may look terrible.

The next stage is called a show-up. The various departments will have everything from the real item to the prepared recipe on display for Chestnut, the art director and the copy writers who will go through every minute detail.

The photography aspect of the process presents unique problems. It can take two hours or more to turn a model into what readers will eventually see in the magazine. The makeup specialists have had to turn a cold sore into a mole, and hide a puffy complexion and even bruises.

One model botched her own hair when she tried to cut her bangs and other models show up looking gaunt.

Chestnut and other editors have recently turned to models they used 10 to 15 years ago who are still in the business but are now in their 30s and 40s.

"They have regular bodies, have a fresher look to them," she said. "We are not finding the models we need."

"We are using more real people in our pages," she said. "I love the look it gives the pages and I love having the real people in."

"It's tough on the staff, because they are harder to work with, but they don't realize how long makeup



Jane Chestnut

takes and the art of moving in front of the camera."

Chestnut then reviews the film once it is complete. "Then there's the close where the advertising and editorial parts are put together."

"I think most people think the advertisers are pressuring us to mention certain products," she said. "It really does not happen at Woman's Day."

Positioning is more of a problem. Advertisers want to be included in a specific part of the magazine, want competitive separation with similar advertisers or only want to be next to specific types of stories, usually positive.

For those hard-to-place spots next to stories considered negative, such as cancer, domestic violence, and eating disorders, Chestnut draws from a list of advertisers who respond to a yearly promotion. The promotion offers a four-day trip to the Super Bowl when they agree to buy one ad which would be placed next to an upcoming story on a "negative" theme.

"The advertisers continue to want a rosy view of life next to their product and it is a real dilemma," she said.

Another big job is to track trends. Women are more and more interested in self fulfillment - stories about how to do for the family without putting their needs last.

"Ultimately, we have to be happy with ourselves," she said.

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

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets for brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Sports events for the month include bowling on March 28 at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$6 plus shoes. There will not be volleyball in March.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held on seven Thursday evenings from March 20 through May 1 from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

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

SINGLE PARENT GROUP, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, meets the first and third Tuesday in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Free child care is available. There are activities for children and parents to enjoy every month.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7 until 9 p.m. New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

For more information, call 422-1150.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Reverend Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and every life situation.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. This group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

Single Point also offers other groups which are open to all singles. 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.

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

Wallyball begins at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile west of Farmington Road. The cost for one hour is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

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

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Birth



Derek Nichols

Bonnie and Rob Nichols of Novi announce the birth of their son, **DEREK CHANDLER**, on Feb. 28. He was born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and weighed 8 pounds. Also awaiting his arrival was brother, Brandon, 2.

His grandparents are Bettie and Jerry Ferguson of Grandview, Wash., and Inge and Robert Nichols of Des Moines, Wash.

Reunions

DETROIT COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1947, 50-year reunion, Sept. 5 and 6, Holiday Inn, West Laurel Park in Livonia. Call Elaine (810) 641-8743 or Bernie (313) 937-1018.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1987 is planning a 10-year reunion in August. Alumni should send their names and addresses to Class of 1987, P.O. 7102, Novi, MI 48376-7102.

REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1967, 30-year reunion, Aug. 9. For more information, call Jim at (810) 926-5758 or Sandi at (810) 669-4716.

WARREN LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion in August or September. For more information, call Conde (Sikorski) Shankin at (810) 853-3996.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: A special reunion of the Class of 1971 is being coordinated. Call Milton Holley at (313) 422-6138.

DETROIT GIRLS CATHOLIC CENTRAL: Class of 1946, 50-year-plus-1 reunion, June 1997. Call Anne at (313) 383-7099 or Pat at (810) 778-9094.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1956, 40-year reunion. Call Lelani (Kopach) George at (313) 420-3148 after 5 p.m.

The following reunions are being planned by Reunions Made Easy (810) 360-7004:

COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Detroit, Class of 1952, 45-year reunion on June 13 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Novi.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1976, 20-plus-1-year reunion, June 28 at DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield.

LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Aug. 2 at the Marriott in Troy.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 9 at the DoubleTree Guest Suite in Southfield.

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Aug. 16 at Arnaldo's Banquet Hall in Riverview.

ROCHESTER ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on Aug. 16 at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Nov. 28 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion on Aug. 23 at St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia.

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on Oct. 4 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on July 19 at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.

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ANN ARBOR HURON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 8, Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion on July 12 at the Novi Hilton.

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BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on Aug. 9 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on Aug. 15 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy.

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Church creates inspiring musical

The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly presents the musical drama *The Choice* March 21 through 23.

The musical is set during the reign of Tiberius Caesar. The story revolves around Marcus, a young Roman centurion who falls in love with a beautiful Jewish girl named Hannah. She is a follower of Jesus Christ, who is thought to be a radical teacher from Nazareth.

As Marcus becomes fully intertwined in the tumultuous events leading to the execution of Jesus, he weighs the words and example of Christ against the wealth and power of the world. In the balance hangs "The Choice."

"We have been passionate in creating a truly inspiring, excellent theatrical experience," said Pastor Carlton Quattembach, who also produced *The Choice*.

Drama, music, elaborate sets and costumes, choreography, and technology have been combined to make this production not only an entertainment event but also an experience which says there is hope and true meaning in life.

THE CHOICE
Northville Christian Assembly
41355 Six Mile Road
Northville
March 21, 22 and 23
7 p.m.
For more information, call the church at (810) 348-9030.



Northville resident Scott Craig and Ann Marie Jarvis from Livonia have the lead roles in "The Choice."

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for *The Shoemaker and the Elves* for boys and girls ages 8 through 15 will be held on March 22 beginning at 6 p.m. at the theatre, located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

Performers are required to recite a short poem of their choosing not more than two minutes long and come prepared with material to audition.

Call backs will be held on March 25 at 7 p.m. for actors who have been chosen to read for a specific role or roles. Cast members must be available for all rehearsals and performances.

The Shoemaker and the Elves opens May 9 and runs through June 7.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

BENEFIT BUFFET BREAKFAST: A benefit buffet breakfast for the Northville playhouse project is being held at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The Raven is located on Center Street one block north of Main Street in Northville.

COOKING CLASSES: Kitchen Glamour continues its series of cooking classes with quick, low-fat recipes with Weight Watchers' consultant Ruth Johnson.

March classes include "Fresh Italian Regional Spring Recipes," with Rowson on March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Classes are \$3 each per person. For more information, call (810) 380-8600.

MORE COOKING CLASSES: The Kitchen Witch presents cooking classes, including the Fundamentals of Cooking, with Chef Zachary on March 26, and Cooking a Turkey from Tip to Tail with Maestro Ernesto and Chef Steve on April 8.

Classes are held from 7 until 9 p.m. and are complete each week. Preregistration and payment are required. Each class is \$30. The Kitchen Witch is located at 134 East Main Street in Northville. For more information, call (810) 348-0488.

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

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council. For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

For ticket information, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS: *Pooh Visits Storyland* returns with live stage performances through April 27. The performance time is 2:30 p.m. Children younger than 3-years-old will not be admitted.

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

For general ticket information and for teachers to arrange for special school performance times and rates, call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven presents open mic night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Upcoming performances include Greg Prusik on March 20; Kathy Kalkick on March 21; Marc Thomas and Max the Moose at 2 p.m. on March 22; Southern Son on March 23; Jan Krist on March 27; Tim Diaz "Spunk" on March 28 and the Immigrants on March 29. Dick Seigel also appears March 22.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Performance dates for the children's interactive show "Genitti's Weird Science" will be held March 22, Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the show. Children are admitted for \$8.99, adults for \$10.99.

Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For details or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

MR. B'S FARM: Tim Flaherty hosts a blues jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: The restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking dining/lounge area.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (810) 349-7770.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville.

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BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Call 344-0220 for details.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome.

Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. Call (810) 624-9607.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

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

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

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For details, call (810) 624-8475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6-10 p.m. Mondays and 7-11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: The Plain Air Society will exhibit works from the summer of 1996 at the Novi Civic Center beginning March 17 through April 14.

An artist's reception for the Plain Air Society will be held on Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Colleen Burke of Novi will play the Celtic harp and refreshments will be provided.

Media will include watermedia, pastel, mixed media, monotype, oil and colored pencil. Northville locations represented in this exhibition include Mill Race Village and several local residential gardens.

STAR CLIPPER: The three-hour excursion includes dinner and entertainment six nights a week. Three mysteries and three musical cabarets are offered. To make a reservation, call 960-9440. For show information, call 683-1827.

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Legacy of Selena inspires musical biography

At only 23, Selena had released two gold albums and one platinum, and she was recording the project that promised to launch her into the realm of true superstar success. Working with some of the most famous producers in the world, Selena seemed destined to win millions of more fans with a breakthrough crossover album, "Dressing of You."

And indeed she would, as fans new and old made enormous hits of "I Could Fall in Love" and "Dressing of You," tender, mid-tempo ballads featuring Selena's unmistakable, sensitive voice soaring sweetly. But these smash hits would be among the last recordings Selena would ever make.

Selena had risen from the suburbs of South Texas to become the

brightest star ever to emerge from the regional music scene known as "Tejano" that integrates the traditions of polka, rock, R&B, pop and traditional Latin influences. She had transcended that genre and become one of the biggest Latin music stars in the world, charting hit after hit and supported by thousands of fans who would turn out to see her dazzling live performances.

She had won a Grammy Award, the music industry's highest honor, and had placed five albums on the *Billboard* charts at one time. She had fallen in love and married.

She had reached success surrounded and supported by her family, who accompanied her on stage and on the road. She had

launched a successful clothing line and a string of boutiques. Her confident, exuberant and sensual style was imitated by swarms of fans who sang her lyrics word-for-word and mirrored her dance moves wherever she went. For countless young dreamers, Selena was an inspirational symbol of pride and accomplishment.

But, on the brink of true superstardom, her rocketing ascent was cut short by a tragedy no one could have foreseen.

Dramatic, musical, inspirational and even comedic, "Selena" follows the rise of a true-life hero whose following has continued to grow even since her death. Charting the extraordinary rise of Selena and the entire Quintanilla family as they came to live the American Dream, the film stars Jennifer Lopez ("Selena"), "Jack," "My Family/Mi Familia." Oliver Stone's upcoming "U-Turn" as Selena. Starring as the younger version of the charismatic singer is newcomer Becky Lee Meza, a 10-year-old Texas native chosen from thousands of hopefuls who auditioned for the chance to portray their inspirational heroine.

Academy Award nominee Edward James Olmos ("Stand and Deliver," "American Me," "My Family/Mi Familia") stars as Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla, Jr., a dreamer who nurtures his family's ambitions against enormous odds. Jon Seda ("Dear God," "Sunset") stars as Chris Perez, a rebellious guitarist who joins the family band and is captivated by Selena, eventually becoming her husband. Constance Marie ("My Family/Mi Familia") plays the family's devoted mother, Marcia. Jacob Vargas ("My Family/Mi Familia") appears



Selena (Jennifer Lopez) and her brother Abie (Jacob Vargas, right) perform with their band (Pete Astudillo, left and Art Meza, in background) in the musical biographical drama, "Selena."

as Selena's brother, Abie, and her sister, Suzette, is portrayed by Jackie Guerra.

"I loved and written by Gregory Nava ("My Family/Mi Familia"), this celebration of Selena is produced by Marc Sussman and Robert Katz ("Gettysburg," "Lone Star") under their Espanza/Katz production banner. Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla, Jr., is the executive producer. The movie is distributed by Warner Bros.

"The film is a celebration of Selena and a tribute to her life and career," says director Nava. "She loved her family, her husband and her fans in a way that was rare. She taught us to realize that you can go through any barrier. And that's exactly what she did."



Abraham Quintanilla, Jr. (Edward James Olmos) encourages his young daughter, Selena (Rebecca Lee Meza), to sing.

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Sports Shorts



Mike Sill was an all-state performer at Nov High. College Notes

Nov High graduate Mike Sill had a goal and an assist in the University of North Carolina's 11-5 recent win over Butler. The freshman's goal came in the fourth quarter for the Tar Heels.

Melissa Strickland, also a Nov High graduate, has made Alma University's spring softball roster. The freshman is listed as an outfielder.

NYBL

Youngsters can register for Nov Youth Baseball at the Parks and Recreation office only after March 8. There will be a \$10 late fee. All openings are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Late registration ends March 21. Only those registered prior to this date are assured placement on a team. Players should be between the ages of 7-18 by July 31.

All new registrants must provide proof of age (birth certificate).

Registration Fees are as follows: (Division - Age - Cost)
Pinto, 7-8, \$45; Mustang, 9-10, \$50; Bronco, 11-12, \$55; Pony, 13-14, \$55; Colt, 15-16, \$60. Families of three or more will only pay \$125. Tryouts will be held at Power Park for new players or new division players on Saturday, April 19, Pinto A to K, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; L to Z, 1-3 p.m.; Mustang A to K, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; L to Z, 1-3 p.m.; Bronco A to Z, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Pony A to Z, 9-10:30 a.m. Rain Date will be announced.

For more information: Player Agents: Ruth Genso, 348-9456; Pinto and Mustang: Tim May, 348-4418; Bronco, Pony and Colt: Umpire Training: Barbara Herbst, 348-5669; Umpire Clinic: Bernie Sloan, 347-5908, Umpire Clinic.

Opening Day: Saturday, May 31. Season runs through July.

Golf

Spring has to be just around the corner. For golfers, that means the first tee-off time of the season will be here before they know it.

To help novices and veteran golfers avoid golf-related injuries as well improve their games, Dotsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center is offering Tee Off with TRACC. This four-week comprehensive program, presented Wednesdays, March 5-26, includes informative insights as well as practical demonstrations on conditioning and endurance exercises, strengthening to tone the muscles used in the golf swing, learning safe stretching routines to improve muscular flexibility, and honing the proper practice techniques at the driving range.

The 90-minute sessions will be offered at either 10 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. at TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. The fee of \$40 includes a therapist and take-home exercise program. Due to limited capacity, preregistration and prepayment is required. For more information or to register, call (810) 473-5500.

Churella, Simon on second team

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Novi, junior
Wendi carries on a strong family tradition at Novi High. Like his brother Ben, Nick gets the most out of his abilities, said Huss. Wendi finished a few matches over .500 this year. But his winning percentage should improve dramatically next year.

"He just needs more mat time," Huss said of the 152-pounder.

SHANE KERN
Lakeland, senior

An injured Kern placed sixth in the state at 160 pounds. It marked the first time in 10 years that a South Lyon wrestler made the all-state team.

Kern also takes with him from South Lyon 110 victories in his four-year career.
"It is a combination of a fine career on the part of Shane," coach Don Urban said, "with over 100 wins and being all-state his senior year, and his friends, family and coaches. He is a popular kid and we were pleased that he made all-state."

MARK LAIDLAW
Millford, senior

Laidlaw had a tremendous year for the Redskins, winning 20 matches. He also placed fourth in the Oakland County meet and was a regional qualifier.

Coming off an injury late in the season, Laidlaw bounced back to place fourth in the district to move on to regional competition.

NATE PLECHA
Novi, junior

Plecha had a key word for this 189-pounder.

Plecha had a 21-14 season for the Wildcats. Huss said he can improve on that mark substantially by becoming more aggressive.

The junior has all the tools to qualify for the state finals next year, he added.
"He's a very strong kid," said Huss. "The strongest kid on our team."

JON TALBOT
Novi, junior

With Plecha at 189 pounds and Talbot at 215, Novi will have a dandy one-two punch in the upper weight next season.

"(Nate Plecha is) a very strong kid. The strongest kid on our team."

BRAD HUSS
Novi High wrestling coach

Huss said Talbot had a solid year for the Wildcats. Talbot had a 24-17 record, which could've been even better without a mid-season slump.

"He had an eight match stretch where things didn't go well," Huss said.

Talbot rebounded for a strong finish. He survived the state district to qualify for the regional.

TED BOWERSOX
Northville, sophomore

Bowersox is perhaps the area's most improved wrestler.

As a freshman, the heavyweight had a hard time winning a match. Bowersox turned his fortunes around this year and went 21-16.

Coach Garnett Potter predicts Bowersox will become one of the area's best heavyweights with continued hard work.



Photo by AL WARD

Mark Churella (right) made it to the state finals this winter.

Wildcat grapplers dominate top area squad

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in Amell's 34 wins are 20 pins.

ANANT SARAN
Northville, junior

The 125 pounder just missed a trip to state finals this year.

Saran made qualified for the regional by finishing third in the state district. The junior needed a pair of wins to make the finals, but could manage just one at the regional.

Coach Garnett Potter thinks Saran will qualify next year. He also believes he'll help make Northville nearly unbeatable in the lower weights.

Besides his regional appearance, Saran finished third at the Western Lakes conference meet. He also posted a record of 28-12.

state at 160 pounds last year.

BRYAN GRIDER
Northville, junior

Perhaps potential is the best word to describe Grider.

The junior 171-pounder qualified for the state finals this season. He failed to place, but with continued hard work could next year, according to Potter.

The coach said Grider, who posted a 29-11 record, must become more of a complete wrestler. Potter said he relied too much on his ability to throw opponents.

Besides his regional appearance, Saran finished third at the Western Lakes conference meet. He also posted a record of 28-12.

LENNY CHRISTOFF
Novi, senior

Huss thinks Christoff may have been the best wrestler in the state not to qualify for the finals.

"He's one of the top three kids in the state," he said. "He just had one bad day."

Unfortunately, Christoff's bad day came at the regional. He made it to the regional semi-final where he lost to the wrestler that eventually finished third in the state.

Christoff, a 130-pounder, helped lead Novi to its first team state final appearance. He was one of just six Wildcats that won a match against Rockford.

A KVC champion, Christoff posted a 39-4 record as a senior.

JASON BROWN
South Lyon, senior

While Brown did not wrestle past the individual regional competition, he proved an important part of the South Lyon squad during the regular season.

Brown finished second at both the South Lyon and Lansing Section Invitational and placed third at the Ypsilanti tournament.

He also finished first in the KVC for the Lions and third in district competition. He lost his first match in regional competition, but bounced back with a win in the consolation round. He was unable to advance after losing his next match.

Brown was one of three captains on the South Lyon squad this season.

TAKA WATANABE
Novi, senior

Watanabe spent most of the season at 145 pounds, but cut down to 140 for the state final.

He roared through his first two matches in Battle Creek. But Watanabe suffered his lone loss of the season on the final day of the competition. To his credit, Watanabe bounced back to win two more matches and take third in the state.

The senior now holds just every Nov High record. Watanabe finished with 156 wins and 117 pins. In the past two seasons, his combined record was 100-5 with three of the losses coming to state champions.

Huss said he is without doubt the best wrestler in Novi's history. Watanabe will wrestle in a major college program.

"Take's the most talented kid I've ever seen at the high school level," Huss said.

CURT MARBURGER
Millford, sophomore

Marburger played an important role at 145 pounds. His 22-11 record was a boost to Millford's middle weight classes.

One of the most aggressive wrestlers on the Redskins' squad, Kramer said, "He's probably the funnest wrestler to watch on our team when he's competing. He just goes non-stop out there."

BRAD KALIS
South Lyon, senior

Kalis received points for take-downs 91 times this season, breaking a school record for take-downs at South Lyon. Coach Larry Jones knows that isn't a real high record for some programs. It was good enough for South Lyon.

Kalis placed second in the KVC before placing second at the district competition and advancing to the individual regional competition.

Kalis ends his senior season with 31 wins and 13 losses.

SKIP BECKER
Novi, senior

In the space of four years at Novi High, Becker went from Clark Kent to Superman.

As a freshman, Becker went 2-3. This season he also lost three matches, but won 50 and placed third in the state at 160 pounds.

Huss said Becker is living proof of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

"He's the kind of kid well point to for years to come," he added.

Huss said Becker knew how to wrestle.

"He knew what his strengths and weaknesses were," he added. "He knew how to work with his strengths."

Becker finished seventh in the

"Taka (Watanabe is) the most talented kid I've ever seen at the high school level."

BRAD HUSS
Novi High wrestling coach

AARON ROAN
Millford, senior

This four-year letter winner will be greatly missed by Kramer.

Roan posted a 31-11 record on the way to a third place finish in the KVC. He was also a regional qualifier, taking the third spot at the individual district competition.

He won over 90 matches in his

four-year career and helped Millford to more than one tournament with this season. "He really helped us out at the upper weights this year," Kramer said.

WILL WILSON
South Lyon, senior

Wilson wrestled to a particularly tough weight class, Jones said. "The state finals was our regional

over again," he said. "His losses were to the kids that placed in the state. He was right in there."

Wilson qualified for regionals as a sophomore as well, marking a successful career as a Lion grappler.

His senior season ends with a 27-10 record. Wilson won two tournaments, including the South Lyon Invitational and placed in several others. He was second in the KVC and placed third in district competition.

Wilson was one of three captains on the South Lyon squad in his senior campaign.

JOE YURKUNAS
South Lyon, senior

Yurkunas led the Lions with 34 wins this season and lost just nine matches. He qualified for regionals after placing second in the district and also took the third spot in the league championship.

In his junior campaign, Yurkunas was qualified for the state tournament.

"It was a tough road this year," Jones said.

"Yurkunas was one of three captains on the South Lyon squad in his senior campaign."

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Congestive heart failure affects nearly four million Americans

Congestive heart failure affects nearly four million Americans per year and is associated with a high incidence of death, disease and hospital readmissions.

CHF is a clinical condition resulting from a failure of the heart to maintain adequate circulation of blood. The two most prevalent causes of CHF are myocardial infarction (heart attack) with a loss of heart muscle secondary to coronary artery disease and hypertension (high blood pressure).

Inpatient Care and Costs

The cost to society continues to rise annually as thousands of patients are newly diagnosed and often, once diagnosed, are unable to remain contributing members of the work force.

This group of patients is often hospitalized when, in fact, their condition could have been managed out of the hospital. The cost in this country for these "unnecessary" hospitalizations is greater than \$600 million annually. Recently the reasons for these admissions have been examined and some key problems identified.

- Patients often fail to recognize early symptoms of the disease and therefore neglect to seek assistance from the medical system.
- Many physician offices are not designed to cope with the time consuming and difficult task of handling the needs of this population.
- Patients requiring urgent treatment have

only one place to turn, the hospital emergency department which unnecessarily admits them rather than treat and release them once their condition stabilizes.

• The length of hospitalization is usually inadequate to educate patients and families on how to manage the condition.

Outpatient Education and Management

Successful management of CHF often requires major lifestyle adjustments by patients and their families and frequently includes taking multiple medications and modifying dietary habits and daily activities. This is when a health care professional's focus turns to helping CHF patients and their families in coping with the disease primarily on an out-patient basis.

Dr. Robert Stomel, the chief of cardiology and director of the Cardiovascular Health Center at Botsford General Hospital, has long felt that education and emotional support are the keys to decreasing readmission rates and prolonged hospitalization.

"Years ago, patients with diabetes had to see their doctor to receive insulin shots. Today, diabetic patients treat themselves with their doctors' help."

Support groups such as the one at Botsford allow individuals to gather, share their thoughts and concerns, and grow to understand the emotional and physical impact of heart failure.

Support group leader Marsha Kadish, RN, MSN, is the clinical nurse specialist in charge of Botsford's Congestive Heart Failure Clinic. She has significant experience helping inpatients and outpatients cope with this disease. The group's facilitator, Jennifer Crystal, MA, LPC, has a background in counseling people with chronic illness.

The group discusses topics chosen by the participants including, but not limited to, diet management, coping with CHF, fluid restrictions and understanding the disease itself.

Dr. Christopher Schooley, the director of Botsford's Congestive Heart Failure Clinic, believes that support groups can make a difference.

"We are confident that by providing patients and families with the knowledge and skills necessary to cope with the demands of this disease, and the emotional support of sharing like experiences with each other, we will positively impact the key problems associated with this disease."

This article was written by Elissa Barpal, RN, the manager of the Cardiovascular Health Center at Botsford General Hospital. Botsford's Congestive Heart Failure Support Group meets the second Thursday of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. For information call (810) 471-8870.

Chronic fatigue syndrome interferes with lives

The tiring aspects of chronic fatigue syndrome:



Cary Engleberg

- "...Like a case of the flu that never goes away."
- "...Like a tap is opened and all my energy is draining out."
- "...Like running on batteries and having them go dead."
- "...Like a fog that envelopes the brain and clouds all thought and memory."

These are the common complaints physicians hear from patients with chronic fatigue syndrome, a condition in which fatigue of unusual depth and proportion interferes with every aspect of the patient's life and well-being.

Everyone gets tired. In fact, some philosophers have described life itself as a process of increasing fatigue. But when fatigue becomes persistent or overwhelming, it may signal the onset of disease.

Fatigue is one of the most common complaints encountered by physicians in primary care practices and is reported as a symptom in more than 20 percent of patient visits. In most cases, this complaint is associated with a short-lived illness lasting less than one month.

Unusual fatigue that persists for more than six months may be related to an underlying disease that can be uncovered by a medical evaluation. In many, these complaints are accompanied by other symptoms, including feverishness, headache, abnormal sleep, joint pains, impaired thinking and depressed mood.

Unexplainable illnesses of this kind have been common in medical practice for as long as historical records have been available. The illness that we call chronic fatigue syndrome today was known as "febricula" (or "little fever") in the 17th century, as "Da Costa's Effort Syndrome" during the American Civil War, as "neurasthenia" by the turn of the century, and as "chronic mononucleosis" by the 1970s.

The term "chronic fatigue syndrome" was selected as a proper name for the disorder by a panel of experts, since it reflects the central symptom of the disorder but does not implicate a cause.

Some possible causes have recently included

persistent viral infections, disorders of the immune system, environmental toxins, nutritional deficiencies and psychiatric disorders (e.g., depression).

In fact, there is no convincing evidence to suggest that any of these theories are correct for any significant proportion of chronic fatigue patients. Indeed, the notion that this disorder has a single, coherent cause is probably incorrect.

Because chronic fatigue is defined as a disorder without a clear medical or psychiatric cause, there is no objective test or laboratory procedure to confirm a case. Likewise, there are no external or physical signs of the disorder. Consequently, the diagnosis is based on the absence of medical disease and the patient's report of profound fatigue and four or more additional symptoms in the table below.

With such a vague and subjective definition of the disorder, it is not surprising that patients give very different accounts of how their illnesses began, how they perceive their various symptoms and how disabling the condition is for them. The diversity of these accounts has led some physicians to propose that chronic fatigue syndrome may be caused by a variety of physical or psychological factors.

In spite of all these vagaries, patients with chronic fatigue do seem to experience:

- Changes in certain blood cells that suggest a mild and subtle activation of the immune system;
- Decreases in the production of certain hormones that normally respond to stress and illness;
- A drop in blood pressure or passing out when they are tested on a tilt-table.

The meaning of these findings is still unclear, and none of them is useful in diagnosing chronic fatigue syndrome, since the findings are not present in all patients. However, they are the subject of active research which hopefully will lead to an understanding of how the disabling symptoms are produced.

For the present, how should people with chronic fatigue syndrome be treated? At the University of Michigan Chronic Fatigue Clinic, we operate from the perspective that the cause of the condition is unknown and therefore untreatable. Consequently, we focus on any treatable medical or psychiatric condition that patients may have in addition to their chronic fatigue, since those may be contributing to their ill health.

We advise a gradual return to normal sleep

and physical activity as tolerated. There is no evidence that physical activity worsens the condition, whereas absolute rest leads to physical deconditioning which may impede recovery.

The impact of many of the symptoms of chronic fatigue (e.g., pain, headache, insomnia, depression, cloudy thinking) can be lessened with the use of safe, FDA-approved medications. Improvements in these symptoms may enable patients to make positive changes in their lifestyle that will eventually permit them to emerge from their disability.

Most patients improve over a period of months (or even years), and many return to normal health. There is no "cure" for the condition in the usual sense, and it is both misleading and cruel to market therapies with that claim. Like other disorders for which conventional medicine has only limited impact, chronic fatigue syndrome has attracted all manner of medical quackery, much of which is unnecessarily expensive and some which is outright dangerous.

Until more is known about this disorder, chronic fatigue patients are best served by finding a caring and sympathetic general physician who will treat their symptoms and be sensitive to their individual needs.

Definition of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

(adapted from Fukuda et al., Annals of Internal Medicine, 1994)

Unexplained chronic fatigue for more than six months that can hinder occupational, educational, social and personal activities. Chronic fatigue syndrome is not lifelong or a result of ongoing exertion. Nor can it be substantially relieved by rest.

Four or more of the following concurrent symptoms:

- Impaired memory or concentration
- Sore throat
- Tender lymph nodes in the neck or armpits
- Muscle pain
- Multi-joint pain
- New headaches
- Unrefreshing sleep
- Post-exertion malaise

This article was written by Cary Engleberg, M.D., an associate professor and chief of the division of Infectious Diseases, department of Internal Medicine, the University of Michigan Health System. For questions call (313) 936-5205.

Health Notes

Diabetes Series

Diabetes patients and their family members are invited to a three-part series on living a healthy life with diabetes. The series will be held in the second floor auditorium at DMC Health Care Centers-Nov, located at 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road. There is no fee to attend, but preregistration is required. To register, call (810) 347-8102.

Series meets on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 23 - Disease Process of Diabetes and Treatment Modalities, presented by Dr. Kirit Tolia, Dr. Henry Kaine, and Debra Consiglio, RN, CDE.

• Wednesday, April 30 - Foot Care, Neuropathy, and Vascular Disease, presented by Dr. Herbert Lantor and Dr. Kirit Tolia.

• Wednesday, May 14 - Nutrition and Meal Planning, presented by Debra Consiglio, RN, CDE.

Women's Health Day

St. Mary Hospital's third annual Women's Health Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, located at Six Mile and I-275. The keynote address, "Only Angels Can Wing It,"

will be presented by humorist and encourager Liz Curtis Higgs of Louisville, Ky.

"Women have been 'winging it' for years, living life by the seat of their skirts," Higgs says. "We've managed, but not without taking a toll on body and soul." She assures that with practice, patience and plenty of encouragement, women can lead lives that are balanced, grace-filled, and, above-all, fun again.

Since becoming a professional speaker in 1986, Higgs has presented nearly 1,000 humorous, "encouraging" programs for all types of audiences in 43 states to date. In 1995, she received the highest award for speaking excellence, the Council of Peers Award for Excellence, joining only 10 other women honored with this lifetime award.

Higgs is the author of four books, is the editor of a quarterly newsletter, *The Laughing Heart*, and is a contributing editor to *Today's Christian Woman* magazine.

There will be several workshops at Women's Health Day 1997.

The cost of the event is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, which includes a continental breakfast, luncheon and fashions by Jacobson's. Advance registration is requested.

To register for St. Mary Hospital's Women's Health Day 1997, call 1-800-494-1615.

Circuit Training

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There is a \$60 fee. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, call (810) 473-5600.

Diabetes-Cize

This is a 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Cardio-Care of Botsford General Hospital. The program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness.

For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

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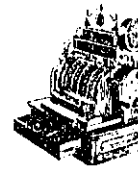
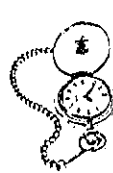
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